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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY NEVADA COMMISSION ON MINORITY AFFAIRS

“The central advisory body advocating and providing a voice for Nevada’s minority community.”

MEETING MINUTES

Agency: Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs

Date: March 13, 2025

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Hybrid meeting – 3300 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 440, Red Rock Room, Las Vegas, Nevada
89102 & Webex (Remote technology system)

MEETING AGENDA

1. OPENING

- A. Call to order & Roll call
The meetings call to order at 9:36 am by Chair Gabriela Wyett

Commission Members in Attendance:

Gabriela Wyett, Demetrius Ware, Nic Steele, Kim Lee, Nina Gallagher, Gina Jackson, Julio Jimenez-Wenz, Juanny Romero

Commission Members Absent: None

Department Leadership & Staff in Attendance:

Jessica Guerra, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Nevada Attorney General
Angie Rojas, Management Analyst, Department of Business and Industry

Members of the Public Present:

Iris Jones, Diego Trujillo, Diana Cervantes, Megan Piper, Irene Bustamante, Manuel Lopez-España, Sherri Mantanona, Juan Diaz, Yeny Del Rosario, Maria Tucker, Patricia Cortes-Guadarrama.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (1st Period)

None

3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Approval of January 9, 2025, meeting minutes
Commissioner Steele moved to approve, Commissioner Gallagher seconded, the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Legislative updates – Assembly Bill 52 and Senate Bill 71
Chair Wyett and Commissioner Romero provided an update on AB52 and SB71.
Chair Wyett thanked Director Sanchez and Department staff for assisting in the process of presenting the Commission bills in front of Legislation.
Commissioner Romero thanked Commission members for helping in the process, and thanked Chair Wyett for traveling to Carson City to present the BDRs.
Commissioner Jackson shared her experience attending to hear testimony.
- C. Pending item from September 19, 2024, public meeting - By-law review for changes
The Commission discussed proposed amendments to the by-laws. With a few changes to the proposed amendments, the Commission moved to approve the revision.
Commissioner Steele moved to approve, Commissioner Jimenez-Wenz seconded it, the motion carried unanimously.

4. GUEST SPEAKER'S PRESENTATIONS (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

- A. Chair Wyett introduced and thanked guest speakers for their attendance and collaboration.
Presentations of guest speakers.
- Presenter(s) from Mexican Consulate
Consul Patricia Cortes-Guadarrama thanked Chair Wyett and Commissioner Jimenez-Wenz for the invitation to present in front of the Commission.
Consul did an overview of the services the Mexican Consulate offered and reminded the community that the services are not only offered to the Mexican community but to the minority community at large in the state of Nevada. Some of the information shared included the following:
 - Days and hours of operation
 - Number of constituents served daily
 - Consular services & protection
 - Areas of the state served
 - Community Affairs

 - Presenter(s) from Volunteers in Medicine for Southern Nevada
Larissa Soto, Director of the Social and Behavioral Health Intervention Services Department, presented in front of the Commission some of the services Volunteers in Medicine for Southern Nevada offers. Some of the information shared included:
 - Who qualifies to obtain the services
 - Medical services offered
 - Challenges the organization faces to be able to assist all constituents requesting services
 - Partnerships the organization has to better assist constituents
 - Population they served

In addition to the presentation, commission members asked questions to the presenter in relation to how the organization prioritizes patients' needs to provide services as needed.

- Presenter(s) from Workforce Connection
Sherri Mantanona, strategic initiatives manager, provided an overview of Workforce connections. The information shared included:
 - Areas of representation in the State of Nevada
 - Establishment and responsibility of local workforce boards
 - Industry sector partnerships
 - Industry representation
 - Concerns with being able to serve all constituents

- Presenter(s), from Education Board of Trustees
Irene Bustamante Adams, Board president of the Clark County School District shared what CCSD is doing in school campuses. She also praised the Commission's work and dedication. Some of the information shared included:
 - Law enforcement in school campuses
 - Immigration policies and protocols in place
 - Efforts done to educate all 374 schools and other interested parties of policies and protocols
 - Collaboration with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center

- Presenter(s), from Las Vegas Metro Police Department
Chair Wyett read the information provided by Las Vegas Metro Police department as their representative was unable to attend. Information provided included:
 - *Las Vegas Metro Police Department policy 4.166, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Notifications*

Chair Wyett opened the floor for questions and comments to the panel. This discussion served as agenda item 4B. which latter on was opened for further discussion.

DAG Jessica Guerra cautioned the Commission regarding discussing items that have not been agendized.

B. Roundtable Discussion (For discussion only)

- Understanding protocols and rights as a citizen
- Available resources in the event of being detained or questioned
- Respecting law enforcement

Chair Wyett opened the floor for further discussion. No additional comments nor discussion were provided. The roundtable discussion took place towards the end of agenda item 4B.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Jenny del Rosario provided public comment.

6. NEXT MEETING

July 10, 2025

7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jimenez-Wenz moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Steele seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09am.