



NEVADA LEGISLATURE
COMMISSION ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES
(Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] 482.367004)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The second meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Commission on Special License Plates was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 3143, Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The "Summary Minutes and Action Report," the "Meeting Notice and Agenda," and other meeting materials are available on the Nevada Legislature's website at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/interim/78th2015/committee/>. In addition, copies of the audio or video record are available through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835) and may be available online at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Granicus/>.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Assemblyman Jim Wheeler, Chair
Senator Scott T. Hammond, Vice Chair
Senator Donald G. Gustavson
Assemblyman Richard Carrillo

Nonvoting Members

Terri L. Albertson, C.P.M., Director, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
Claudia Vecchio, Director, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs
James M. Wright, Director, Department of Public Safety

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division
Brenda J. Erdoes, Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Christina Harper, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division

AGENDA ITEM I—OPENING REMARKS

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order. He welcomed members, presenters, and the public to the second meeting of the Commission on Special License Plates (Commission). Chair Wheeler outlined general Commission information and testimony guidelines.

AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Wheeler called for public comment; however, no testimony was presented.

AGENDA ITEM III—REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR CONCERNING ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING REVENUE FROM SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES (AS REQUIRED BY NRS 482.38278)

Rocky Cooper, Legislative Auditor, Audit Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), presented the statutorily required September 30, 2016, report of certain organizations receiving revenue from the issuance of special license plates ([Agenda Item III](#)).

Shannon Ryan, Audit Supervisor, Audit Division, LCB, reviewed the findings outlined in the report ([Agenda Item III](#)):

- Hot August Nights and the University Medical Center Foundation did not provide their most recent tax return;
- Atomic Testing and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe did not file any information on time. These organizations have been notified of the filing requirements;
- The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe made improper transfers of special license plate revenues to the Tribe's general bank account. These funds have been returned to the correct account; and
- The Nevada High School Rodeo Association does not have current nonprofit status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) since their reorganization in 2010. The organization's activities have not changed, and the license plate fees continue to support the high school rodeo. The organization has indicated it will pursue nonprofit status with the IRS in the coming year.

The LCB Audit Division advised they would continue to work with the above noted organizations to resolve the identified issues.

AGENDA ITEM IV—PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REDIRECT FEES FROM THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO A DIFFERENT ORGANIZATION (PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 8[a] OF NRS 482.367004)

A. Reno Air Races

Susan L. Fisher, Vice President, Government Affairs, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP, stated the original reason for the collection of fees from the special license plate remains to further and maintain the history of air racing, provide education, and encourage youth to become interested in air racing and aviation. She indicated that when the special license plate was originally approved the Reno Air Racing Association (RARA) was a not-for-profit corporation; since that time, there have been changes within the organization and now has 501(c)(3) status. The request is for the special license plate revenue to revert to the RARA.

C. Micheal Crowell, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Championship Air Races, submitted information on the 501(c)(3) approval, organization chart, and a summary of the RARA's donations over the past two years ([Agenda Item IV A](#)). He requested the special license plate revenue be redirected to the RARA to support numerous organizations.

MOTION: Senator Hammond moved to recommend the DMV redirect the fees generated from the sale and renewal of the Reno Air Races special license plate to the RARA. The motion was seconded by Assemblyman Carrillo and passed unanimously.

B. Carpenters Local Union 1977

Tim Carlton, Special Representative, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters Local 1977, Las Vegas, Nevada, stated Opportunity Village was designated as the recipient of the revenue collected from the sale and renewal of the special license plate. He requested \$10,000 of the revenue generated by the sale and renewal of the special license plate be redirected to the Construction Industry Workers Charitable Foundation (CIWCF) ([Agenda Item IV B](#)). Mr. Carlton indicated the Union recently presented Opportunity Village with a donation of \$20,000 and would like to donate the \$10,000 balance to CIWCF. He explained CIWCF assists families of construction workers with essential living expenses during times of crisis and hardship.

Discussion ensued regarding the redirection of the \$10,000 as a one-time only action, and future revenue collected will revert to Opportunity Village.

MOTION: Senator Hammond moved to recommend the DMV redirect the fees generated from the renewal of the Carpenters Union Local 1977 special license plate from Opportunity Village to CIWCF, on a one-time basis, after which funds will be directed to its original recipient, Opportunity Village. The motion was seconded by Senator Gustavson and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM V—PUBLIC COMMENT

Terri L. Albertson, previously identified, provided a brief update on the status of specialty license plates approved by the Commission:

- City of Reno — available since January 2016;
- Nevada Bighorns Unlimited — anticipated release date of March 2017;
- Great Reno Balloon Race — anticipated release date of May 2017;
- Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum — in development;
- Keep Memory Alive Foundation — working with representatives to begin plate design;
- “Home Means Nevada” new standard issue plate — now available;
- Bronze Star Medal with Valor — available with the silver and bronze star;
- Girl Scouts — now available;
- Eagle Scout — in development;
- Moped plate — now available; and
- Motorcycle plates are available in the Bronze Star or Silver Star Medal with Valor, Reno Recreation, and Nevada Bighorns Unlimited.

Upon questioning by Chair Wheeler regarding the status of the Second Amendment plate, Sean McDonald, Administrator, Central Services and Records, DMV, indicated the Second Amendment plate, approved during the 2015 Legislative Session, is currently ninth on the pending application list for special plates. Currently there are 30 active plates and if a plate does not meet the minimum requirements, that plate is discontinued and the next plate on the list is considered by the Commission.

Ms. Albertson added the Share the Road plate did not meet the minimum requirements and no longer available; there are currently 29 active plates in the first tier.

AGENDA ITEM VI—ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Harper
Senior Research Secretary

Marjorie Paslov Thomas
Principal Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Jim Wheeler, Chair

Date: _____

MEETING MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM	WITNESS/ENTITY	DESCRIPTION
<u>Agenda Item III</u>	Rocky Cooper, CPA, MBA, Legislative Auditor, Audit Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Report
<u>Agenda Item IV A</u>	C. Micheal Crowell, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Championship Air Races	Organization information
<u>Agenda Item IV B</u>	Tim Carlton, Special Representative, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters Local 1977, Las Vegas, Nevada	Written Request

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