



Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission)

Attendance	DATE	Tuesday, December 9, 2025
	TIME	2:00 PM
	METHOD	Zoom/Teleconference Conference line #: (669) 219-2599 Meeting ID# 202 331 8963
	RECORDER	Sherrean Whipple

Appointed Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Governor Joe Lombardo - Chair	X	Chief Fernando Grey	X	George Togliatti	X
Sheriff Kevin McMahill – Vice-Chair	X	Dr. Ikram Khan	X	James Chrisley	ABS
Sheriff Darin Balaam	X	Rick Edwards	X	Patricia Wade	X
Col. Kyle Cerfoglio	X	Richard Perkins	X	Bill Welch	X
Todd Fasulo	X	Harriett Vegas	ABS		
Mitchell Fox	X	Billy Samuels	X		
Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance					
Karen Burke	ABS	Christopher Ipsen	X	Adam Miller	ABS
Christopher Delzotto	X	Brett Compston	X	Mike Matthews	X
Skip Daly	X	Phillip P.K. O'Neill	X		
Legal and Support Staff Attendance					
Samantha Ladich	X	Loren Borst	ABS		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair, Governor Joe Lombardo, called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Sherrean Whipple, Nevada Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair, Governor Lombardo, motioned to approve the August 8, 2025, Commission meeting minutes. Dr. Ikram Khan, President, Quality Care consultants, seconded.

No discussion was presented. There was no opposition, motion passed unanimously.

4. STATEWIDE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) COMPLIANCE REPORT

Brett Compston, OEM/HS, reported on courses for the latest quarter. He indicated there were 5,135 courses offered online and 251 courses offered in person. He stated the expectation of a dramatic drop in compliance due to the instability of FEMA for the next quarter. There were no comments or questions from members.

5. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Brett Compston, OEM/HS, introduced Christopher Delzotto as the new FBI Special Agent in Charge. Mr. Delzotto was not present for the meeting, but Mr. Compston gave a brief background for Mr. Delzotto, indicating he joined the FBI in 2009, in the New York field office, spending nine years there. He then moved to FBI headquarters, eventually moving to money laundering for the south-central region. He then returned to New York, managing bank fraud squads.

Mr. Delzotto then moved to San Antonio, as the assistant special agent in charge of criminal insider investigations, and he managed two satellite offices. He then returned to FBI headquarters to manage financial crimes. He was also the branch crime section chief. In September 2025, he was appointed as Las Vegas Special Agent in Charge.

Chair Governor Lombardo welcomed him to the Commission. There were no comments or questions from members.

6. RECOMMENDATION FOR CREATION OF FUEL RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

Chair Governor Lombardo introduced Chase McNamara, policy advisor on natural resources, Office of the Governor, who did the presentation.

Mr. McNamara started with an explanation of the proposed Fuel Resiliency Committee, stating that Nevada has one of the most vulnerable fuel transmission systems in the United States and because there is no in-state refining capacity, we rely entirely on imported fuel. He cited California Energy Commission data, stating 88% of Nevada fuel comes directly from California refineries.

Mr. McNamara informed the Commission that Nevada is served by two interstate pipelines, the Kinder Morgan CALNEV and the HF Sinclair UNEV pipelines, with CALNEV being primary. CALNEV runs from Los Angeles to the Las Vegas Valley. UNEV runs from Salt Lake to North Las Vegas. Both pipelines run at near capacity. Nevada has no redundant pipeline system, no in-state back up routes, and no volume rerouting abilities during emergencies. When either line slows down, the state has almost no buffer.

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Mr. McNamara stated in the last three years, CALNEV pipeline has gone down twice -- once in February 2023, due to a leak in California, forcing a shutdown, and a subsequent statewide emergency proclamation; and then, in January 2025, due to wildfires causing power outages in Los Angeles. For both events, Nevada avoided immediate crisis, as the outages were short, and local inventories happened to be adequate. He indicated that, although immediate crises were avoided, it was a dramatic eye opener of how quickly Nevada could be pushed to the brink, because of a single pipeline disruption.

Mr. McNamara further stated that the Phillips 66 refinery in Los Angeles, and refineries in Valero in Benicia, and the Bay area, are scheduled to close this year. These represent 20% of the California refinery capacity, further straining the supply problem, and possibly pushing gas prices upwards of \$8 gallon by 2026. Because of this, the California Energy Commission states California may need to import up to 50% of its fuel from Asia.

Mr. McNamara spoke of homeland security implications, as any fuel disruption impacts police, fire, EMS, evacuation routes, hospitals, airports, utilities, and Nevada emergency operations are entirely dependent on out-of-state fuel. This also extends to aviation, indicating Harry Reid International Airport, which relies on these pipelines for jet fuel, with limited onsite storage. He also indicated that, with the planned airport in the Ivanpah Valley, demand will be greater, causing even further strain on currently limited fuel supply issues.

Mr. McNamara stated commercial storage levels are about five to ten days, with no strategic reserve or capacity to meet the growing population, expanding logistics, increasing military, and aviation activity. All these conditions create a single point of failure environment, where even a short outage has massive effects.

Mr. McNamara indicated a Committee is necessary to form a formal mechanism to analyze fuel vulnerabilities, coordinate with industry, plan contingencies, and prioritize infrastructure improvements. Current coordination is fragmented and widespread, and an ununified industry. The idea is to become proactive, rather than reactive, creating fuel resiliency and structure to state agencies, pipeline operators, industry, trucking, airports, and federal partners, towards a statewide response.

Mr. McNamara stated the Committee will coordinate fuel supply, plan risk analysis, meet regularly to review conditions, assess vulnerabilities, and create a unified, statewide work plan. It will ensure planning reflects operational realities and statewide needs. It will centralize data on refinery output, pipeline capacity, storage levels, and market trends, allowing Nevada to identify emergencies, early risks, and prioritize infrastructure improvements, such as storage expansion, pipeline upgrades, and redundant supply routes.

Mr. McNamara indicated it will lead to development of statewide contingency framework to include disruption modeling and evaluation of strategic field reserve. It will also coordinate with federal partners to secure permitting support, funding, and provide structured recommendations to the Governor and Commission to strengthen Nevada's fuel security.

Mr. McNamara then summarized his presentation, requesting the Commission approve his proposal. He offered to answer any questions or comments from members.

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Billy Samuels, Fire Chief, Clark County Fire Department, asked who the Committee would consist of and who the Committee would report to. Mr. McNamara indicated it would consist of industry representatives with assets that affect the state, a list of state agencies that cross into pipelines, storage capacity, and industry, federal partners, utilities, airports, local county and municipal governments. He stated it would report to the Commission and the Governor. He also stated it would be either reoccurring reports or a final report to the Governor and Commission.

Dr. Ikram Khan, President, Quality Care Consultants, asked if there was a timeline for a report from the Committee. He also stated that there will be a major fiscal impact and decision-making process in this. Mr. McNamara stated that it will be known when the Committee is convened. Mr. McNamara agreed with Dr. Khan that there will be a fiscal impact, possibly across state, industry, and federal partners. This will be analyzed in the report.

Dr. Khan then asked if the Committee has a timeline for answers such as 6 or 12 months to formulate recommendations and/or answers. Mr. McNamara indicated that it hasn't been established yet but will be when the Committee is formulated.

Chair, Governor Lombardo, asked if there had been specific positions defined yet and who will fill those positions. Brett Compston, Chief, OEM/HS, stated that once the Committee is established, the Committee will elect a chair and other positions. The Governor stated there has to be a facilitator to organize such activities, wondering who this would be. Mr. Compston indicated that it would be himself.

Chair Governor Lombardo then asked if Mr. Compston was aware of any guidelines on associated members of the Committee, or would he establish his own. Mr. Compston indicated that Mr. McNamara has a list of proposed members to include pipeline members, refineries, terminal holders, transportation hubs, and federal players. He also indicated the Department of Defense (DOD) has been contacted, such as the Defense Logistics Agency, for representatives, and indicated current representation from the Trucking Association and Union Pacific.

Chair Governor Lombardo provided additional commentary on why this Committee is being formed. He reiterated that Nevada's fuel supply is 100% imported, making the state extremely vulnerable to supply chain and logistical disruptions and threats. Taking steps to maintain stable fuel for the state is essential to Nevada's economy, public safety, emergency response, and critical infrastructure.

The Governor cited NRS 239C.160, stating NCHS is responsible for addressing such homeland security issues, which is the reason for this proposal. He made a motion to establish the Fuel Resiliency Committee, in accordance with the proposal submitted by Mr. McNamara, to address Nevada's fuel needs, explore infrastructure and storage expansion, recommend policies for supply disruptions, coordinate with federal and regional partners, and advise the Governor on long-term strategies, including potential strategic reserves and infrastructure investments.

Samantha Ladich, Senior Deputy Attorney General, indicated this was an appropriate motion from the Governor. Sheriff Kevin McMahill, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), made a second. There was no opposition and the motion passed unanimously.

7. REQUEST TO ALLOW THE FUEL RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO HOLD CLOSED MEETINGS, UNDER NRS 239C.140(2)

Chase McNamara, the governor's natural resource policy advisor, presented. Mr. McNamara indicated that this Committee will routinely review security briefings and evaluate vulnerabilities for Nevada's fuel infrastructure, often necessitating closed sessions. Under NRS 239C.140(2), the Commission may authorize closed meetings when reviewing such information. He indicated the closed meetings will only be used for narrow, security measures, where public disclosure could compromise the safety and resilience of Nevada's fuel network.

Chair Governor Lombardo then spoke at length about the need for this Committee and the role it will play in securing and growing the state's fuel infrastructure. He moved that the Fuel Resilience Committee be authorized to hold closed meetings, under NRS 239C.140(2), when receiving security briefings, discussing procedures for responding to acts of terrorism, or related emergencies, or discussing deficiencies in fuel related public services, facilities, and infrastructure.

Samatha Ladich, Senior Deputy Attorney General, indicated this was an appropriate motion from the Governor. Sheriff Kevin McMahill, LVMPD, and Patricia Wade, President, Wade Development, seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion passed unanimously.

8. LESSONS LEARNED FROM CYBERSECURITY INCIDENT

Chair Governor Lombardo introduced the agenda item, as well as Director Tim Galluzi. Mr. Galluzi was not present for this agenda item, as Adam Miller, Deputy Director, Office of Information Security and Cyber Defense, Governor's Technology office, stated he believed Mr. Galluzi to be out of office at the time of this meeting. The Governor tabled the item.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Governor Joe Lombardo opened the second period of public comment for discussion.

There was no additional public comment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Governor Lombardo made a motion to adjourn. Mitch Fox, President and Chief Executive Officer, Nevada Broadcaster's Association, seconded. There was no opposition and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.