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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
Nishat Gould
(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli
Jeff Duncan
Shane Piccinini
Vickie Ives
Marcia Blake

Members absent:

(Tori) Samantha Lawson-Boffelli

Others Present:

Allen (Chungten) Pai, CDPHP
Amber Hise, CDPHP
Anais Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dillon Winkelman, DPBH
Godwin Nwando, CDPHP
Lori Taylor, DPBH, Office of Food Security
Patricia Hoppe, NDA
Taliman Afroz, DPBH
Tammera Brower, 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 at the start of the meeting. No public comments were provided; the Chair Malik 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 resumed discussion on potential actions and study recommendations for the Home Feeds Nevada initiative under SB233. Chair Malik requested that Amber Hise share the working spreadsheet used to track ongoing efforts and add April's completion of the policy assessment of 35 policies, noting that final data will be available by the May meeting. Discussion then shifted to program considerations for the Home Feeds Nevada report, including questions previously assembled by Dr. Allen Pai and Dillon Winkelman regarding program needs and allowable uses of funds, such as warehousing, transportation, and potential contracted drivers. Patricia Hoppe confirmed her team is finalizing responses to the questions provided by Amber Hise, clarifying that their agency conducts minimal food transportation and that certain assumptions may need correction; Patricia Hoppe will submit the completed responses and will be available for follow-up discussions as needed. Amber Hise proposed that Patricia Hoppe finalize the questions for review at the next meeting, and Chair Malik agreed. The group then identified takeaways for the next meeting, including monitoring grant opportunities and exploring creative funding or partnership options—such as collaborations with retailers, convenience stores, or healthcare and insurance partners—that could support Home Feeds Nevada without altering program structure.

Chair Malik noted the policy assessment will be formally concluded at the next meeting when scoring results are shared.

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

Chair Malik continued her presentation on reviewing more State Bills

NRS 232.4966 – Creation of the Governor's Council on Food Security

NRS 232.4968 – Duties of the Governor's Council on Food Security

NRS 268.0191 – Urban Agriculture Power

NRS 244.291 – Urban Agriculture Ordinance

Ordinance 11.10.150 – Alternative payment of fines donation program

17.24.140 – Sustainability

SB233 – Home Feeds Nevada

SB104 – School Gardens

AB171 – State Quarantine Officer (eggs)

AB479 – Tax on Agricultural Land

AB405 – Community Gardens and Urban Farms

AB352 – Cottage Food NDA will be managing

AB345 – Higher Ed Food Security

AB333 – Nevada State Fairgrounds

AB251 – Meat/Poultry Inspection

AB116 – Food Delivery Service Providers

Assessment questions were reviewed and additional context on Nevada's food system, including University of Nevada, Reno's Wolfpack Meats program, prompting participant appreciation and discussion. The subcommittee conducted a review on the final policy addressing food delivery service provider regulations, which require platforms to ensure food establishments maintain valid business licenses and prohibit orders from unlicensed vendors, though no oversight entity, tracking process, or fiscal note was specified. Chair Malik noted that data analysis would be completed and shared the following week, along with updated slides containing scoring information. Multiple participants, including Vickie Ives and Pamela Juniel, expressed appreciation for the clarity, organization, and effectiveness of the multi-year policy review process.

Chair Malik thanked attendees for their engagement and confirmed that final materials would be distributed before transitioning to the next agenda topic due to time constraints.

5. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Next Meeting:

Meeting:

Date: May 13, 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)*.