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MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: October 29, 2025, 10:30 AM

Location: Nevada Capitol Building
101 North Carson Street, Old Assembly Chambers
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Video Conference Location: The McCarran Center, Nevada Building
1 State of Nevada Way, Governor's Conference Room
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Governor Joe Lombardo
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STAFF PRESENT:

Tiffany Greenameyer, Clerk of the Board
Rosalie Bordelove, Board Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT:

J.J. Goicoechea, Director, State Department of Agriculture
Nicole Lamboley, Chief Executive Officer, The Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Inc.
Beth Martino, Chief Executive Officer, Three Square

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Governor: We will call to order the State of Nevada Board of Examiners special meeting scheduled for today, October 29th, at 10:30 a.m. We will start with the roll call. Ms. Greenameyer.

Clerk of the Board: Governor Lombardo.

Governor: Here.

Clerk of the Board: Attorney General Ford.

Attorney General: Here.

Clerk of the Board: Secretary Aguilar.

Secretary of State: Here.

Clerk of the Board: Let the record reflect. We have a quorum.

2. Public Comment

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Governor: Agenda item number two, the first opportunity for public comment. This first public comment period is limited to comments on items on the agenda. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this public comment period unless that matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item. I shall impose a three minute time limit for public comment for each individual. Public comment may be provided in person or via telephone. Do we have any public comment there in Carson City?

Clerk of the Board: No, sir.

Governor: Anybody here in Las Vegas? Seeing none and we don't have anybody on the phone. We will close first public comment period.

3. Request for a Recommendation of Approval to the Interim Finance Committee for an Allocation Amount from the Contingency Account (For possible action)

A. Governor's Finance Office

Pursuant to NRS 353.268, the division requests a recommendation to the Interim Finance Committee for an allocation of \$30,000,000 from the Interim Finance Committee Contingency Account to fund the Food Insecurity Nevada Plan.

B. Office of the Military

Pursuant to NRS 353.268, the division requests a recommendation to the Interim Finance Committee for an allocation of \$200,000 from the Interim Finance Committee Contingency Account to fund the Active-Duty Members to services for the Food Insecurity Nevada Plan.

Governor: Agenda item number three, *Request for a Recommendation of Approval to the Interim Finance Committee for an Allocation Amount from the Contingency Account for Possible Action*. We will take these as separate items.

Clerk of the Board: The first request is from the Governor's Finance Office. Pursuant to NRS 353.268, the office requests a recommendation to the Interim Finance Committee for an allocation of \$30,000,000 from the Interim Finance Committee Contingency Account to fund the Food Insecurity Nevada Plan. Are there any questions on this item?

Governor: Do we have any questions?

Attorney General: I do have a couple questions, Governor.

Governor: Go ahead.

Attorney General: Okay, first off, I will be supporting the item. Obviously, it's an important thing for us to be doing right now during this tough time but I do query why we're only doing \$30 million as opposed to the \$90 million, which we know is what the monthly amount is for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Maybe you can speak to that, whomever it is that's presenting.

Clerk of the Board: Yes, the Interim Finance Committee Contingency Account only has roughly about \$43 million available. So, we're taking \$30 million out of that account. We do need to leave some money in that account for other emergencies.

Attorney General: Okay, I appreciate that. Are there other accounts, just for matters of clarification, that that could be tapped to supplement this particular request as well?

Clerk of the Board: Not for an amount of that magnitude. We don't have that.

Attorney General: Okay, maybe not for that magnitude but are there other accounts that are available for us to utilize to address this issue?

Clerk of the Board: No, any other option would require legislation to appropriate money.

Attorney General: Okay, thank you so much. I understand that this is to assist two food banks to help us with this particular matter. To the food bank up north, if someone is there to speak, can you speak to me a little bit about the outreach to the rurals for that particular entity?

Nicole Lamboley: Good morning. Nicole Lamboley, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Food Bank of Northern Nevada. We are activating our extensive network of agency partners, which includes our rural partners, and we will be bolstering their food inventory, supporting their distribution efforts within their communities, as well as, expanding some of our own direct service programs to ensure that we are meeting the needs of those community members. That also includes our tribal communities who we support through our partnerships.

We will activate a very comprehensive program to ensure that all neighbors in these communities have access to the food that will come through this support, as well as, additional food resources that we currently have in our inventory, which include the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TFAP) federal commodities and our senior Supplemental Food Commodities. So, we will be working directly. We've already reached out to those communities and those partners to understand their needs and their capacity to move additional food to their neighbors.

Attorney General: Very helpful, thank you. You mentioned the seniors and I appreciate that. Talk to me a little bit about any prioritization for kids. We know one in four children in our state don't know where their next meal is coming from. Is there a program in place that you can tell us about that is going to try to address that issue as well?

Nicole Lamboley: Yes. Currently, The Food Bank of Northern Nevada operates our Child Nutrition Program which includes Kids Cafe which is a U.S. Department of Agriculture program, after-school program. We also have Breakfast Before the Bell, and obviously, the National School Lunch Program. We've been in communication with our school districts to understand their capacity to make sure that all eligible children and families are accessing those programs. We also operate school pantries. We've been in communication with those organizations also to increase their capacity. So, we will be sending out a communication to families to understand what programs are available in their schools that they can access in addition to the community resources.

Attorney General: I appreciate that and next couple of questions are more technical and I apologize, I'd like for you, but also the Southern Nevada Food Bank, Three Square, to be able to chime in on this, that our food banks are going to be expecting an increase in demand due to the suspension of SNAP benefits, right?

Beth Martino: This is Beth Martino from Three Square and yes, I'm sure Nicole and I speak in unison on this that we've already seen an increase in demand. I think that the southern Nevada increase, from the data I have seen in the north, has been a little greater, but then, the shutdown has amplified that. So, we've seen a higher rate of increase over the last 29 days initially serving primarily federal employees who have been affected but now as we have seen the funding to pay members of the military and others run out, we have those folks in need and we will have SNAP beneficiaries. So, we do expect a significant surge in demand beginning this weekend.

Attorney General: Are you able to quantify the increase that you've already had and maybe estimate what you anticipate based on the SNAP circumstance?

Beth Martino: In southern Nevada, over the last four months, we've seen a 16% increase of people coming into food pantries. Of that increase, 75% have been first-time visitors to a food pantry. So, really indicating that we have new people that are becoming food insecure over the last four months. We collect data on a monthly basis. So, I don't have any data yet for October but based on what we know, what we've been sending out, just looking at our inventory levels, I can tell you it has been a substantial increase. We've been doing additional pop-up distributions to serve federal workers. So, in terms of moving forward, looking at SNAP beneficiaries, it's a little difficult to be certain but we are expecting about 25-30% of SNAP beneficiaries that would likely try to access a pantry. So, just the rough math there – if there are roughly \$400,000 in Southern Nevada, we would expect somewhere between 100,000 to 200,000 people that might begin seeking food assistance this weekend.

Attorney General: Well, thank you. That's a very thorough answer and I appreciate that. My final question is just as a matter of fact as everyone knows my office sued the federal administration yesterday because we have a reserve set aside at the federal level for this type of circumstance for SNAP. We have a temporary restraining order hearing tomorrow. The question I would have is, what happens to the recommended allocated funds of \$30 million to the extent we prevail tomorrow at the temporary restraining order stage?

Clerk of the Board: On the \$30 million, if it is approved tomorrow by the Interim Finance Committee, and the federal government were to reopen the SNAP funding, we would then revert this \$30 million back to the Interim Finance Committee Contingency Account.

Attorney General: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Governor, for indulging my questions. That is all I have.

Governor: Attorney General, I'm going to build off of one of your questions earlier on distribution to the rural areas. J.J., I don't know if you or Nicole or Beth is situated to answer but are you guys bifurcating that effort? Are you splitting up the state so that we ensure every rural jurisdiction is hit? If you are, can you speak to that?

J.J. Goicoechea: Director Goicoechea, State Department of Agriculture for the record. I'll start and then kick it over to our partners at the food banks. So, the rurals are automatically split. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada does the northern portion of the state and Three Square has Clark, Lincoln, Esmeralda, and Nye counties. So, they are split and we do know what the percentage of recipients are that do look for SNAP and do receive those benefits in the state and those are roughly an 80/20 split in the state between those that serve the the southern portion and those that serve the northern portion. If our partners care to weigh in any more, I'll allow them as well.

Nicole Lamboley: Yes. Our service areas are defined through our partnership with Feeding America. So, we ensure that we have coverage in all counties, in all communities. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada also has extensive partnerships with entities like the Boys and Girls Club, The Children's Cabinet, and other organizations in our service area that also have

a similar footprint. So, we are actively coordinating efforts with these organizations. We also have communities and schools so, our reach will be far and we will try to ensure that every neighbor who needs access to food knows where they can get these food resources during these times. As all of you know, we serve people and we feed people 365 days per year through our partnerships and that will continue. We've also been in contact with Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, which also has a similar footprint, and they will be activating their operations as well during this expanded time.

Governor: Thank you.

Cisco, any questions?

Secretary of State: No questions. Thank you.

Governor: If there aren't any more questions, I'll entertain a motion for approval.

Attorney General: So moved.

Governor: Those in favor, signify by saying aye. The motion passes unanimously.

We will move on to agenda item 3.B.

Clerk of the Board: The last request is from the Office of the Military. Pursuant to NRS 353.268, the office requests a recommendation to the Interim Finance Committee for an allocation of \$200,000 from the Interim Finance Committee Contingency Account to fund the Active-Duty Members to provide services for the food banks in northern and southern Nevada.

Governor: You have any questions?

Secretary of State: No questions.

Attorney General: None here. Move approval.

Governor: Do we have somebody from the National Guard there, J.J.?

J.J. Goicoechea: No, I don't see anyone here in Carson City, sir. We did work very closely with them at the end of the week and over the weekend and did receive estimates from both of our food bank partners on what they may expect to need as far as personnel and infrastructure, such as trucks for Three Square down south. So, we feel to be in a very good space as far as this ask and the amount of money and resources that they will need, sir.

Governor: Thank you. Alright, if there are no further questions, we have a motion for approval of agenda item number 3.B. All those in favor, signify by saying aye. The motion passes unanimously. We will close agenda item number three.

4. Public Comment

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Governor: Agenda item number four, the second opportunity for public comment. Do you have any public comment there in Carson City?

Clerk of the Board: Yes, we do.

Nicole Lamboley: Thank you. For the record, Nicole Lamboley, President and CEO of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. We just want to, on behalf of all the neighbors that we serve in our service area, our team of partners, and our staff, thank you. I'm sure Three Square shares this. This is an incredible show of support as we try to feed our neighbors when we know that the need is high. So, we just want to express our gratitude for this partnership and the support that we've received from our state partners in this effort.

Governor: Thank you for that.

Beth Martino: Beth Martino from Three Square for the record. Thank you and I would add to that really it is just a remarkable effort on the part of the state to serve people in the greatest amount of need at this moment, and we appreciate the partnership all along the way from every level of state government. So, thank you.

Governor: Thank you.

Are there any other comments here in Las Vegas? Anyone for public comment on the phone? All right, we will close the second opportunity for public comment.

5. Adjournment (For possible action)

Governor: I move for adjournment. All those in favor, signify by saying aye. The motion passes unanimously. Thank you everybody. I appreciate your time.