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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:

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

Members absent:

Marcia Blake

Others Present:

Alexis Hogan, CDPHP
Amber Hise, CDPHP
Anakaren Lamas DPBH-CDPHP
Anais Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dillon Winkelman, DPBH
Donadya McCullough, CDPHP
Godwin Nwando, CDPHP
Johnathon Welch DPBH
Lori Taylor, DPBH, Office of Food Security
Troy Lovick, CDPHP
Sarah Rogers, DPBH, CFCW

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The AB/SB Subcommittee 1:06 PM by Chair Malik. Anais Infante began roll call, confirming that 8 of 9 members were present, establishing quorum.

2. **Public Comment:**

First Public Comment Period:

Public comment was opened at the start of the meeting. Sarah Rogers provided an update regarding recruitment of a Food Security Intern to support legislative studies assigned to the Subcommittee. Recruiting efforts identified single candidate and the Council was asked to assist in promoting the job advertisement.

Amber Hise confirmed the formal transfer of chair responsibilities to Dr. Malik and confirmed the subcommittee's project tracker was included in the packet materials.

No additional public comments were made; the Chair closed the comment period.

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

The subcommittee proceeded with discussion of the Home Feeds Nevada Study (SB233). Chair Malik requested that the meeting packet for April include materials essential for discussions, specifically the annual reports from the Home Feeds Nevada Program and presentations from Three Square and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Sarah Rogers shared the 2025 Home Feed Nevada Annual report in the meeting chat, which was also included in the January 2026 meeting packet. The Office of Food Security agreed to provide supporting materials for the April 2026 CFS meeting as requested.

The Council engaged in discussions regarding statutory requirements, which encompassed funding sources necessary for the continuation of the Home Feeds Nevada program. These discussions also addressed the federal USDA support that had been previously received but was subsequently discontinued, leading to the appropriation of \$800,000 in legislative funds to maintain statewide operations. Furthermore, the Council reviewed the current status of expenditures and anticipated timelines for product distribution.

Chair Malik requested the compilation of documentation concerning operational challenges, which includes the transition from federal funding and any resultant gaps, for the draft report. Additionally, members deliberated on the exploration of funding mechanisms utilized in other states. Shane Piccinini offered his assistance with this comparative research and presented initial

findings related to federal grant opportunities and multi-state models. Prior fact sheets created by the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) Extension, along with other relevant materials, will be included in next meeting packet for reference.

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger motioned to proceed to the next agenda item. The motion was seconded by Shane Piccinini and passed unanimously.

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

During the discussion concerning study recommendations and updates for the AB405 Food Insecurity study, Chair Malik reviewed legislative timelines for AB405. A draft report expected to LCB July 2026 with a final draft in September 2026, and the final submission no later than December 1, 2026. Chair Malik initiated a discussion regarding the workshop focused on evaluating food access laws and policies. A total of 21 food access bills were examined and deliberated upon.

- SB297 – Urban Farming and Community Gardens
- SB429 – Urban Agriculture Lones
- AB326 – Fresh Food Retailers – New Market Jobs Act
- SB178 – Food for the People Not Landfills
- SB370 – Creates Home Feeds Nevada
- AB200 – Farm to Fork
- SB206 – Cottage Food
- SB441 – Established Craft Foods
- SB92 – Sidewalk Vendors
- SB485 – SNAP
- AB138 – TANF
- SB323 - SNAP work
- SB490 – Supplemental Food Program
- SB503 – Breakfast After the Bell
- AB107 – Tracking FRPL
- AB337 – School Gardens at Title 1 Schools
- SB167 – School Gardens at Title 1 Schools
- SB458 – School Gardens at Title 1 Schools
- SB104 – School Gardens at Title 1 Schools
- SB390 – Poultry Processing Initiative
- SB443 – \$3.20 Reimbursement Rate for Senior Meals

Chair Malik then opened the floor for discussion on whether to review the remaining policies and food access laws or to defer discussions to the subsequent meeting. The members reached a unanimous consensus to postpone the review of the remaining ten policies until the next meeting. A formal motion to carry this item over to a future meeting was subsequently put forth by Jeff Duncan, which received no objections.

Chair Malik urged the members to submit their current survey responses to ensure that the data could be collected and disseminated appropriately. The subcommittee concluded that the tracking document would be revised to incorporate the evaluation of the twenty-five identified policies and that discussions would continue at the next meeting.

5. For Possible Action: Proposed 2026 meeting dates.

Chair Malik confirmed that the Subcommittee will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, consistent with prior scheduling. Members indicated that the calendar invites had been received and no scheduling conflicts were identified.

6. Public Comment:

Second Public Comment Period:

A second public comment period was opened.

Chair Malik made a public comment regarding the upcoming Roots-2-Results Food Systems Conference for Northern Nevada. It was noted that the Southern Nevada conference recently concluded with 128 attendees and a full agenda. Planning is underway for the Reno conference, with a pre-conference day scheduled for March 25 and sessions on March 26–27. Individuals interested in participating in the planning process were encouraged to provide their email addresses to receive agendas and opportunities for input. No further public comment was offered.

7. Adjournment:

Jeff Duncan requested a motion to adjourn, Dr. Dorian Stonebarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:

Date: April 8, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams and Room 204 at 4150 Technology Way

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)*.

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