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Lance West  
Anabel Navarro

### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR NEVADA COMMISSION ON MINORITY AFFAIRS

*The central advisory body advocating for and providing a voice to Nevada's minority community."*

## MEETING MINUTES

Name of the Agency: Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs

Date and Time of the Meeting: January 23, 2023, at 9:30am

Location: No physical location – remote technology system only

### 1. OPENING

#### A. Call to order & Roll call

The meetings call to order at 9:35am by Chairwomen Gabriela Wyatt

#### **Commissioner in Attendance:**

Gabriela Wyatt, Demetrius Ware, Nic Steele, Jon Lau, Juanny Romero, Nina Gallagher

**Commissioners Absent:** Anabel Navarro, Lance West

#### **Members of the Public Present:**

None

#### **Department Leadership & Staff in Attendance:**

Dr. Kristopher Sanchez, Director, Department of Business and Industry, Marcel Schaerer, Deputy Director, Department of Business and Industry, Michael Detmer, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office, Angie Rojas, Management Analyst Commission on Minority Affairs.

- B. Silent Meditation & Pledge of Allegiance, conducted by Chair Wyett
- C. Land Acknowledgements, conducted by Chair Wyett

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (1<sup>st</sup> Period)

None

3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 1) Approval of January 12, 2024, meeting minutes.  
Commissioner Steele moved to approved, Commissioner Ware seconded.  
The motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Review and Approval of the Annual Report pursuant to NRS 232.858  
The Commission approved the Annual Report with no edits. Commissioner Steele moved to approved, Commissioner Ware seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Selection of BDR's for 2025 legislative session  
The Commission discussed the following proposed BDR's:
  - 1) Additional staff for the Commission
  - 2) Support for minority and diverse businesses
  - 3) Revitalizing the Battle Born Fund microlending program
  - 4) Housing Affordability
  - 5) Extending Commissioner Terms
  - 6) Increasing the number of BDRs per legislative session
  - 7) For profit corporations supporting non-profits

After discussion and with an effort to narrow down the list, the Commission approved the following options:

- 1) Request of Additional staff for the Commission
- 2) Housing Affordability
- 3) Extending Commissioner terms
- 4) For profit corporations supporting non-profits

4. New Business

- 1) Commissioner Steele announced a couple of events coming up:
  - a. Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 12:30pm Affordable Financing Panel Discussion at the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas Nevada, 89102. The event will primarily focus on Spanish speaking business, there will be a panel of different traditional lenders as well as alternative lenders, and other business support organizations.

- b. On Thursday at the Las Vegas Culinary Academy, 17 W. Lake Mead Blvd., there will be an event hosted by the Nevada Department of Transportation, DBE Supportive Services. It targets a and increasing the number of diverse and small entities in heavy highway and transportation, and it will be from 9:00am – 4:00pm.
- c. Saturday, January 27, 2024, there will be an event called getting capital ready hosted by the College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas Campus, 3200 E Cheyenne Ave., it will feature a number of Departments from the Governor’s Office of Economic development as well as Access Community Capital, the Urban Chamber of Commerce, and the College of Southern Nevada. The program highlights some of the statewide programs that are supporting business and increasing workforce development opportunities.

2. Deputy Attorney General, Michael Detmer provided clarification on what discussion should be brought forward during new business agenda item.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (2<sup>nd</sup> Period)

Deputy Director Marcel Schaerer thanked Commission members for their commitment, dedication, and involvement to be the voice to all minorities throughout Nevada.

6. NEXT MEETING

February 8, 2024

7. ADJOURNEMNT

Commissioner Steele moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Ware seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:49am