

	<b>Minutes Nevada Commission On Homeland Security Finance Committee Meeting</b>		
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	May 28, 2019	
	<b>TIME</b>	8:30 a.m.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Division of Emergency Management	
		State Emergency Operation Center	
		2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Teleconference	
<b>RECORDER</b>	Karen Hall		
<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Legislative &amp; Ex-Officio Members, Staff, And Others</b>	<b>Present</b>
Stacey Giomi – Chair	Abs	Caleb Cage	X
Joseph Lombardo – Vice Chair	X	Samantha Ladich	X
Michael Brown	X		
Greg Herrera	X	Karen Hall - DEM	X
Christopher Lake	X	Meagan Werth-Ranson - DEM	X
Carolyn Levering	Abs	Robert Plant – DEM	X
Erin Lynch	X	Kendall Herzer – DEM	X
Stan Smith	X		

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Vice-Chair, Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, called the meeting to order. Karen Hall, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS) performed roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

**2. Public Comment**

Vice-Chair Lombardo opened discussion for public comment. No comment was presented in either the Carson City or Las Vegas venue.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chair Lombardo called for a motion to approve the draft minutes from the January 10, 2019, Finance Committee (Committee) meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was provided by Dr. Christopher Lake, Nevada Hospital Association, and a second was provided by Mike Brown, R&R Partners, Inc. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Annual Nomination and Selection of the Finance Committee Chair and Vice-Chair**

Vice-Chair Lombardo opened discussion on the annual nominations of the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair positions pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 239C.170(1). Vice-Chair Lombardo presented concern on whether there

were any issues regarding the current Chair of the Committee being absent at this meeting, with Chief Caleb Cage, DEM/HS, indicating that the nomination process can commence with the members present. Vice-Chair Lombardo called for nominations for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Nominations for the Chair position included Sheriff Lombardo via self-nomination and a nomination for Chief Deputy Greg Herrera, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, by Mike Brown. Vice-Chair Lombardo called for a motion to approve the nominations as presented, with Mike Brown motioning to approve Vice-Chair Lombardo as the new Chair of the Committee, and Chief Deputy Herrera as the new Vice-Chair of the Committee. Dr. Lake seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Request to Reallocate Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Funds**

Chair Lombardo opened discussion on the Project Change Request (PCR) NCHS-153 for the City of North Las Vegas Office of Emergency Management (OEM). This request addresses the use of the vehicle that was purchased with HSGP grant funds to be used for the OEM emergency response and remaining funds of \$21,020 to be used in retrofitting a different Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) vehicle. Deputy Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, provided background for this PCR, explaining that the transfer of funds will allow retrofitting of the existing MCI vehicle resulting in greater capability and coverage throughout the urban area.

Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, spoke to a potential compliance issue with this project, and the additional Department of Homeland Security (DHS) review required. Once the grant portal queue has cleared, and the signed PCR is received by the State Administrative Agent (SAA), this project will be uploaded for consideration. Ms. Anderson indicated that she anticipates the project change being approved by DHS.

Chair Lombardo called for a motion to approve NCHS-153 as presented. A motion to approve was presented by Erin Lynch, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, and a second was provided by Stan Smith, Boyd Gaming. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Review and Update on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) process and Allocations.**

Chief Cage, DEM/HS, provided an overview of the FFY 2019 HSGP process changes and the provision of a balanced allocation of funding for both the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding sources. In December 2018, the Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) were completed, and traditionally the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) has historically approved core capabilities used in the vetting and approval of HSGP project submissions. A change in this process occurred this year with the Resilience Commission developing strategic capacities to be maintained in an effort to solidify funding for strategic projects throughout the state. The NCHS approved the strategic capacities to be maintained in March 2018. In April 2019, the Resilience Commission heard numerous projects requesting funding from the SHSP funding source, additional advisory review was completed on communications and cyber

projects, and in a second meeting, the Resilience Commission was able to present a balanced budget with the exception of just over \$50,000 surplus due to a cyber project that was not funded. The recommendation was to use the surplus to support school districts with Stop the Bleed needs.

Chair Lombardo inquired if this agenda item could be blended with Agenda Item #7, and asked Deputy Chief Steinbeck to report on the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) process. Deputy Chief Steinbeck spoke to the UAWG process and the allocation of funding for the UASI. Like the SHSP, strategic capacities to be maintained were identified for the UASI, and Deputy Chief Steinbeck provided a brief overview of those projects supporting strategic capacities. The UASI also supported Stop the Bleed mass casualty kits for every school in southern Nevada. Chair Lombardo inquired who maintains these kits, with Deputy Chief Steinbeck indicated that the Clark County School District emergency management personnel are involved in that effort. Every key member within the schools that responds to this type of event will have access to the kits as first responders. Discussion ensued on having a strategic placement of these kits that is easily identifiable for standardization. Deputy Chief Steinbeck spoke to challenges on certain projects including the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) ballistic shields project which may need DHS approval. It is believed that this project will eventually be approved. The other one that would be challenging involves a LVMPD project addressing countermeasures for drones. It is the general consensus that this project may be more difficult to get approved due to the type of equipment being requested.

**7. Review of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Proposal with the Intent to Formulate a Recommendation to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security.**

Discussion on this Agenda Item was included in Agenda Item #6. With the intent to formulate a recommendation to the NCHS for FFY19, Chair Lombardo called for a motion to approve the recommendations of the Resilience Commission to fund the FFY19 HSGP projects as presented. Dr. Lake motioned to approve the FFY19 HSGP funding recommendations for both the SHSP and UASI as presented, and moving those recommendations forward to the NCHS. Mike Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Discussion on the Roles and Responsibilities of the Finance Committee**

Chief Cage thanked the Committee members for their flexibility in last minute changes to this meeting, and recommended that an additional meeting be held to discuss specific recommendations on the roles and responsibilities of the Committee. Due to changes in the 2019 HSGP process, there is interest in considering a larger role for the Committee. It may be beneficial for this group to discuss a spectrum of options to develop recommendations for the NCHS to consider. Chair Lombardo inquired if this would need to be done in open meeting format, with Chief Cage indicating that is the case due to the Committee existing in statute and existing open meeting law requirements. Chair Lombardo expressed interest in the Committee being involved in the vetting process prior to final review

and recommendation of HSGP projects. Additional inquiry was presented on the control that the Resilience Commission has on the distribution of HSGP funding. Chief Cage spoke to the fact that the Resilience Commission currently has the same control over the HSGP process that the former Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) had in year's past with vetting projects, voting on which projects to fund based on available allocations, and making recommendations to the Committee and NCHS for final approval. The only difference this year was that the Resilience Commission voted to maintain certain strategic capacities, and then to rank-prioritize competitive projects for consideration.

## **9. Public Comment**

Chair Lombardo called for public comment in the Carson City and Las Vegas venues. No public comment was provided at either venue.

## **10. Adjourn**

Chair Lombardo called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Deputy Herrera motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Stan Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Chair Lombardo inquired if motions required a second based on previous feedback received during the last NCHS meeting. Samantha Ladich, Nevada Attorney General's Office, indicated that there is no requirement within Nevada's Open Meeting Law for a supplementary second to a motion. Though seconds are not required, historically they have been used as a tool to provide membership the ability to indicate consensus or non-consensus with a motion. It is the Chair's decision whether or not to use seconds in the motion process. Meeting adjourned.