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THE COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY (CFS)

Date: May 13, 2025

(Draft) Meeting Minutes

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

Type of meeting: Special Session meeting

Attendance:

Members present:

- Allison Herzik
- Amber Torres
- Jeff Duncan
- Kelly Cantrelle
- Dr. Pamela Juniel
- Dr. Sabina Malik
- Jill Moe
- Lisa Swearingen
- Marcia Blake
- Tori Lawson-Boffelli
- Vickie Ives

Members absent:

- Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
- Dr. Julian Goicoechea (Brittany Mally or Patricia Hoppe proxy)
- Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi

1. Call to Order:

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:05PM

Name of the presiding officer: Allison Herzik

2. Public Comment:

First Public Comment Period:

Allison Herzik opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made; therefore, it was closed.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve March 11 Meeting Minutes

Chair Herzik opened discussion on the March 11th meeting minutes. Chair Herzik accepted the motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. Marcia Blake provided a first motion to accept the meeting minutes. Dr. Pamela Juniel seconded the motion. Motion approved.

4. Discussion and possible action for 2025 State Legislative Session – Chair Allison Herzik

Chair Herzik said to expect assembly or Senate bills to move and be heard by the Senate Finance Committee as well as Ways and Means. The floor was opened for an opportunity to present any questions about bills that are expected to be reviewed.

AB 80: It is with the Ways and Means Committee but has not been scheduled for a hearing yet.

AB 108: The Ways and Means Committee has heard this bill, but it has not been voted on and it doesn't seem to have an exemption to deadlines.

AB 116: The food delivery service platforms passed through Senate Commerce and Labor and is expected to go to the Senate floor unless it gets referred to the Finance Committee.

AB 352: Ways and Means Committee currently is in possession of this bill

AB 333: Senate Commerce and Labor heard this bill on May 13, 2025, and we are expecting to hear votes from the committee by Friday May 16, 2025.

AB 246: No scheduled hearing yet with Ways and Means.

AB 268: It has not been voted out of the Ways and Means Committee, but it does have a waiver and is exempt from deadlines.

AB 251: Ways and Means Committee is in possession of this bill

AB 458: Senate Growth and Infrastructure has heard this bill but has not been voted out of the committee and does not have an exemption so a decision will need to be made by Friday.

AB 479: Agrivoltaics bill is expected to be heard May 14, 2025.

AB 406: School and Community Wellness was heard by the Senate Education Committee and has not been voted out and must be decided on by Friday May 16.

AB 405: The food insecurity bill from Assembly Member Flanagan is in the possession of the Ways and Means Committee.

Dr. Sabina Malik mentioned more pieces of information for AB 345 and other bills. Assembly Member Erica Mosca's bill strives to have food security for college students along with some financial planning. AB 171

passed through quickly. Doctor Sabina Malik stated that the initial intent for AB 405 was to have someone from the Nevada Department of Agriculture establish and guide people on how to grow urban farms. If this were to become established, a salary would be necessary. Assembly Member Flanagan is attempting to gather a task force or a committee with the support of the Governor's Council of Food Security or Southern Nevada Food Council to identify usable vacant lots that would be used for food programs. The committee will analyze information about food security. In addition to these vacant lots, high priority areas such as urban farms, community gardens, etc. can be identified using the food insecurity maps. Statewide plans would include one in the Northern and Southern regions.

AB 171: Both the governor and the director have signed this bill.

Chair Allison Herzik began to list and provide updates regarding Senate Bills.

SB 21: This outdoor recreation bill was heard but has not moved.

SB 78: Boards and Commissions received this bill and passed it onto Finance but no updates at this time. Marcia Blake did clarify that as of May 1st, this bill was rejected by the Joint Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means Committee. The idea of 55 new positions and cost of maintaining those positions would amount to \$11 million, which is a deterrent since funding is being cut everywhere.

SB 104: The Finance Committee heard this bill which touched on maintenance of school gardens. An exemption on its due date was placed on this bill.

SB 233: Finance Committee has this bill but currently no updates from Senator Donate.

SB 282: Majority Leader Cannizzaro's bill discusses the grocery store initiative and currently sits with the Finance Committee; it has a \$10 million appropriation. The bill was amended to include the Office of Food Security to assist in making recommendations or overseeing funding.

SB 169: Prohibits a third-party restaurant reservation/ service platform provider from engaging in certain activities. Senate has passed this bill and will be heard by the Assembly Congress of Labor on May 7th.

Sarah Rogers added that SB 233 puts the Council on Food Security in charge of the Home Feeds Nevada study as well as a fiscal component in the bill. Dr. Sabina Malik informed that there is a Sign On letter for farmers and community members to express continued support for funding the program. Doctor Sabina Malik believed SB 82 was important as it streamlines SNAP and WIC applications but did not make the deadline. SB 55 on agritourism died. AB 474 supplements the food supply that is available for certain populations, is currently in Ways and Means.

5. Public Comment:

Second Public Comment Period:

Jeff Duncan announced that he will be leaving effective June 6th as he has accepted a new position outside of the state. His resignation has been officially submitted as well as submitting a recommendation of Lori Lutu, who is a part of the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division. He will begin work with the Nevada food bank, Three Square, in July. Chair Herzik expressed her gratitude and excitement for Jeff. Dr. Pamela Juniel wished Jeff Duncan the best and mentioned the honor it was to work together in the committee.

6. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Chair Herzik. First by Jeff Duncan and second by Marcia Blake.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 PM.

Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting:

Date: July 15, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: 4150 Technology Way Carson City, NV 89706

Meeting agenda and packet (posted online and at physical locations in accordance with Open Meeting Law).

*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)*.

Attachments:

THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY (CFS) SPECIAL SESSION

Date: May 13, 2025

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Exhibit A: Others present that signed in via meeting chat.

Sarah Rogers, DPBH

Autumn Blattman, Washoe Regional Coordinator, Aging and Disability Services Division

Cori Stauffer, DPBH

Tammera Brower, DPBH

Lori Lutu, Clark Regional Coordinator, Aging & Disability Services Division

Oscar Fernandez, DPBH

Allison Gonzalez, DPBH

Bjorn Blomquist, DPBH

Darlene Douthitt, DPBH

Roxana Cambara-Glowski, DPBH

Dillon Winkelman, DPBH

Rory Fuller, DPBH

Emily Sanchez, DPBH

Taliman Afroz, DPBH

Alexis Hogan, DPBH

John Welch, DPBH