



## Meeting Minutes

### Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

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|----------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------|--|
| Attendance                             |         | DATE               | March 30, 2021      |                   |         |  |
|                                        |         | TIME               | 10:00 a.m.          |                   |         |  |
|                                        |         | METHOD             | Zoom/Teleconference |                   |         |  |
|                                        |         | RECORDER           | Karen Hall          |                   |         |  |
| Appointed Voting Member Attendance     |         |                    |                     |                   |         |  |
| Member Name                            | Present | Member Name        | Present             | Member Name       | Present |  |
| Governor Steve Sisolak                 | X       | Joseph Lombardo    | X                   | Darin Balaam      | X       |  |
| Lisa Christensen                       | ABS     | Todd Fasulo        | X                   | Mitchell Fox      | X       |  |
| Frank Gonzales                         | ABS     | Ikram Khan, M.D.   | X                   | Kate Marshall     | X       |  |
| Charles Moore                          | X       | Richard Perkins    | X                   | John Steinbeck    | X       |  |
| Rosemary Vassiliadis                   | X       | Patricia Wade      | X                   | Bill Welch        | X       |  |
| Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance |         |                    |                     |                   |         |  |
| Karen Burke                            | ABS     | Gonzalo Cordova    | X                   | Christopher Ipsen | ABS     |  |
| David Fogerson                         | X       | William McCurdy II | X                   | Shaun Rahmeyer    | ABS     |  |
| Aaron Rouse                            | ABS     | Samantha Ladich    | 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.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes from the December 23, 2020, Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission) meeting. Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants, motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Mitch Fox, Nevada Broadcasters Association, seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Report on the Statewide Adoption of the National Incident Management System

Chief 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. This year, there have been two distinct areas of progress made in the adoption of NIMS. A statewide meeting was held to develop a plan for Nevada's local governments to meet the needs of clients. Additionally, many NIMS classes have been taught, and Nevada is one of the few states to continue to provide NIMS education during the

pandemic while ensuring safety protocols. Lead partners in Nevada casinos have offered larger event rooms to ensure the continuation of the NIMS process, and DEM/HS has engaged a contractor who worked on the NIMS framework on its behalf. While there are several frameworks for other emergency management areas, there is no preparedness framework, so the contractor will work with current goals and objectives to create such a framework. Governor Sisolak called for any questions regarding the report. No questions were presented.

**5. Update on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Process**

Chief Fogerson updated the Commission on the current FFY 2021 HSGP process noting that the application deadline closed at midnight on March 29, 2021. 54 applications were received, and the total amount of funding requested was approximately \$11,000,00. Nevada received an allocation of approximately \$10,000 in FFY 2021. For perspective, a total of 73 applications were received, and the total amount of funding requested was approximately \$13,000,000. Chief Fogerson is hopeful that the process will be quicker this year because of the reduced number of applications received.

DEM/HS staff will focus on ways to enhance the grant application process, and the review of the applications received will commence with the NRAC, the Committee on Finance, and finally the Commission for final FFY 2021 HSGP funding approval. The goal is to have this process completed by the end of April 2021 to ensure time for the final grant application to be completed by the deadline.

As the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) release many of their grants simultaneously, there are multiple timelines and requirements to be met. DEM/HS staff, applicants, and local jurisdictions are working on those grant applications. Chief Fogerson referred to the timeline handout provided for the Commission members.

Governor Sisolak called for any questions on this report. Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, asked about the minimum requirements for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding streams, and whether the applications received have met any minimum requirements indicated for priority investment justifications such as cybersecurity. Chief Fogerson responded that there were specific national investment priorities in FFY 2021 including 7.5% for enhancing cybersecurity, 5% for soft targets and crowded places, 5% for enhancing information and intelligence sharing (fusion center model), 7.5% to combat domestic violent extremism, and 5% for addressing emerging threats. Chief Fogerson indicated that DEM/HS feels comfortable that the applications received cover these requirements, although a full review has yet to be completed. This will be part of an ongoing discussion during the next NRAC meeting.

**6. Recommendation on the Amendment of Strategic Capacities to be Maintained (SCTBM) for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)**

Chief Fogerson provided an update on a recommended amendment to the existing Strategic Capacities to be Maintained (SCTBM) for FFY 2021. During the last Commission meeting, it was requested that the SCTBM be reviewed again to ensure priorities were in line with the current needs for the state and that projects being funded were essential to Nevada security. A second review was performed by the NRAC and the Committee on Finance. The only change made from the Committee on Finance and the NRAC is that the previous version approved by this Commission had two emerging threats: Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services and Election Security. After a review of the FFY 2021 HSGP federal guidelines, the consensus was that Election Security was covered under cybersecurity and was no longer listed as a national priority in the guidance. The Committee on Finance and NRAC voted to remove Election Security as an emerging capacity, but to leave Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services as an emerging capacity. Chief Fogerson indicated he had spoken with the Nevada Secretary of State staff to ensure they are comfortable with that emerging capacity being removed, and they were comfortable with that decision.

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The recommendation before the Commission is to approve the amended SCTBM as presented. Governor Sisolak called for questions on the recommendation. Hearing none, the Governor called for a motion to approve the amendment. Dr. Khan made a motion to approve the amendment as presented with no changes, and, and Chief Steinbeck seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Public Comment**

Governor Sisolak opened the second period of public comment for discussion. No public comment was presented.

**8. Adjourn**

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to adjourn. Mitch Fox made the motion to adjourn, and Patricia Wade, Wade Development, seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. The meeting was adjourned.