



## Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Friday, May 15, 2015	
	<b>TIME</b>	9:30 A.M.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Training Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Video-Teleconference	
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Karen Hall	
<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Legislative &amp; Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others</b>	<b>Present</b>
Governor Brian Sandoval	X	Laura Bucheit	X
Chuck Allen	X	Karen Burke	X
Robert Cassell	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Lisa Christensen	X	Chris Ipsen	X
Robert Fisher	X	Pat Spearman – Senator	
Adam Garcia		James Wright	X
Warren Gilbert	X		
Frank Gonzales	X	Samantha Ladich (AG Rep)	X
Ikram Khan	X	Karen Hall (Analyst/Staff)	X
Joseph Lombardo			
Tom Lozich	<b>X</b>		
William McDonald			
Charles Moore	X		
Richard Perkins	X		
Rosemary Vassiliadis	X		
Troy Wade	X		
Bill Welch	X		

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Governor Brian Sandoval, Chairman of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security called meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (NDEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sandoval opened discussion for public commentary in both the northern and southern venues. No commentary was presented in either venue.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Governor Sandoval called for approval of the meeting minutes from the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) meeting held February 13, 2015. Motion presented by Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants, with a second provided by Richard Perkins, The Perkins Group. All were in favor with no opposition.

**4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Governor Sandoval indicated he would have no commentary by the Chair for this meeting to ensure the importance of the agenda items take precedence.

**5. REVIEW AND UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2015 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROCESS AND ALLOCATIONS**

Director James Wright, Nevada Department of Public Safety presented an overview of the HSGP process for 2015 including the Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) meetings held April 14, 2015, and April 28, 2015. The Director applauded the tremendous effort by staff, the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG), and the HSWG in producing both a final product supporting 22 of 26 projects as well as doing so with a balanced budget.

Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, Urban Area Administrator presented an overview of UAWG meetings held April 13, 2015, and April 27, 2015 emphasizing how cyber security became a focus of both working groups. Chief Steinbeck indicated that due to many reasons including grant compliance, the implementation of a Cyber Security working group or review committee is important to both clarify and review the validity of cyber-related projects moving forward.

Governor Sandoval also thanked the staff for presenting materials which were clear and concise as well as the working groups for their efforts in keeping Nevada's citizens and visitors safe.

**6. REPORT ON THE MAY 11, 2015 MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FFY 2015 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROJECTS**

Stacey Giomi, Nevada Commission on Homeland Security's Finance Committee Vice-Chair, presented an overview of the May 11, 2015 Finance Committee meeting indicating that body had reviewed the project proposal package as presented by the HSWG. Mr. Giomi indicated that it was the Finance Committee's determination to recommend the projects as presented by the HSWG.

Governor Sandoval complimented the process and dedication of the individuals participating in the grant cycle process. The Governor called for a motion to approve the funding recommendations as presented by the Finance Committee. Motion was presented by Robert Fisher and seconded by Sheriff Chuck Allen, Washoe County Sheriff's Office. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Governor Sandoval opened discussion for public commentary. Chris Ipsen spoke to the Nevada Cyber Red Team and Incident Response Project presented for funding consideration to the Homeland Security Working Group and Finance Committee. As this project was not recommended for approval, Mr. Ipsen inquired about guidance as to how his organization can apply for these types of grants without exclusion due to constraints presented by indirect costs. Considerable discussion ensued with emphasis on locating other possible funding sources from big industry such as gaming. Governor Sandoval was asked by Dr. Gilbert if any assistance could be provided by the Governor's office in approaching larger industries for funding important projects. The Governor indicated it is certainly acceptable to inquire about funding opportunities, however there are unknown deficits which these industries have, and they may not have the extra funding to contribute.

Governor Sandoval also congratulated Mr. Ipsen on being named the 2015 Chief Security Officer of the Year by SC Magazine. Mr. Ipsen was gracious and indicated that awards are reflective of the people working at the state, and he applauded their efforts which are a part of this award.

## **8. ADJOURN**

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion presented by Sheriff Chuck Allen and seconded by Richard Perkins. All were in favor with no opposition, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.