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The Nevada Council on Food Security AB405/SB233 Subcommittee

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(DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

Location: **Microsoft Teams and Carson City**

Type of meeting: **Special Session**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members present:

Dr. Sabina Malik – Chair
Dr. Pamela Juniel
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli
Jeff Duncan
Shane Piccinini
Vickie Ives

Members absent:

Nishat Gould

Others Present:

Alexis Hogan, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Allen (Chungten) Pai, CDPHP
Anais Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dillon Winkelman, CDPHP
Emma Doty, UNR
Godwin Nwando, CDPHP
Lori Taylor, DPBH, Office of Food Security
Sarah Rogers, DPBH
Troy Lovick, CDPHP

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The AB/SB Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Chair Malik. Anais Infante conducted roll call, confirming that 7 of 9 members were present, establishing quorum.

2. Public Comment:

First Public Comment Period:

Public comment was opened by Chair Malik and written comments were acknowledged.

Public comment provided by Emma Doty, a recent graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, discussing her food security experience at the government level. She supports the AB405 work and emphasized the importance of including student voices in discussions due to food insecurity on campus and the need for food resources while on campus. She raised concerns about the increasing cost of living affecting students' capacity to stay in school and pushed for more support and collaboration to meet these needs. Ms. Doty explained that although she had a conversation with Assemblywoman Flanagan when the bill was introduced, she did not take part in creating the policy.

A final request for public comments was made with no additional comments being received.

Chair Malik concluded the comment period.

3. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding study recommendations and updates for Home Feeds Nevada Study SB233.

Chair Malik initiated discussion on the various components of the report. The Council then reviewed partners and organizations to be reflected in the report. Members identified Helping Hands of Vegas Valley, Nevada Hand, and other partners served through the Northern Nevada Food Bank or Three Square. Under the "Grow" pillar, the Council confirmed the inclusion of the Nevada Department of Agriculture, the Nevada Farm Bureau, and the Coalition for Small Agriculture Roundtables. Master Gardeners were also added to the list.

A discussion followed regarding a former community garden near Tonopah. Members noted that the garden is no longer active but had previously contributed to the development of school-based gardening programs. The Council acknowledged the evolution of this work and its continued impact, despite the garden's closure.

The Council then reviewed timelines and expectations for the upcoming July 8 meeting. It was anticipated that the Regional Transportation Commission would present map results related to food insecurity and vacant lots. Additionally, Kelli Kelly, a former Council member, would be invited to present the Southern Nevada Food Council's policy toolkit developed through a recent scoping project. This toolkit outlines policy priorities based on feasibility, need, and urgency, and Council feedback will be requested for use in the report.

Further, members will review Alexis Hogan's draft during the July 8 meeting, and SB233 materials will be provided if available. Clarification was also provided regarding the remaining work on the SB233 feasibility study.

The Council agreed to close the current agenda item and return to the previous one to maintain proper sequence.

4. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding study recommendations and updates for Food Insecurity Study AB405.**

The board had multiple discussions regarding the study and updates for AB405. DPBH recommended the final 15 minutes reserved for feedback on the initial draft of the AB405 report drafted by DPBH. Chair Malik agreed and responded that the report is comprehensive and well-organized outlining the group's work on the study. Recommendations included acknowledging the Southern Nevada Food Council for its foundational work supporting the studies referenced in the report, removing policy assessment scores instead of summarizing the policies reviewed, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and for members to revisit the section describing the role of the Council for accuracy and clarity. DPBH clarified the language in the section was largely drawn from the NRS, and statutory language was used with some additional edits.

Additional feedback must be provided at the next meeting on July 8 meeting, at which time the RTC and toolkit results will be reviewed.

The meeting concluded with acknowledgments from several participants.

5. **Public Comment:**

Second Public Comment Period:

Second public comment period opened by Chair Malik.

No public comment was made; the meeting proceeded to adjournment.

6. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:

Date: July 8, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attachments:

Meeting agenda and packet (posted publicly in accordance with NRS 241)

*Minutes prepared by Anais Infante using the following reference:

Robert, H. (2020). *Robert's rules of order: Newly revised (12th ed.)*. Da Capo Press.
Nevada Revised Statutes. *Open Meeting Law (NRS 241)*.