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## THE NEVADA COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY (CFS)

### MEETING AGENDA

Date: February 11, 2025

(Draft) Meeting Minutes

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

Type of meeting: Special Session

#### Attendance:

##### **Members present:**

- Allison Genco
- Dr. Julian Goicoechea
- Dr. Sabina Malik
- Dr. Pamela Juniel
- Jeff Duncan
- Jill Moe
- Lisa Swearingen
- Marcia (Marsha) Blake
- Maria Menjivar
- Sara Ramirez
- Tori Lawson-Boffeli
- Vickie Ives

##### **Members absent:**

- Dr. Dorian Stonebarger
- Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi
- Kelly Cantrelle

##### **Others present:**

Michelle Harden

Sarah Rogers

Amber Hise

Anais Infante

Rory Fuller  
Theresa Reyome  
Lori Taylor

1. [Call to Order:](#)

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:09PM

Name of the presiding officer: Allison Genco

2. [Public Comment:](#)

**First Public Comment Period:**

Allison Genco opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were made via Microsoft Teams or by phone. The public comment period was closed.

3. [Discussion and Possible Action for the 2025 State Legislative Session](#)

The Council discussed several bills for the 2025 State Legislative Session, as listed and described below.

**Assembly Bill (AB)**

- [AB53](#) **Education**, provisions relating to outdoor recreational education (school gardens)
- [AB75](#) **Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board**, changing grant funding by proposing funding for the first quarter and then reimbursing through the rest of the year.
- [AB80](#) **Natural Resources**, healthy soil initiative
- [AB85](#) **Natural Resources**, keeping track of invertebrate populations (bees and butterflies)
- [AB108](#) **Ways and Means**: Appropriation to outdoor education and recreation grant program.
- [AB116](#) **Commerce and Labor** concerning food delivery service platforms.
- [AB325](#) **Committee on Health and Human Services** revises provisions related to businesses.
- [AB333](#) **Committee on Government Affairs** revises provisions related to governmental administration.
- [AB246](#) **Committee on the Judiciary** revises provisions relating to offenders.
- [AB268](#) **Committee on Way and Means**, makes and appropriation on the

State Department of Agriculture for universal free breakfast and lunch for Nevada pupils.

- [AB251](#) **Committee on Natural Resources** revises provisions related to the inspection of meat and poultry.

#### **Senate Bill (SB)**

- [SB21](#) **Natural Resources** revised the outdoor recreation membership.
- [SB55](#) **Agricultural Tourism**
- [SB78](#) **Department of Business and Industry**, formation of a new office to oversee boards and commissions where 58 boards were impacted, including the removal of the Council on Aging and its combination with Alzheimer's disease.
- [SB104](#) **Finance**, appropriation to other state education program for the maintenance of school gardens
- [SB184](#) **Health and Human Services**: Restricting latex materials.
- [SB233](#) **Committee on Natural Resources** revises provisions related to agriculture.
- [SB282](#) **Committee on Government Affairs** provisions relating to food security.
- [SB169](#) **Committee on Commerce and Labor** prohibits third-party restaurant reservation service platform providers from engaging in certain activities.

#### **Bill Draft Request (BDR)**

- **BDR58-228** Revises the provisions governing energy consumption.
- **BDR32-426** Revises the provisions related to agrivoltaics.
- **BDR34-674** Revises provisions related to school and community wellness.
- **BDR16-686 (AB246)** revises provisions related to offenders' rights. Food served in Nevada prisons.
- **BDR50-911** Revises the provisions related to food insecurity.

The Council made the following comments.

Vickie Ives brought up Senate Bill 78 regarding the boards and formation of a new office to oversee boards and commissions, along with the proposed changes to membership. Chair Genco informed the council that the Governor's Office staff is leaning towards changes being

made and potentially advisory councils being carved out, removing the Council on Food Security changes from the bill. Dr. Goicoechea elaborated on SB 78 and how it will impact 58 boards, then an amendment would follow up and remove those that are no longer needed. AB 116 and SB 184 were brought up by Jeff Duncan, as he believed they pertained to food safety.

Dr. Sabina Malik touched on the concern of bills regarding Community Gardens: supporting school gardens. If only one organization is funded, all stipulations apply only to that organization. There are a few in Nevada that support school gardens, but Dr. Malik requested to speak to legislators to see if an application could be submitted for multiple school garden-supporting organizations. Dr. Goicoechea had a chance to speak with Senator Pazina, Pazina explained that SB 104 will be open to all non-profits as well as a proposed amendment that would not have to weigh in and participate that way its open to more than just one group. Chair Genco checked in with Dr. Goicoechea for status on the bill on meat and poultry, he informed that this bill would allow for mobile processing facilities (i.e. the trailer of Cooperative Extension) to also expect inspections by Department of Agriculture. Those excluded from the statute could not be included in the regulatory process of the study. This places them in the same category as brick-and-mortar stores.

During the discussions on legislative days, Dr. Malik provided an update that Hunger Action Day was canceled. Marcia is set to attend Non-Profit Day at the legislature on March 19, 2025, and is currently waiting to hear confirmation on dates for Alzheimer's Day and Older American's Day in April.

Dr. Goicoechea stated that he hoped Bill 171, the Emergency Egg Bill, would be released by the morning of February 12, 2025. The legislature hopes to get eggs back on the shelves in an affordable way. The rest of the bills need language, and they have not been approached or asked to weigh in yet. He will update Chair Genco once there is a language available. Chair Genco hopes to arrange bi-weekly updates with the council. Dr. Goicoechea also shared the following information in a TEAMS chat.

Title 54, Occupational and Licensing Boards

1. The Nevada State Board of Accountancy
2. Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors

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3. The Board of Applied Behavioral Analysis
4. The State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design
5. The Board of Athletic Trainers
6. The State Barbers Health and Sanitation Board
7. Certified Court Reporters Board of Nevada
8. Chiropractic Physicians Board of Nevada
9. The Commission on Construction Education
10. The State Contractors Board
11. The State Board of Cosmetology
12. The Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada
13. The Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy
14. The Board of Dispensing Opticians
15. The Board of Environmental Health Specialist
16. The Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board
17. The Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners
18. The State Board of Landscape Architecture
19. The Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapist and Clinical Professional Counselors
20. The Board of Massage Therapy
21. The Board of Medical Examiners
22. The State Board of Nursing
23. The Advisory Committee on Nursing Assistants and medication Aides
24. The Board of Occupational Therapy
25. The Nevada State Board of Optometry
26. The State Board of Oriental Medicine
27. The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
28. The State Board of Pharmacy
29. The Nevada Physical Therapy Board
30. The State Board of Podiatry
31. The Commission on Postsecondary Education
32. The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
33. The Board of Psychological Examiners
34. Private Investigator's Licensing Board

- 35. The Board of Examiners for Social Workers
- 36. Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board
- 37. The Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Jill Moe requested an update relating to Home Feeds Nevada Bill and the Emergency Food Plan. She hopes the council will revisit this as there are many changes relating to food prices, impacts on the farm workforce, and potential impact on SNAP benefits. Vickie S. Ives responded and informed DEM was contacted and how they were interested in bringing information and discussions focusing on food security needs and functional needs population. Sarah Rogers and Vickie will try to arrange.

Dr. Malik clarified the process for speaking with legislators with Chair Genco. Requests would be sent through Chair Genco, who could arrange to set up meetings.

Chair Genco closed out agenda item 3 for discussion.

#### 4. Public Comment:

##### Second Public Comment Period:

Sarah Rogers provided an update to the Council on DPBH process in sending calendar invites and encouraged the public to reach out to update their information for the listserv as needed.

#### 5. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Allison Genco. Motion moved by Jeff Duncan; motion seconded by Marcia Blake

The motion was carried out unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 PM on that day.

#### Next Meeting:

##### Special Session Meeting

Date: March 11, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams and Telephonically