

WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
March 25, 2026
Winnemucca Convention Center
50 West Winnemucca Boulevard
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

The meeting was held at the date and place described above at the time scheduled on the posted meeting notice and agenda. The attendees in-person and via remote technology and absences were as follows:

Convention and Visitors Authority Board Officials Present:

Brian Stone, in-person	Chair and Hotel Representative
Terry Boyle, via remote technology (3:24 pm)	Motel Representative
Theresa Mavity, in-person (3:33 pm)	City Representative
Melissa Munro, in-person	Business Representative
Jesse Hill, in-person	County Representative
Kent Maher, in-person	Board Counsel

Convention and Visitors Authority Board Officials Absent:

Abram Swensen	Board Administrator
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Staff Members Present:

Mike Mieras, in-person	WCVA Director
Shanna Dangel, in-person	Administrative Clerk

Staff Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Kendall Swensen, in-person	Swensen and Company
Magda Williams, in-person	Humboldt Hospital Auxiliary
Carine Schlesinger, via remote technology	Nevada Reined Cow and Cutting Horse Assn.
Krissy Burchette, in-person	Twisted Gold
Jacy Jackson, in-person	Twisted Gold
Candice Tonseth, in-person	Lowry High School
Andy Rorex, in-person	The Prehistoric Pit

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, CALL TO ORDER, ROLL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm, the board members in attendance constituted a quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. MEETING NOTICE REPORT

Chair Stone reported that the meeting notice and agenda were posted by staff prior to 9:00 am Friday March 20, 2026, at the Convention Center East Hall, the Convention Center West Hall (the place of the meeting), online at notice.nv.gov, online at winnemucca.com, and online at humboldtcountynv.gov. No persons have requested mailed notice during the past six months.

No action taken.

4. BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION

After review and consideration of the effect each item could potentially have on a "business," as the term is defined by statute, the board agreed there is no impact.

Jesse Hill moved to make a finding that no item on the agenda appears to impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or to directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business. Motion carried, 3-0.

5. CLAIMS REVIEW

The following claims were made available or submitted in list form prior to or at the meeting; there was the opportunity to review and obtain further information before or at the meeting:

<u>BANK ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Nevada State Bank	28639-28707	\$265,799.47

Chair Stone moved to approve all claims submitted for March 25, 2026. Motion carried, 2-0, Board members Stone and Hill voting aye and board member Munro abstaining.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1) Accommodation Tax 9-month refund requests as follows: Armstrong (\$1,226.04), Benedict (\$612.00), Clark (\$527.13), Dean (\$976.20), Earl (\$512.15), Kidd (\$503.00), Laca (\$762.60), McMillion (\$675.00), Palmer (\$797.40), Reed (\$408.00), and Van Meter (\$1155.25).

6.2) WCVA meeting minutes January 28, 2026 and February 18, 2026.

Chair Stone moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Item 6.1, Motion carried, 3-0 and Item 6.2, Motion carried, 2-0 Board members Stone and Hill voting aye and board member Munro abstaining.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1) Magda Williams, Humboldt Hospital Auxiliary, Humboldt Hospital Auxiliary Awards Dinner, May 19, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee grant request 3 rooms West Hall and Kitchen \$580.

Magda Williams presented the request and explained the Auxiliary will be holding their annual awards banquet in the West Hall of the Convention Center. The WCVA Board has supported this event annually for numerous years.

Jesse Hill moved to approve the Humboldt Hospital Auxiliary request for a Cooperative Funding facility fee grant to use three rooms and the kitchen at the West Hall not to exceed \$580. Motion carried 3-0.

7.2) Carine Schlesinger, Nevada Reined Cow and Cutting Horse Association, Buckaroo Breakout Cutting, May 8-10, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee grant request WEC and Pavilion \$7,200.

Carine Schlesinger presented the request for the Nevada Reined Cow and Cutting Horse Association cutting event to be held in May 2026. Schlesinger stated that she is hoping for a well-attended 2026 event that can be held in Winnemucca annually. Covid and livestock disease outbreaks have affected participation and attendance in recent years, but it is anticipated that attendance and participation will be up based on the recent response to other similar events.

Melissa Munro moved to approve the Nevada Reined Cow and Cutting Horse Association Cooperative Funding facility fee grant request for the WEC and Pavilion \$7,200. Motion carried 3-0.

7.3) Phillip Arguello, Koyote Kruisers, All Clubs Meet, April 11, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee grant request Winnemucca Events Complex Concourse \$1,200.

The Koyote Kruisers requested a facility fee grant for use of the Winnemucca Events Complex for their spring car show. This successful event has been previously supported by the WCVA and is highly attended by both the local community and out-of-town car clubs.

Jesse Hill moved to approve the Koyote Kruisers Cooperative Funding facility fee request for use of the Winnemucca Events Complex Concourse not to exceed \$1,200. Motion carried 3-0.

Board member Boyle attended the meeting by remote technology.

7.4) Candice Tonseth, Lowry High School, Lowry High School Prom, April 25, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee grant request East Hall main floor and lounge \$750.

Candice Tonseth presented the request by the Lowry High School Junior Class for a facility fee grant to assist with their 2026 prom at the East Hall of the Convention Center. This is an event that has historically been supported by the Board.

Jesse Hill moved to approve the Lowry High School request for a Cooperative Funding facility fee grant for use of the East Hall not to exceed \$750. Motion carried 4-0.

7.5) Krissy Burchette, Twisted Gold, Twisted Gold Tattoo Convention, March 27-29, 2026, Cooperative Funding grant request \$2,500

Krissy Burchette and Jacy Jackson presented the request for the Twisted Gold Tattoo Convention. This second-year event was widely participated in during 2025 with participants and attendees from surrounding areas and states. The event has changed venues for 2026 and hopes for increased attendance in the larger facility. With the growth of the event the organization hopes to create a scholarship program in the future.

Jesse Hill moved to approve the Twisted Gold request for a Cooperative Funding grant for \$2,500. Motion carried 3-0, with board member Boyle not voting because the remote connection temporarily disconnected.

7.6) Director Mieras, reclassify certain positions from the Administrative Clerk series to Facility and Events Coordinator

Director Mieras explained that the WCVA administrative clerk position will be reclassified to more closely align the job classification with the job function as the coordinator for use of the facility and for scheduling events. The reclassification will also address the need for a supervisor on site when the Director is out of the office or unavailable. The reclassified position will be salaried-exempt.

Administration report only; **No action taken.**

Board member Theresa Mavity attended the meeting in-person.

7.7) Director Mieras, proposal to hire a part-time facility attendant during the extended leave period for a current full-time facility attendant.

Director Mieras advised that a current facility attendant will be taking medical leave in June which will result in the facility being short staffed. Mieras explained that hiring a temporary part-time attendant will allow a person to be trained as a replacement to assist during the staffing shortage. The individual will work less than 32 hours weekly and it will be primarily on the weekends.

Chair Stone moved to approve the request for the hiring of a temporary part-time facility attendant. Motion carried 5-0.

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8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mieras reported that both the Convention Center and the Events Complex have been busy. The Muleys Banquet at the WEC was extremely successful. At the Convention Center Lithium Americas has booked meetings for five days a week for the remainder of 2026.

Director Mieras reported that the kitchens at both the WCVA East Hall and West Hall facilities and the WEC facility have outdated equipment which is need of replacement. There is also equipment that is out of service that needs to be disposed of properly. The Board acknowledged that the kitchen equipment is in need of replacement and updating. Mieras said he will begin the process for equipment replacement as needed.

Mieras reported that the organizers from the NIAA wrestling tournament in February 2026 had reached out to him stating that they had a successful event and appreciated the welcome they received from the community. The organizers apologized for the negative social media posting.

9. COUNSEL REPORT

No report.

10. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR FINANCIAL REPORTS

10.1) Financial Reports – Former Board Administrator Swensen appeared on behalf of absent Administrator Abram Swensen and reported that both the Local Government Investment Pool and the WCVA Investment Account are showing strong returns. Room tax revenue continues to be above the 2025 collection levels Terry Boyle noted that based on the reported numbers the room tax revenue should continue to outpace the prior year for the rest of this fiscal year.

11. OTHER REPORTS

Theresa Mavity reported that the West Hall public address sound system seems to be having problems based on her observation at an event earlier today. Mavity inquired about the status of the East Hall exterior update project. Director Mieras advised he will look into both matters.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Rorex commented on behalf of himself and his spouse as the owners of The Prehistoric Pit Food Truck and Catering that the condition of the kitchens at both the WCVA and WEC venues have experienced equipment failures resulting in food not being served in a timely manner which affects the reputation of his business. Rorex said it is important that food vendors at the facilities have reliable equipment to work with.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Jesse Hill moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 pm. Motion carried, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Dangel
Administrative Clerk

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APPROVED: March 25, 2026

VOTE: WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY BOARD

AYES: Stone, Boyle, Mavity, Hill, Munro

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Brian Stone, Chair



Shanna Dangel, Administrative Clerk