

**Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board**  
**City of Las Vegas City Hall, 495 S. Main St.**  
**Council Chambers**  
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**MINUTES**  
**January 30, 2023**  
**3:30 PM**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Minutes:

CHAIR McCURDY called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR McCURDY and MEMBERS NEAL (excused until 3:35 p.m.), CREAM, MONROE-MORENO (via teleconference and excused at 4:03 p.m.), STEELE (via teleconference), McNEAL, and GARCIA ANDERSON (excused until 3:32 p.m.)

NOTE: ASHA JONES, Chief of Staff, was present as the Nevada Congressional Delegation Designee for MEMBER HORSFORD

EXCUSED: MEMBER SCOTT

ALSO PRESENT: KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, JEFF GALLIHER, Chief Deputy City Attorney for the City of Las Vegas, and ASHLEY FOSTER, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Las Vegas

2. **Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations in accordance with the noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; The City of Las Vegas website – [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov); and The Nevada Public Notice website – [notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov).

3. **Public Comment:** Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2022

Motion made by Cedric Crear to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Cedric Crear, William McCurdy II, Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Nic Steele, Janice McNeal, Nevada Congressional Delegation Designee; Excused-Dina Neal, Dontae Scott, Ruth Garcia Anderson;

5. Report by Karen Schnog, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, regarding the Summary Budget Status Report for the Southern Nevada Community Project Fund

Minutes:

KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, stated that the account total is \$6,818.

There were no questions or comments from the Members.

CHAIR McCURDY recognized MEMBER GARCIA ANDERSON'S arrival and welcomed her to the Board.

6. Presentation by Jim Haining, Secretary, Clark County Regional Business Development Advisory Council, regarding the Clark County Regional Business Development Advisory Council

Minutes:

Through the use of a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, JIM HAINING, Purchasing Manager at Las Vegas Valley Water District/Southern Nevada Water Authority and Secretary of the Clark County Regional Business Development Advisory Council (RBDAC), said he was requested by MEMBER NEAL to present on the RBDAC. He stated that the RBDAC was created during the 2003 legislative session, and its purpose is to propose and implement policies, programs, and procedures to encourage the use of local businesses owned and operated by disadvantaged persons, particularly in the area of contracting and procurement, by public agencies within Clark County. On January 1st of every odd year, the Council must give a report to the Legislative Counsel Bureau of all of the purchasing done by those organizations included in the RBDAC, as well as the human resource (HR) employment summary of the member organizations of the Council. The RBDAC also holds quarterly meetings, and he displayed a PowerPoint slide listing the current member organizations of the Council.

The largest event the Council holds is the Committed to our Business Community event, which is free and provides access to businesses of procurement professionals and community resource organizations throughout Southern Nevada. It is held annually in the fall and is hosted at the Las Vegas Convention Center. The most recent event had over 300 participants. MR. HAINING provided a recap of the RBDAC's purchasing study and HR summary study report sent to the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Spending of RBDAC agencies totaled approximately \$4.2 billion, and the total spend on disadvantaged businesses totaled approximately \$243 million. He pointed out the total employment of those agencies is around 63,000 people, and the number of diverse employees reported by all of the agencies is about 50 percent.

MEMBER NEAL asked how the RBDAC sets the threshold spend for each municipality, noting she saw that Henderson is at zero in several categories. MR. HAINING said Henderson has not been able to stratify its spend by diverse categories within their financial system. MEMBER NEAL pointed out that RBDAC has been around for a long time, so she wondered about the City of Henderson's inability to stratify. MR. HAINING was unsure and said that question would have to be asked to the City of Henderson.

The Member also wondered how it is determined that an agency can take on more spend, to which MR. HAINING said it depends on each agency. He said at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, they do not look to see if the agency has grown enough and depends upon them bidding on a project, being awarded contracts, or their purchase orders. What MEMBER NEAL saw in the report is the actual spend. He noted they try to educate, and there is nothing in statute that requires any agency to have any specific percentage numbers on diverse spend; therefore, they hold events and tell suppliers how to do business and how to sign up for lists to receive notifications of the various opportunities within the agencies.

CHAIR McCURDY asked about the type of outreach events put forward. MR. HAINING said prior to the pandemic, the RBDAC held many events and would go to various organizations' events. Their main outreach event is Committed to Our Business Community. There are also groups in town that hold events that most member organizations attend, and they also reach out to suppliers to educate them on how to do business with the RBDAC.

MR. HAINING stated that nine years ago, Clark County, the City of Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, and the Las Vegas Valley Water Authority, looked into an electronic bidding and supplier registration system. At that time, they contracted with Ion Wave Technologies and created the Nevada Government eMarketplace, which is a single portal for suppliers to register to receive notifications of formal solicitations. Membership has grown to 29 organizations throughout the state, and all formal bidding and solicitations are done through this site. It is also a single supplier portal with 24,000 suppliers currently registered.

MEMBER CREAR said he would give the community a zero or one in terms of success in working with MBE

(minority-owned businesses), WBE (women-owned businesses), and DBE (businesses owned by economically disadvantaged individuals). He spoke of his own experience as a business owner and believed there were no repercussions for not contracting with these types of businesses.

MR. HAINING informed MEMBER NEAL that Nevada Government eMarketplace is not old and is current technology, and after going live, the State asked about working together. He said they invited the State to join their e-portal; however, the State decided to go in a different direction. Additionally, he noted that each entity has a choice in what system they want to use, and many use the same system as the State.

MEMBER NEAL explained that she has been working with MR. HAINING on a supplier diversity bill in order to build a cohesive procurement plan across the state. MEMBER CREAR has given her insight into what is already in place, and she is looking at the State's economic regulation to see how she can manage thresholds and percentages. This has been helpful in her efforts.

CHAIR McCURDY thanked MR. HAINING for the presentation.

7. Presentation by M. Christopher Brown II, Ph.D., Interim President, Nevada Partners, Inc., regarding Nevada Partners, Inc., and the West Las Vegas Promise Neighborhood

Minutes:

M. C. (CHRISTOPHER) BROWN II, Ph.D., Interim CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Nevada Partners, Inc. (Nevada Partners), shared information regarding the West Las Vegas Promise Neighborhood and West Las Vegas growth plan in partnership with CCSD (Clark County School District).

Three individuals were hired with regard to this project who are VICTOR ROSS, Executive Director of the West Las Vegas Promise Neighborhood, MICHELLE DUNN, the person overseeing the grant compliance for CCSD funds, and MARIA MOORE-BARNES, Education & Youth Development and Civic Participation & Social Justice Pillar Manager, who was present and looked forward to working with the Board. DR. BROWN said MR. ROSS is in the process of finalizing agreements with four partner schools, which include Matt Kelly Elementary School, William K. Moore Elementary School, Rainbow Dreams Academy, and West Preparatory Academy. The project for reading skills tutoring has already begun, and the reading skills center at Matt Kelly Elementary School is being utilized. As part of this program, Nevada Partners has posted a position for a Language Learner Specialist, a Title I Language Literacy Intervention Specialist, and two Paraprofessionals: Tutor III and Tutor IV using CCSD guidelines to ensure compliance. They have also stood up the outline for professional development and training, and announcements will be made for parents and teacher training in February, which will be conducted by support staff at Nevada State College (NSC). Additionally, Nevada Partners is standing up a community-based grants initiative, and they wished to ensure that as funds are distributed to community agencies, they can be tracked and monitored to meet reporting compliance. He noted that one guideline of the CCSD grant is that partner agencies must document that their activities are related to remediation of the learning losses due to COVID-19.

ASHA JONES, Chief of Staff, on behalf of MEMBER HORSFORD, was glad to hear that DR. BROWN knows the grants are important to the community and asked him to keep them informed of the timeline. DR. BROWN was excited about the new staff members and the ability to retain MS. MOORE-BARNES. He also noted there is an additional education tutor position that they interviewed for; however, that position has not been filled at this time.

MEMBER CREAR thanked DR. BROWN for the work he is doing and offered support from his office.

MEMBER NEAL stated that she was aware that a request by NSC for funding was written into the grant and asked if anything has been worked out regarding the implementation of a four-part strategy for the teacher pipeline piece. DR. BROWN stated there were two parts to this, one involves the funding of NSC work taking place at Matt Kelly Elementary School, and the second pertains to the direct payment of professional development staff who will be providing workshops for community members. He offered to provide MEMBER NEAL with the name of the individual Nevada Partners has been meeting with at NSC.

See Item 10 for related discussion.

8. Discussion for possible action to approve the biennial summary report on activities of the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community (SNEC) Board to be submitted to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau on January 31, 2023

Minutes:

KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, clarified that the item should have been written to approve the submission of the biennial report, not necessarily to approve the report itself. The report, which provides a summary of the activities of the SNEC (Southern Nevada Enterprise Community) Board, is required to be submitted to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau every other year. Staff will submit the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy), which were updated earlier in the year, with this year's report.

Motion made by Dina Neal to Approve the submission of the biennial summary report

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Dina Neal, Cedric Crear, William McCurdy II, Nic Steele, Janice McNeal, Ruth Garcia Anderson, Nevada Congressional Delegation Designee; Excused-Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Dontae Scott;

9. **Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items.** Comments made during this portion of the agenda by individual members shall refer solely to proposals for future agenda items and any discussion shall be limited to whether or not such proposed items are within the purview of the Board and/or whether such proposed items shall be placed on a future agenda. No discussion regarding the substance of any such proposed topic shall occur and no action shall be taken.

Minutes:

MEMBER STEELE wished to discuss the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. He believed the City of Las Vegas and the City of North Las Vegas may already have funds allocated and approved for the program.

10. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. No subject may be acted upon by the Board unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

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DR. TIFFANY TYLER-GARNER said she recently joined the City of Las Vegas to support spearheading their workforce development and social initiatives. She looked forward to partnering with the Members in an effort to bring rich economic development to the community.


With regard to Item 7, M. C. (CHRISTOPHER) BROWN II, Ph.D., informed MEMBER NEAL that the partner contact at Nevada State College is AMBER LOPEZ LASATER, D.P.P., Chief of Staff and Strategy.

11. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Ashley Foster, CMC, Deputy City Clerk  
City of Las Vegas

  
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William McCurdy II, Chair

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