

WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
May 20, 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	Motel Representative
Theresa Mavity, in-person	City Representative
Jesse Hill, in-person	County Representative
Melissa Munro, via remote technology	Business Representative
Abram Swensen, in-person	Board Administrator
Kent Maher, in-person	Board Counsel

Convention and Visitors Authority Board Officials Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

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

Staff Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Terry Haygood, in person	Winnemucca Community Garden
Natalie Betschart, in person	Winnemucca Basque Club
Randy Betschart, in person	Winnemucca Basque Club
Paige Brooks, in person	Winnemucca Basque Club
Nathan Green, in person	Winnemucca Boys & Girls Club
Gene Hunt, in person	Winnemucca Main Street
Laurel Wachtel, in person	Nevada Quarter Horse Association

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 May 15, 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.

Theresa Mavity 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, 4-0 (Stone, Boyle, Mavity, Hill).

5. CLAIMS REVIEW

The following claims were submitted in list form to the board members with the meeting notice and agenda; 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	28779-28827	\$185,624.01

Chair Stone moved to approve all claims submitted for May 20, 2026. Motion carried, 5-0.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1) Accommodation Tax 9-month refund requests as follows: Basurto (\$980), Cruz (\$601.15), Dean (\$872), Garcia (\$680), Morrison (\$1131.64), Motter (\$1595.89), Rice (\$665.50), Ross (\$1.230), Spencer (\$1,154), Tomei (\$378), and Van Meter (\$1,089).

Theresa Mavity moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried, 5-0.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1) Natalie Betschart, Euskaldunak Danak Bat, 46th Annual Winnemucca Basque Festival, June 13-14, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee request West Hall (all) \$2,000, Cooperative Funding facility fee request additional items (linen, marquee, etc.) \$500.

Natalie Betschart, Randy Betschart, and Paige Brooks presented the request for the Basque Club. This annual event plans to utilize the West Hall this year but also wants to use the lounge in the East Hall which was not included in the request. Chair Stone explained that the WCVA Board does not customarily cover the charges for ancillary items (linens, etc.). Brooks withdrew the request for the additional items funding. The Cooperative Funding facility fee grant for use of the East Hall lounge is not on the agenda and the organization will need to schedule the request for the next board meeting.

Jesse Hill moved to approve the Cooperative Funding facility fee request for use of the West Hall not to exceed \$2,000. Motion carried. 5-0.

7.2) Nathan Green, Boys and Girls Club of Winnemucca, Giving on the Green, June 20-21, 2026, Cooperative Funding grant request \$8,000.

Nathan Green for the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) requested the funding for The Giving on the Green annual golf tournament fundraiser which will be held again in June and is expected to have attendees from Winnemucca and the surrounding areas who will utilize the local hotels and restaurants during their stay. Funds raised at the event support BGC after-school programs.

Terry Boyle moved to approve the \$8,000 Cooperative Funding grant request to the Boys and Girls Club for the Giving on the Green golf tournament fundraiser. Motion carried 5-0.

7.3) Michelle Miller, Winnemucca Main Street, Cooperative Funding grant request \$20,000.

Gene Hunt and Terry Haygood on behalf of Winnemucca Main Street reported on the success of the Winnemucca Community Garden and the additional projects that Main Street has promoted. Hunt

has used fundraisers to assist with raising revenue to cover costs. Haygood stated that other than the chili cook-off they find it challenging to find dates for fundraising that do not conflict with other fundraisers. Hunt noted that for Winnemucca Main Street to be part of the National Main Street organization they need to have an executive director on the payroll. Mavity stated the dollar amount the group is requesting is too steep and that she could support the organization but with a lesser amount, possibly matching funds with the \$5,000 the group received from the City of Winnemucca.. Terry Boyle stated that he is all for supporting the organization regardless of cost. Jesse Hill questioned if the organization would eventually be self-sufficient. Hunt stated that Winnemucca Main Street will continue to apply for grants in the future.

Theresa Mavity moved to approve a Cooperative Funding grant for \$5,000 for Winnemucca Main Street. Motion carried 4-0, with Board members Stone, Boyle, Mavity and Hill voting aye and Board member Munro abstaining.

7.4) Jacklyn Orr/Michelle Hammond-Allen, Nevada 95-80 RDA, Winnemucca Murals & Music 2026, May 28-30, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee request, East Hall (main floor/lounge) not to exceed \$3,000.

This item was tabled.

7.5 Public hearing – consideration of the WCVA FY 2026/27 tentative budget and adjustments to the budget and request for approval of the tentative budget, as adjusted, if any adjustments are made, as the WCVA FY 2026/27 final budget, and authorization for submission of the final budget to the State.

Board Administrator Swensen noted there were no significant changes or adjustments to the FY 2026/27 tentative budget which the board reviewed and authorized for submittal to the state earlier this year and explained the revenue and expenditure figures and projections.

Chair Stone called for public comment. There were no comments from the public concerning the budget. There were no comments from the board.

Chair Stone moved to approve the WCVA FY 2026/27 tentative budget as the WCVA FY 2026/27 final budget, and to authorize submission of the final budget to the state. Motion carried 4-0.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mieras reported: (i) on the progress of the kitchen remodel proposed for the East Hall and West Hall, explaining that a consultant inspected the equipment and a quote for replacement of the equipment is coming; (ii) the ceiling in the East Hall needs to be tested for asbestos, the charge for the testing will be approximately \$2,000; (iii) Food Truck Thursday will be holding its second event with the Koyote Kruisers this week; (iv) receipt of an appreciation letter after a cutting event at the Event Center from the VanNorman family regarding the exceptional facilities provided at the Fairgrounds; (v) Wi-Fi availability issues should be resolved in the next couple of weeks with the WCVA being fully integrated into the County system; (vi) the video board at the WEC needs to be replaced with a more user-friendly component; and, (vii) the World Circus and an AMA Arena Cross event hopefully will be coming to Winnemucca in the future.

Theresa Mavity inquired about staffing at the WEC and WCVA. Director Mieras stated that all positions are fully staffed but that he is considering an additional full-time employee at the WCVA in the future.

9. COUNSEL REPORT

Board Counsel Maher reported that the WCVA received a request from an organization to change portions of the indemnification clause in the WCVA standard facilities use agreement, apparently with the intent of seeking more favorable terms for the user. The request was denied as not in the best interest of the WCVA.

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The new room tax ordinances for the city and county go into effect on July 1, 2026. The due date for payment of the collected tax will be the 15th of the month following collection (instead of the 25th), and payment may be made by various means, including credit card and electronic funds transfer.

10. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR FINANCIAL REPORTS

10.1) Board Administrator Swensen noted that the Local Government Investment Pool continues to outperform the investment account. The transfer of funds to the LGIP will be implemented once the process is verified.

The room tax spreadsheet reports are still being updated to reflect the corrections for data that was not accurately reported in the past.

11. OTHER REPORTS

The WCVA Board discussed the funding application process and the need to change some of the parameters involved in authorizing funding requests and update the application forms.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Theresa Mavity moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 pm. Motion carried, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Dangel
Administrative Clerk

APPROVED: June 17, 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