

Southern Nevada Council of Governments
City of Las Vegas Civic Center Building A, 525 S. Main St.
Public Meeting Room
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MINUTES

March 31, 2026

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR KNUDSEN called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR KNUDSEN, City of Las Vegas; COMMISSIONER JONES, Clark County; COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE, City of Las Vegas; COUNCILMAN STEWART (excused until 4:06 p.m.), City of Henderson; COUNCILWOMAN LARSON, City of Henderson; COUNCILMAN CHERCHIO, City of North Las Vegas; COUNCILMAN BLACK (via teleconference and excused at 4:45 p.m.), City of North Las Vegas; and COUNCILWOMAN ASHURST (via teleconference), Boulder City

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONER McCURDY, Clark County

ALSO PRESENT: SETH T. FLOYD, Executive Director; MARCO VELOTTA, Planning Project Manager; IAN RYNEX, Planner II; BRIANNA PASCUAL-MENDOZA, Agenda Technician; GILLIAN BLOCK-SEGERBLOM, Deputy City Attorney II; and SAMANTHA DINICOLA, Deputy City Clerk

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

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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: Civic Center Building A, 525 South Main Street, 1st Floor; City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; the City of Las Vegas website - www.lasvegasnevada.gov; and the Nevada Public Notice website - 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 February 24, 2026

Motion made by Justin Jones to Approve

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

For-Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Justin Jones, Monica Larson, Richard Cherchio, Scott Black, Denise Ashurst; Excused-William McCurdy II, Dan Stewart;

5. Discussion for possible action to select a Southern Nevada Council of Governments logo

Minutes:

SETH T. FLOYD, Executive Director, introduced the item and explained that staff had developed three logo concepts, a copy of which was submitted for the record, for Southern Nevada Council of Governments (SNCOG) consideration. He stated that the logos were intended to support branding and outreach efforts as the organization becomes more established. MR. FLOYD said the concepts were similar in overall design, with

variations in color, shading, and presentation, and he advised that the options had been prepared with input from City staff and graphic designers. He added that the selected logo would be used for official materials and future communications.

CHAIR KNUDSEN commented on the importance of selecting a logo that could be easily reproduced across a variety of formats, including printed materials and promotional items. He noted that, as the Council grows, consistent branding would become increasingly important.

MARCO VELOTTA, Planning Project Manager, stated that the variations between the options were primarily aesthetic and each could be adapted for different uses. COMMISSIONER JONES opined that Option 3 would be easiest to reproduce due to its simplicity.

Motion made by Justin Jones to Approve Logo Number 3

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

For-Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Justin Jones, Monica Larson, Richard Cherchio, Scott Black, Denise Ashurst; Excused-William McCurdy II, Dan Stewart;

6. Discussion for possible action to identify one or more matters of regional significance for the 2026 Calendar Year

Minutes:

SETH T. FLOYD, Executive Director, introduced the item and explained that staff had conducted individual meetings with each member following the previous meeting to identify potential topics of regional significance. He stated that staff compiled and consolidated those topics into a list, grouping similar ideas and ranking them based on frequency of mention. He emphasized that the ranking reflected volume of discussion rather than priority and noted that all topics identified were important. MR. FLOYD reviewed the purpose statement of the Southern Nevada Council of Governments (SNCOG) and advised that the selected topic should align with the SNCOG's mission of addressing regional issues, coordinating among jurisdictions, and producing a meaningful outcome. Additionally, he said members were asked to consider whether a topic could realistically be addressed within 1.5 years and could result in a measurable deliverable.

CHAIR KNUDSEN asked whether the topics were being recommended in any particular order. MR. FLOYD clarified that they were ranked based on how often they were mentioned during the individual meetings and not based on staff recommendation.

COMMISSIONER JONES commented that funding and legislative alignment should be considered foundational to any topic selected and suggested that it be incorporated into the Council's work regardless of the primary focus area. CHAIR KNUDSEN agreed, noting that regional collaboration could improve opportunities for securing state and federal funding, and he believed funding could be treated as a long-term goal while the Council focuses on a more immediate, achievable objective.

COUNCILMAN STEWART stated that, although all topics were worthwhile, the Council should prioritize selecting a topic that could produce a measurable success within the first year. He expressed concern that broader topics, such as education, may be too expansive for the Council to address effectively within the desired timeframe and suggested narrowing the focus.

MR. FLOYD then guided the Council through a discussion to refine the list of topics. He asked the Council to consider which topics most closely aligned with their purpose and could realistically produce a deliverable.

CHAIR KNUDSEN described conversations about land use challenges related to childcare facilities and group homes, including inconsistencies in local regulations and state licensing requirements. He felt that improving coordination among jurisdictions could help remove barriers and create more uniform standards. He shared ideas regarding access to childcare and submitted a handout for local solutions to expanding child care access for the record. The Chair asked whether pursuing that topic would duplicate work already being conducted by other agencies. MR. FLOYD responded that while some work was occurring at the local level, there was no single regional body coordinating those efforts, and he said SNCOG could provide value by bringing together the various jurisdictions and stakeholders.

COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE expressed support for addressing traffic, street, and school safety, citing increasing concerns regarding speeding and pedestrian safety, particularly involving children. She noted that the issue was visible to the public and impacted all jurisdictions. COUNCILMAN CHERCHIO also emphasized traffic safety concerns, referencing increased reckless driving and the need for more visible enforcement, and he stated that both traffic safety and group home issues significantly affect quality of life in local communities.

COUNCILMAN BLACK stated that the Council should focus on a topic that could be addressed within a defined timeframe and produce quantifiable results. He expressed support for traffic and school safety, noting that existing programs and data sources could be leveraged to create a coordinated regional approach. He also identified senior fraud as an area with unmet community need that could benefit from increased outreach and education.

COUNCILWOMAN ASHURST stated that traffic and school safety was a significant concern across jurisdictions and suggested incorporating mentorship and education efforts. She added that, while group home issues were less prevalent in Boulder City, she was willing to support the direction of the Council.

MR. FLOYD summarized that the Council had narrowed its focus to several key areas, including traffic safety, group homes and childcare-related land use issues, and funding alignment. He then asked the Council to consider which of those topics could produce the most clearly defined deliverable.

COMMISSIONER JONES noted that traffic safety efforts were already being coordinated through other regional groups, whereas group home and land use issues lacked a centralized regional approach. COUNCILMAN CHERCHIO agreed and described ongoing challenges with unregulated group homes in residential neighborhoods, including impacts on surrounding residents and lack of communication with homeowners' associations.

CHAIR KNUDSEN suggested that land use issues related to group homes, childcare, and similar uses could be addressed through a coordinated review of conditional use permits, licensing requirements, and potential policy changes across jurisdictions. He stated that such an effort could result in recommendations for local ordinance updates as well as possible legislative changes.

MR. FLOYD confirmed that staff could develop a report outlining the scope of the issue, identify differences in local regulations, and provide recommendations for policy or legislative action. He noted that this approach could produce a tangible deliverable within the desired timeframe.

COUNCILMAN STEWART summarized the agreement to focus on group homes, childcare, and related land use issues. COUNCILWOMAN ASHURST indicated that she would support that direction, while noting her preference for traffic safety as it better aligned with the needs of Boulder City.

Motion made by Dan Stewart to Approve Group Homes and Childcare as matters of regional significance for the 2026 Calendar Year

NOTE: The video does not show the vote accurately in that Councilman Scott Black was excused.

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

For-Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Justin Jones, Dan Stewart, Monica Larson, Richard Cherchio, Denise Ashurst; Excused-William McCurdy II, Scott Black;

7. Discussion for possible action to prepare reports on the chosen matter(s) of regional significance

Minutes:
SETH T. FLOYD, Executive Director, introduced the item and stated that, following the Council's selection of group homes, child care, and related land use and licensing issues as its primary focus, staff would begin developing a framework for addressing the topic. He explained that the first step would be to better define the scope of the issue and identify the specific challenges across jurisdictions. MR. FLOYD stated that staff's initial approach would likely include preparing a comprehensive report outlining existing regulations, licensing

requirements, and enforcement practices related to group homes and similar uses. He noted that, while some preliminary work had already been conducted at the local level, a complete understanding of the issue would require coordination among all jurisdictions and engagement with State agencies.

CHAIR KNUDSEN felt the effort should include collaboration with planning departments, building officials, and other relevant staff across jurisdictions to ensure all perspectives were considered. He added that understanding both local and State requirements would be critical in identifying where inconsistencies or gaps exist.

COMMISSIONER JONES agreed and advised that coordination with the State of Nevada would be necessary to clarify licensing requirements and determine where statutory changes might be needed. He suggested having staff engage with individuals who have direct experience in enforcement and regulatory oversight to provide practical insight into how current policies are functioning.

COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE emphasized the importance of accountability and asked whether the report could address enforcement challenges, including situations in which facilities operate without proper licensing or oversight. She stated that identifying consequences and potential remedies would be an important component of the Council's work.

COUNCILMAN CHERCHIO reiterated concerns regarding impacts on residential neighborhoods and said improved communication and coordination could help address issues experienced by homeowners and surrounding communities. He expressed support for developing recommendations that could be implemented at the local level to improve oversight and consistency.

MR. FLOYD confirmed that staff would incorporate those considerations into the report and work to gather input from the appropriate stakeholders, including local jurisdictions, State agencies, and enforcement personnel. He clarified that staff would also evaluate if potential outcomes could include local ordinance changes, policy recommendations, or proposed legislative updates.

CHAIR KNUDSEN questioned the anticipated timeline for the report. MR. FLOYD advised that staff would begin outreach immediately and provide an update at the next meeting, with the goal of refining the scope and identifying potential deliverables. He added that additional meetings or one-on-one discussions with the members may be scheduled, similar to those conducted prior to this meeting, to ensure that staff fully understands the Council's expectations.

COUNCILMAN STEWART asked whether formal action was required to proceed. MR. FLOYD stated that, based on the direction provided, staff could move forward without additional action unless the Council preferred to formalize the request.

Motion made by NOTE: A motion was not made and no action was taken on this item.

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

Did Not Vote-Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske, Justin Jones, Dan Stewart, Monica Larson, Richard Cherchio, Denise Ashurst; Excused-William McCurdy II, Scott Black;

8. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Council. No subject may be acted upon by the Council 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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CHAIR KNUDSEN expressed appreciation to the members and staff for their time and participation. He stated that the work of the Council was important and would benefit residents throughout Southern Nevada. He thanked everyone for their efforts in advancing regional collaboration.

9. **Adjournment**

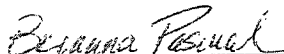
Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



For Samantha DiNicola, Deputy City Clerk



Brianna Pascual-Mendoza, Secretary

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