

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission
(*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 232B.210)

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, May 6, 2014
8:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4412
555 East Washington Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada

Note: Some members of the Subcommittee may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following location:

Legislative Building, Room 3138
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada

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Note: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.

I. Opening Remarks
Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams, Chair

II. Public Comment
(Because of time considerations, speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers. A person may also have comments added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written comments may be submitted in person or by e-mail, facsimile, or mail before, during or after the meeting.)

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Possible
Action*

III. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting Held on March 4, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada

*For
Possible
Action*

IV. Public Hearing Concerning Termination, Modification, Consolidation, or Continued Operation of Certain Entities, Pursuant to NRS 232B.240

- A. Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice (NRS 176.0123)
- B. Nevada Equal Rights Commission (NRS 233.030)
- C. Board for the Education and Counseling of Displaced Homemakers (NRS 388.615)
- D. Advisory Committee to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the Drug Use Review Board (NRS 422.4055)

- E. Board of Trustees of the Fund for the Institutional Care of the Medically Indigent (NRS 428.470)
- F. Commission on Nuclear Projects (NRS 459.0091)
- G. State Apprenticeship Council (NRS 610.030)
- H. Nevada Employment Security Council (NRS 612.305)

For Possible Action

V. Work Session – Discussion and Possible Actions on Recommendations Relating to:

- A. Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NRS 239C.120)
- B. Medical Care Advisory Group (NRS 422.151)
- C. Committee for the Statewide Alert System (NRS 432.350)
- D. State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (NRS 567.020)
- E. Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators (NRS 654.050)

VI. Informational Item—Report from the Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board, Pursuant to Section 7 of Assembly Bill 494 (Chapter 348, *Statutes of Nevada* 2013)

VII. Public Comment

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VIII. Adjournment

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WORK SESSION DOCUMENT



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The following “Work Session Document” has been prepared by the Chair and staff of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (NRS 232B.210). It is designed to assist the Subcommittee members in determining whether to recommend a board or commission be terminated, modified, consolidated with another agency, or continued. The recommendations contained herein do not necessarily have the support or opposition of the Subcommittee. Rather, these possible actions are compiled and organized so the members may review them to decide if they should be adopted, changed, rejected, or further considered. They are not preferentially ordered.

Each item in this document may be the subject of further discussion, refinement, or action. Any recommendations to terminate, modify, consolidate with another agency, or continue a board or commission will be forwarded to the Legislative Commission for its consideration. It should also be noted that some of the recommendations may contain an unknown fiscal impact. Subcommittee members should be advised that Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) staff will coordinate with the interested parties to obtain detailed fiscal estimates, if appropriate, for inclusion in the final report.

Finally, please note that specific details of recommendations approved by the Subcommittee may need to be clarified by Subcommittee staff prior to providing the recommendations to the Legislative Commission. Supporting documents for some recommendations may be obtained by contacting Carol Stonefield, Managing Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB, at 775/684-6825 or by e-mail at cstonefield@lcb.state.nv.us.

**RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO TERMINATING, CONTINUING,
MODIFYING, OR CONSOLIDATING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

1. Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NRS 239C.120)

The Nevada Commission on Homeland Security was created in 2003 in the Office of the Governor for the purpose of making recommendations regarding actions to be taken to protect Nevada’s residents and visitors from any acts of terrorism and related emergencies. It also reviews and approves grant applications, makes recommendations for distribution of money received from federal homeland security grants, assesses response agencies and systems of communications, and coordinates among government agencies to avoid duplication.

Should the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security be terminated?

If the Subcommittee recommends terminating the Commission, should it be consolidated with another entity or have its duties transferred to another entity?

If the Subcommittee recommends that the Commission should continue:

- a. Does the Subcommittee want to recommend any changes concerning the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security?*

- b. Does the Subcommittee want to recommend any changes to the duties of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security?*

At the April 8, 2014 meeting of the Subcommittee, the Chair of the Commission testified that funds available for distribution have decreased in recent years, due in part to reallocation of federal funds and in part to the economic downturn. He noted that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has designated Nevada’s homeland security processes as among the best in the nation.

The Commission had no recommendations for statutory changes.

2. Medical Care Advisory Group (NRS 422.151)

The Medical Care Advisory Group was established in 1975 to advise the Welfare Division of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding services for welfare recipients and to participate in the development of policy and the administration of programs.

Should the Medical Care Advisory Group be terminated?

If the Subcommittee recommends terminating the Advisory Group, should it be consolidated with another entity or have its duties transferred to another entity?

If the Subcommittee recommends that the Advisory Group should continue:

- a. Does the Subcommittee want to recommend any changes concerning the Medical Care Advisory Group?*
- b. Does the Subcommittee want to recommend any changes to the duties of the Medical Care Advisory Group?*

The Subcommittee considered the Medical Care Advisory Group at its meeting on April 8, 2014. The Administrator of the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy testified that the role of the Group is to provide a public forum for recipients and providers. The position in the Group designated to be filled by a person who is a Medicaid recipient has been vacant for a number of years; the Administrator stated that nominations to fill that position have been requested.

The Administrator recommended that the NRS be revised to change the name from Group to Committee, which is the name that it uses.

Subsequent to the Subcommittee meeting, the Administrator reported that two Medicaid beneficiaries had expressed an interest in serving. All terms of appointment are for one year. The Administrator reported that through a series of reappointments, all terms came to expire on the same day.

If the Subcommittee wishes to recommend changes to the operations of the Committee, the Subcommittee may wish to consider the following:

- A. Amend the NRS to change the name of the entity from Medical Care Advisory Group to Medical Care Advisory Committee.
- B. Amend NRS 422.153 to increase from one year to two years the terms of the persons appointed pursuant to that section, with provision for staggering the terms so that the terms of approximately half the members expire each year.

3. Committee for the Statewide Alert System (NRS 432.350)

The Committee for the Statewide Alert System was included in legislation in 2003 to implement an “Amber Alert” system. Committee membership consists of representatives of state and local law enforcement, broadcasters, the Children’s Advocate, and a member of the public. It is charged with overseeing the Statewide Alert System for the Safe Return of Abducted Children, providing training, monitoring, and evaluating the activations of the System, and conducting periodic testing of the System.

Should the Committee for the Statewide Alert System be terminated?

If the Subcommittee recommends terminating the Committee, should it be consolidated with another entity or have its duties transferred to another entity?

If the Subcommittee recommends that the Committee should continue:

- a. Does the Subcommittee want to recommend any changes concerning the Committee for the Statewide Alert System?*
- b. Does the Subcommittee want to recommend any changes to the duties of the Committee for the Statewide Alert System?*

At the April 8, 2014, meeting of the Subcommittee, the Chair of the Committee stated that participation by law enforcement and media has been excellent. The Chair suggested statutory changes that would enable the Committee to function more efficiently. The Chair testified the Committee has no budget account, which impacts its ability to apply for and receive grants.

If the Subcommittee wishes to recommend changes to the operations of the Committee, the Subcommittee may wish to consider the following:

- A. Amend the NRS to provide that the Committee is authorized to apply for and accept gifts, grants and donations.
- B. Create an account in the General Fund to receive gifts, grants, and donations, pursuant NRS 432.360, and to expend funds from the account as approved by the Committee for its purposes.
- C. Amend the NRS to authorize reimbursement to non-agency representatives for out-of-pocket expenses related to service on the Committee, if funds are available.

4. State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (NRS 567.020)

The State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee was added to the statutes in 1949. The Committee may enter into cooperative agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). According to the Director of the Department of Agriculture, the Committee has not met for approximately 15 years.

Should the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee be terminated?

If the Subcommittee recommends terminating the Committee, should it be consolidated with another entity or have its duties transferred to another entity?

If the Subcommittee recommends that the Committee should continue:

- a. Does the Subcommittee want to recommend any changes concerning the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee?*
- b. Does the Subcommittee want to recommend any changes to the duties of the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee?*

At the April 8, 2014, meeting of the Subcommittee, the Director urged continuation because the Committee offers a forum to meet and discuss common interests among certain state agencies, including representatives of the State Board of Health, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, and the State Board of Agriculture, and agricultural producers. The Director also informed the Subcommittee that a meeting of the Committee was scheduled for April 9, 2014.

Nevada Revised Statutes 567.090 created the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control account. According to the Fiscal Analysis Division, Budget Account 4600 is used by the Department of Agriculture to support the activity of its Predatory Animal and Rodent Control (PARC) program. This state program works with the USDA and the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to prevent predation damage. The PARC program is funded with General Fund appropriations, transfers from NDOW, and transfers from Elko County Woolgrowers. Total expenditure authority of \$1.1 million in each year of the 2013-15 biennium was approved for the PARC program by the 2013 Legislature.

5. Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators (NRS 654.050)

The Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators was created in 1969 to meet federal Medicare requirements. In 1993, statutes governing nursing facilities were amended to include residential facilities. As a licensing board, it develops and enforces standards; administers licensing examinations; conducts investigations; issues, revokes, or suspends licenses; conducts studies of facilities; and conducts or approves training programs.

Should the Board of Examiners for the Long-Term Care Administrators be terminated?

If the Subcommittee recommends terminating the Board, should it be consolidated with another entity or have its duties transferred to another entity?

If the Subcommittee recommends that the Board should continue:

a. Does the Subcommittee want to recommend any changes concerning the Board of Examiners for the Long-Term Care Administrators?

b. Does the Subcommittee want to recommend any changes to the duties of the Board of Examiners for the Long-Term Care Administrators?

At the April 8, 2014 meeting of the Subcommittee, the Chair of the Board informed the Subcommittee that the Board is collaborating with the National Board of Long Term Care Administrators to create a single credential that would permit licensees to move among positions at various kinds of residential facilities. The new examination for this credential would include components to test all aspects of administration present in various kinds of facilities. No changes to the NRS are anticipated to accommodate the new credential.

The Board had no recommendations for statutory changes.