



Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance	Date	Tuesday, May 28, 2019	
	Time	10:00 a.m.	
	Carson City Venue	Division of Emergency Management State Emergency Operations Center 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, NV 89701	
	Las Vegas Venue	Clark County Fire Administration Building 2 nd Floor Multi-Agency Coordination Center 575 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89119	
	Method	Teleconference	
	Recorder	Karen Hall	
Commission Members	Attendance Status	Legislative & Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Attendance Status
Governor Steve Sisolak	X	Karen Burke	Abs
Joseph Lombardo	X	Caleb Cage	X
Darin Balaam	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Gregory Cassell	X	Chris Ipsen	X
Lisa Christensen	Abs	William McCurdy	X
Mitch Fox	X	Shaun Rahmeyer	X
Frank Gonzales	Abs	Aaron Rouse	X
Ikram Khan	X		
Tom Lozich	Abs	Samantha Ladich - DAG	X
Kate Marshall	Abs	Karen Hall – DEM	X
William McDonald	X	Kendall Herzer – DEM	X
Charles Moore	X	Meagan Werth-Ranson – DEM	X
Richard Perkins	X	Robert Plant - DEM	X
Rosemary Vassiliadis	X		
Patricia Wade	X		
Bill Welch	X		

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Public Comment

Governor Sisolak opened discussion for public comment. No public comment was presented in the Carson City or Las Vegas venues.

3. Approval of Minutes

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission meeting held March 26, 2019. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was provided by Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants. No discussion was presented on the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Request to Reallocate Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Funds

Chief Caleb Cage, DEM/HS, provided an overview of the Project Change Request (PCR) NCHS-153 pertaining to the Mass Casualty Vehicle (MCI) purchased for the City of North Las Vegas, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and a request to use that vehicle for OEM emergency response in addition to using the remaining funding of \$21,200 to retrofit another MCI vehicle. Chief Cage indicated that this request had been vetted by the Commission's Finance Committee.

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to approve NCHS-153 as presented. A motion to approve was provided by Mr. Richard Perkins, The Perkins Company. No discussion was presented on the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and Update on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Process and Allocations

Chief Cage, DEM/HS, provided a brief overview on the FFY19 HSGP process for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) including FFY19 HSGP project review by the Resilience Commission as well as additional cybersecurity and communications advisory review for those projects containing a cyber or communications component. A similar and parallel process was used by the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) to vet urban area FFY19 HSGP projects. The presentation included the FFY19 HSGP funding allocations to both the SHSP and UASI, and the resulting recommendation put forth from the Resilience Commission including a balanced budget for the Finance Committee to review and subsequently approve today.

Deputy Chief Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department (CCFD), spoke to the UASI process, funding received, and the prioritization of strategic capacities for funding priority. Emphasis was placed on projects that were maintained in addition to funding new capacities. Several projects were highlighted including the pilot project between Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) and CCFD increasing response capability training for instances such as the October 1 mass casualty incident in Las Vegas with hopes to expand that training in future years. Also discussed was the provision of mass casualty kits in Nevada schools and ensuring that such kits are available in every school moving forward. Two projects that may have some difficulty getting final approval through

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the Department of Homeland Security include the LVMPD ballistic shield project for shields purchased to protect those responders not specifically assigned to Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) operations during terror attacks as well as the project addressing drone countermeasures. Should those projects not be funded, the recommendation was made to fund another vetted project that didn't receive funding. No questions were presented.

6. Report on the May 23, 2019, Meeting of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Finance Committee to evaluate and make recommendations for the FFY 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Projects

Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Finance Committee Chair, reported on the actions of the Finance Committee earlier today addressing the review and approval of funding recommendations for the FFY19 HSGP process. The Commission members reviewed the project information presented and final funding recommendations of the Finance Committee. Discussion included not only those projects that were recommended for funding, but also those projects that were not recommended for funding. Deputy Chief Steinbeck spoke specifically to FFY19 HSGP UASI Projects that were not funded in this process including Project BBB, DDD, JJJ, LLL, and OOO. No questions were presented.

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to approve the FFY19 HSGP funding recommendation as presented. Sheriff Lombardo motioned to approve the FFY19 HSGP funding recommendation as presented, and there was no discussion on the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Report on the Statewide Adoption of the National Incident Management System

Chief Cage, DEM/HS, provided the Commission with a report on the statewide adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as a quarterly mandate per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 239C.310. In prior reports, the basis of information was focused on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assessment, and areas within NIMS to include command and management, preparedness, resource management, communications and information management, supporting technology, and ongoing management and maintenance. Currently, there are legislative efforts in place to improve the ability to track the adoption of NIMS on a local, state, tribal, and territorial basis. Senate Bill 34 authorizes DEM to establish regulations for grant subrecipients, and many of the NIMS components will be included. In future meetings, the final section of this report, development of regulations, and surveys will commence to provide additional detail. No questions were presented.

8. Public Comment

Governor Sisolak opened discussion for public comment. Sheriff Lombardo requested that the minutes for this meeting reflect that Chief William McDonald, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, was in attendance. Chief McDonald joined the meeting just after the roll call. Additionally, Sheriff Lombardo reported that during the Finance Committee meeting today, he was elected as the new Chair of the Finance Committee, and Chief Deputy Greg Herrera, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, was elected as the new Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee.

9. Adjourn

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was presented by Sheriff Darin Balaam, Washoe County Sheriff's Office. No discussion was presented on the motion. All were in favor with no opposition, and the meeting adjourned.