



STATE OF NEVADA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS
(NRS 233B.061)

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS
DATE & TIME OF MEETING: Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE OF MEETING: This meeting will be held at the following location:

Nevada Commission on Ethics
704 W. Nye Lane, Suite 204
Carson City, NV 89103

Members of the public may attend this public meeting at the above location.

AGENDA

NOTES:

- Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration.
- At any time, an agenda item may be taken out of order, removed, or delayed.
- Public comment will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting and again before the conclusion of the meeting. Comment and/or testimony by the public may be limited to three (3) minutes. No action may be taken on any matter referred to in remarks made as public comment.

	1. Call to Order , Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
	2. Open Session for Public Comment. Comment and/or testimony by any member of the public will be limited to three (3) minutes. No action will be taken under this agenda item.
For Possible Action	3. Open Session pursuant to NRS 233B.061 to conduct a workshop to solicit comments from interested persons regarding the Commission's intent to adopt, amend and appeal regulations set forth in NAC Chapter 281A to reflect amendments to NRS Chapter 281A enacted pursuant to Senate Bill 228 of the 2013 Legislative Session (Chapter 551, 2013 Statutes of Nevada), including provisions relating to Commission procedures regarding jurisdiction, notice and investigations of third-party requests for opinion, confidentiality of certain information and documents, the applicability of certain relationships as those within the third degree of consanguinity and other matters related thereto. (See Proposed Regulations set forth in LCB File No. R048-14)

For Possible Action	4. Open Session for Commissioner comments on matters related to workshop.
	5. Open Session for Public Comment. Comment and/or testimony by any member of the public will be limited to three (3) minutes. No action will be taken under this agenda item.
	6. Adjournment.

NOTES:

- ❖ The Commission is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any member of the public who has a disability and wishes to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Nevada Commission on Ethics, in writing at 704 W. Nye Lane, Ste. 204, Carson City, Nevada 89703; via email at ncoe@ethics.nv.gov or call 775-687-5469 as far in advance as possible.
- ❖ To request a copy of the supporting materials for this meeting, contact Executive Director Caren Cafferata-Jenkins, Esq. at ncoe@ethics.nv.gov or 775-687-5469.
- ❖ This Notice of Public Meeting, Workshop to Consider Proposed Regulations, Agenda and supporting materials are posted and are available not later than the 15th working day before the meeting pursuant to NRS 233B.061 at the Commission's office, 704 W. Nye Lane, Ste. 204, Carson City, Nevada, or on the Commission's website at www.ethics.nv.gov. A copy also will be available at the meeting location on the meeting day.
- ❖ Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608, enclosed with this Notice of Workshop is a copy of the statement identifying the Commission's determination regarding the impact of the proposed regulations on a small business.
- ❖ **This Notice of Public Meeting, Workshop to Consider Proposed Regulations and Agenda was posted in compliance with NRS 241.020 before 9:00 a.m. on the fifteenth working day before the meeting pursuant to NRS 233B.061 at the following locations:**
 - Nevada Commission on Ethics, 704 W. Nye Lane, Suite 204, Carson City
 - Nevada Commission on Ethics' website: www.ethics.nv.gov
 - The Nevada Legislature's website: www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/
 - Nevada Public Notice Website: <https://notice.nv.gov/>
 - State Library & Archives Building, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City
 - Blasdel Building, 209 E. Musser Street, Carson City
 - Washoe County Administration Building, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno
 - Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas



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STATEMENT REGARDING SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT
(NRS 233B.0608 and 233B.0609)

I, Caren Cafferata-Jenkins, being the duly appointed Executive Director of the Nevada Commission on Ethics, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed regulations reflect amendments to NRS Chapter 281A made pursuant to Senate Bill 228 of the 2013 Legislative Session (Chapter 551), which include provisions relating to Commission procedures for jurisdiction, notice and investigations of third-party requests for opinion, confidentiality of certain information and documents, the applicability of certain relationships as those within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity, and other matters related thereto.

2. The proposed regulations are not likely to: (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. (NRS 233B.0608(1))

3. Commission staff analyzed whether the proposed regulations could cause small business any economic burden, and none of the proposals were found to directly or significantly affect business in Nevada. Only in the narrow circumstance where a public officer or public employee holds a significant pecuniary interest in a business would the Ethics regulations apply at all.

In fact, this occasional indirect effect will not increase with the proposed regulation; by incorporating the effect of SB 228 of the 2013 Legislative Session which changed the interest triggering the Ethics Law from a public officer or public employee having *any* pecuniary interest to the requirement of *a significant* pecuniary interest before requiring action or abstention, the regulations will have even less of an impact.

The Nevada Ethics in Government Law in NRS and NAC Chapters 281A does not directly govern or affect any small business in Nevada. Rather, the Commission and the Ethics Law govern only the conduct of public officers and employees to ensure that they commit themselves to avoid conflicts between their private interests and those of the general public whom they serve. Based on the foregoing, Commission staff concluded that the proposed regulations will have no effect on small business. (NRS 233B.0608(3))

4. Comment by small business has not been solicited or summarized. Because small businesses generally are not likely to be affected by the adoption of these proposed regulations, no assessment of the burden or economic impact can be completed. (NRS 233B.0608(2)(a))

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: May 6, 2014



CAREN CAFFERATA-JENKINS, ESQ.
Executive Director