



**STATE OF NEVADA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**  
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**MINUTES  
of the meeting of the  
NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

**January 20, 2016**

The Commission on Ethics held a public meeting on  
Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.  
at the following locations:

**Laxalt Building - Second Floor Chambers  
Nevada Commission on Tourism  
401 North Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701**

and via video-conference to:

**Grant Sawyer State Office Building  
Governor's Office of Economic Development  
555 E. Washington Ave, Suite 5400  
Las Vegas, NV 89101**

These minutes constitute a summary of the above proceedings of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. Verbatim transcripts are available for public inspection at the Commission's office located in Carson City.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chair Cheryl A. Lau, Esq. called the meeting to order in Carson City, Nevada at 9:30 a.m. Also present in Carson City were Commissioners Magdalena Groover, James M. Shaw and Dan H. Stewart. Present for Commission Staff in Carson City was Executive Director, Yvonne M. Nevarez-Goodson, Esq., Commission Counsel, Tracy L. Chase, Esq., Associate Counsel, Judy A. Prutzman, Esq. and Senior Legal Researcher, Darcy Hayden.

Present in Las Vegas, Nevada was Vice-Chair Keith A. Weaver, Esq. and the Commission's Executive Assistant, Valerie M. Carter.

Commissioners John C. Carpenter and Barbara J. Gruenewald, Esq. were excused from this meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

2. Public Comment.

No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of the September 16, 2015 and December 16, 2015 Commission Meetings.

Commission Counsel Tracy L. Chase, Esq. stated that a quorum of the members who participated in each of the September 16, 2015 and December 16, 2015 meetings was not present to vote on the related Minutes. Chair Lau tabled the agenda item.

4. Report by Executive Director on agency status and operations.

Executive Director Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson, Esq. discussed the remaining vacancy on the Commission, stating she had been assured by the Governor's office that an appointment is being considered.

Ms. Nevarez-Goodson introduced Judy A. Prutzman, Esq. who joined the Commission staff as Associate Counsel.

Ms. Nevarez-Goodson gave an update regarding the Commission's outreach and education, reporting that her focus is currently on Nye County and Southern Nevada in general. She stated she also has a POOL/PACT training coming up where several attorneys will be in attendance. Ms. Nevarez-Goodson welcomed Commissioners to suggest training for any communities which they believe are underrepresented or would benefit from training.

Ms. Nevarez-Goodson reported that she will be receiving budget instructions for the next biennial budget request in March, and will provide the Commission with that information at its next meeting. She reported the Commission's next budget request will likely include the same efforts to improve staff salaries, consistent with comparable agencies within the State, as well as ideas that will save staff time and costs related to the meeting materials that are provided to the Commissioners. Ms. Nevarez-Goodson welcomes any ideas or input from Commission members regarding the Commission's next budget request.

Ms. Nevarez-Goodson discussed the upcoming Legislative Session and stated that she plans on proposing some ideas for reform and would appreciate input from the Commissioners regarding the same. She stated she would like to establish another subcommittee, at the Chair's discretion, to prepare an appropriate legislative package for LCB, with sufficient time for discussions and revisions with the Commission.

6. Open Session for Commissioner Comment on matters including, without limitation, future agenda items, upcoming meeting dates and meeting procedures.

The Commissioners offered no comments. Executive Director Ms. Nevarez-Goodson provided the tentative agendas and locations for the upcoming March and April Commission meetings.

7. Open Session for Public Comment.

No public comment.

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8. Adjournment.

Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stewart seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:

[/s/ Valerie Carter](#)

Valerie Carter, CPM  
Executive Assistant

[/s/ Yvonne M. Nevarez-Goodson](#)

Yvonne M. Nevarez-Goodson, Esq.  
Executive Director

Minutes approved March 16, 2016:

[/s/ Cheryl A. Lau](#)

Cheryl A. Lau, Esq.  
Chair

[/s/ Keith A. Weaver, Esq.](#)

Keith A. Weaver, Esq.  
Vice-Chair