



# Meeting Minutes

## Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Monday, December 6, 2021			
	<b>TIME</b>	9:00 a.m.			
	<b>METHOD</b>	Zoom/Teleconference Conference line #: (669) 219-2599 Meeting ID# 405 396 0059			
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Karen Hall			
<b>Appointed Voting Member Attendance</b>					
<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
Governor Steve Sisolak	X	Joseph Lombardo	X	Darin Balaam	Abs
Lisa Christensen	Abs	Todd Fasulo	X	Mitchell Fox	X
Frank Gonzales	X	Ikram Khan, M.D.	X	Charles Moore	X
Richard Perkins	X	John Steinbeck	X	Rosemary Vassiliadis	Abs
Patricia Wade	Abs	Bill Welch	X		
<b>Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance</b>					
Karen Burke	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X	Christopher Ipsen	Abs
David Fogerson	X	Shaun Rahmeyer	Abs	Aaron Rouse	Abs
<b>Legal and Support Staff Attendance</b>					
Katie Brady	X	Karen Hall	X		

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sisolak opened the first period of public comment for discussion. No public comment was presented in written or verbal form during this agenda item.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to amend or amend and approve the draft minutes from the September 20, 2021, Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission) meeting. Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care consultants, motioned to approve the minutes as presented. No discussion was presented. All were in favor with no opposition, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. REPORT ON THE STATEWIDE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

David Fogerson, DEM/HS, provided the quarterly report on the Statewide Adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as required by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 239C.310. Mr. Fogerson informed the Commission that an after-action review took place for the Caldor Fire incident, the results of which are not yet back from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security. Mr. Fogerson further indicated that there will be an after-action review of the assignments done using NIMS as well as Clark County resources for the Caldor Fire. Mr. Fogerson indicated that DEM/HS is working on an agreement with California to reimburse Nevada for the costs incurred from the Caldor Fire, and DEM/HS is still waiting for one county to provide their cost estimates in order to complete the report as the state cannot be reimbursed until all cost estimates are received. Mr. Fogerson informed the Commission that through training efforts, DEM/HS does have its first qualified commander for the Type III incident management team required under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). Mr. Fogerson explained that this has been three years in the making and informed the Commission that this first commander of the all-hazard Type III team is a Nevada state police trooper.

#### **5. DISCUSSION ON FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2022 STRATEGIC AND EMERGING CAPACITIES TO BE MAINTAINED**

David Fogerson, DEM/HS, discussed the FFY 2022 strategic and emerging capacities to be maintained. The current capacities to be maintained were vetted through the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC), Nevada Commission on Homeland Security, and the Committee on Finance. Mr. Fogerson indicated that the process is set to begin again shortly and will follow the same procedures of going thru the same committees and this Commission for final approval prior to opening the 2022 grants.

Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, asked who would be scheduling the Committee on Finance meeting, and the process of the membership of this Commission being aware of the meeting schedule. Mr. Fogerson explained that the normal process would be followed, by which Karen Hall, the assigned management analyst, would inform the members of the committees and this Commission when the meetings were scheduled. Mr. Fogerson indicated that the Committee on Finance and NCHS meetings will take place after the NRAC to complete the discussions and approvals. Sheriff Lombardo asked when the next NRAC meeting was scheduled, with Mr. Fogerson indicating that a meeting would likely be scheduled for January 2022 in order to look specifically at these items, but currently there was one scheduled for March 2022.

Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, inquired about the results of the after-action reporting for the pandemic response in terms of which areas needed improvement that could be included in the next round of financing, specifically the gaps in health, hospital capacity, and tracking.

Mr. Fogerson indicated that DEM/HS had been a bit ahead of the game the previous year by maintaining the health component as an emerging threat and that this year, DEM/HS needs to look at the Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) from both the emergency management side and the Homeland Security Enterprise side regarding which components need to be brought

forward per the after-action review. Mr. Fogerson further indicated the importance of ensuring that some of the programs continue indefinitely with the provided funding. Mr. Fogerson explained that DEM/HS is working with Homeland Security currently regarding a new cyber security grant process and indicated that going forward, some of those funding streams might be a place to shuffle some of the things on the current program in order to free up funding for new, emerging programs.

Chief Steinbeck informed the Commission that he intended to work with Mr. Fogerson and Deputy Chief Billy Samuels, Clark County Fire Department on this to ensure that the capacities that have been built over the last couple of years are sustainable, particularly to resolve some of the tracking issues that arose throughout the course of the pandemic. Chief Steinbeck further informed the Commission that data capture remains one of the biggest challenges in the south and throughout the state.

Sheriff Lombardo questioned if this issue could be resolved by putting a check and balance in place. Chief Steinbeck concurred and explained that some agencies may be operationally prepared, but not necessarily prepared in other areas such as logistics and information gathering. Chief Steinbeck informed the Commission that there has been more turnover at hospitals than ever before and as such, people may not be trained. Sheriff Lombardo indicated that this is the case not just in the hospital community but among first responders, as well.

Bill Welch, Nevada Hospital Association, indicated that through COVID, the hospitals have developed fairly robust hospital bed counts, patient accounts, and availability of equipment and beds, which are submitted daily to the state and federal government and explained that from a daily standpoint, the data has been tracked and reported by the hospitals since approximately April of the previous year. Chief Steinbeck confirmed that these reports are excellent but indicated his concern regarding the accuracy of determining who was present at events in question as well as the disbursement of that information among agencies. Chief Steinbeck indicated that the laws passed within the last few years have addressed some of these issues but informed the Commission of the importance of testing these situations for full readiness. Mr. Welch concurred with Chief Steinbeck and indicated that after October 1, there were challenges in sharing information regarding the whereabouts of patients prior to admission, which resulted in a fairly concerted effort between all agencies and the hospital community to try and improve that system. Mr. Welch concluded by indicating his willingness to work with everyone to ensure the ways of managing will help meet needs.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Governor Sisolak opened the second period of public comment for discussion. John Steinbeck thanked the state for the assets in place and the continued presence of the Nevada National Guard for help with the pandemic but raised his concern about the upcoming New Year's Eve and the need for these assets to be available for utilization then and into the future. Governor Sisolak indicated the willingness of his administration to participate and help out in any way needed.

## **7. ADJOURN**

Governor Sisolak adjourned the meeting.