



**STATE OF NEVADA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION**  
**AND**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE**  
**ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF PERMANENT REGULATIONS**

The Nevada Commission on Ethics will hold a public hearing on:

Wednesday, **August 15, 2018**  
9:00 A.M.

at the following locations  
via video conference:

Carson City:  
Nevada Legislative Building  
Room 3138  
401 S. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

Las Vegas:  
Grant Sawyer State Building  
Room 4412  
555 E. Washington Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons on the adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations that pertain to Chapter 281A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation.

The proposed regulation reflects amendments to NRS Chapter 281A enacted by Senate Bill 84 of the 2017 Legislative Session (Chapter 384, 2017 Statutes of Nevada), and the provisions of NAC Chapter 281A, as amended in the Commission's expired Temporary Regulation No. T03-16, and any Commission direction thereon.

2. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public.
  - a. Both adverse and beneficial effects

The Commission does not regulate any business in the State of Nevada. Its jurisdiction is limited to the conduct of public officers and employees of State and local government. The proposed regulation streamlines and clarifies the manner in which the public may file requests for advisory opinions and ethics complaints with the Commission and the manner in which the Commission processes such advisory requests and ethics complaints. Through improved processes, the Commission will also save operational costs.

- b. Both immediate and long-term effects

Please see explanation in Section 3.a above.

3. A statement identifying the methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business prepared pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 233B.0608.

The Commission staff analyzed whether the proposed regulation could cause any small business any economic burden and determined that jurisdiction of the Commission is limited to public officers and employees such that small businesses could not be affected. See attached Statement regarding Small Business Impact.

4. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

The proposed regulation will not incur any cost for enforcement of the proposed regulation. To the contrary, the proposed regulation will streamline various jurisdictional and procedural processes and save staff time and Commission costs, including, without limitation costs of paper copies and mailing.

5. A description of any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

The proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate that of any other state, local, or federal government agency.

6. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.

The proposed regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.

7. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

The proposed regulation does not include provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation.

8. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.

The proposed regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed regulation of the Nevada Commission on Ethics may appear at the scheduled public hearing to provide oral testimony or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form to:

Yvonne M. Nevarez-Goodson, Esq. Executive Director <b>Nevada Commission on Ethics</b> 704 W. Nye Lane, Suite 204 Carson City, Nevada 89703
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Written submissions must be received by the Nevada Commission on Ethics on or before **August 6, 2018**. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed regulation appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada Commission on Ethics may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and regulations will be available at the Nevada Commission on Ethics at 704 W. Nye Lane, Suite 204, Carson City, Nevada 89703, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption. (NRS 233B.064(2)).

This notice has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations:

- The Nevada Commission on Ethics at 704 W. Nye Lane, Carson City NV 89703
- State Library and Archives at 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701
- Blasdel Building, 209 E. Musser Street, Carson City
- Washoe County Administration Building, 1001 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno
- Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas
- The Nevada Commission on Ethics' website: [ethics.nv.gov](http://ethics.nv.gov)
- The Nevada Legislature's Administrative Regulations Notices website: [leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/](http://leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/)
- State of Nevada Public Notice Website: [notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov)

This notice has also been posted at the following locations:

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FALLON NV 89406

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1625 LIBRARY LANE  
MINDEN NV 89423

ELKO COUNTY LIBRARY  
720 COURT ST  
ELKO NV 89801

ESMERALDA COUNTY LIBRARY  
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P O BOX 430  
GOLDFIELD NV 89013-0430

EUREKA COUNTY LIBRARY  
80 SOUTH MONROE ST  
PO BOX 293  
EUREKA NV 89316

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WINNEMUCCA NV 89445

LANDER COUNTY/BATTLE MTN  
BRANCH LIBRARY  
625 SOUTH BROAD ST  
BATTLE MTN NV 89820

LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY  
LIBRARY DISTRICT HQ  
833 LAS VEGAS BLVD NO  
LAS VEGAS NV 89101-2062

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YERINGTON NV 89447-2399

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P O BOX 1390  
HAWTHORNE NV 89415

NYE COUNTY  
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167 CENTRAL ST  
PO BOX 449  
TONOPAH NV 89049-0449

PERSHING COUNTY LIBRARY  
1125 CENTRAL AVE  
LOVELOCK NV 89419

STOREY COUNTY  
TREASURER/CLERK'S OFFICE  
DRAWER D  
VIRGINIA CITY NV 89440

WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARY  
301 SOUTH CENTER ST  
PO BOX 2151  
RENO NV 89505

WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY  
950 CAMPTON ST  
ELY NV 89301

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT REGARDING**  
**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT**  
**(NRS 233B.0608(3))**

I, Yvonne M. Nevarez-Goodson, Esq., being the duly appointed Executive Director of the Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission"), do hereby certify that a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small business and the information contained in this statement is accurate to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The Commission intends to adopt a proposed regulation that will amend the Commission's administrative regulations set forth in NAC Chapter 281A to implement the amendments of NRS Chapter 281A enacted by Senate Bill 84 of the 2017 Legislative Session (Chapter 384, 2017 Statutes of Nevada) and the provisions of NAC Chapter 281A, as amended in the Commission's expired Temporary Regulation No. T03-16.

2. The proposed regulation is 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 regulation could cause small business any economic burden, and none of the proposals were found to directly or significantly affect business in Nevada.

4. The Nevada Ethics in Government Law set forth in NRS Chapter 281A ("Ethics Law") does not directly govern or affect any small business in Nevada. Rather, the Ethics Law governs only the conduct of public officers and employees to ensure that they avoid conflicts between their public duties and private interests. Based on the foregoing, Commission staff concluded that the proposed regulation will have no effect on small business. (NRS 233B.0608(3)).

5. Because small businesses are not likely to be affected by the Ethics Law or the adoption of this proposed regulation, no assessment of the burden or economic impact can be completed. Accordingly, no comment by small business has been solicited. (NRS 233B.0608(2)(a)).

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: 3/29/18

/s/ Yvonne M. Nevarez-Goodson  
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Executive Director