

Joe Lombardo  
*Governor*

Rique Robb  
*Interim Director*



## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



Andrea R. Rivers,  
*MS*  
*Administrator*

Ihsan Azzam,  
*Ph.D., M.D.*  
*Chief Medical  
Officer*

# The Nevada Council on Food Security (CFS)

## NOVEMBER 14, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Location: Microsoft Teams and Carson City

Type of meeting: Special Session

### ATTENDANCE:

#### Council Members present:

Amber Torres  
Dr. Dorian Stonebarger  
Dr. Julian Goicoechea  
Dr. Pamela Juniel  
Jill Moe  
Marcia Blake  
Nishat Gould  
Sara Ramirez  
Tori Lawson-Boffelli  
Vickie Ives

#### Members absent:

Allison Herzik  
Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi  
Dr. Sabina Malik  
Kelly Cantrelle  
Lori Lutu  
Roberto Carrillo

#### Others Present:

Alexis Hogan, CDPHP  
Amber Hise, CDPHP  
Anais Infante, DPBH – Meeting Staff  
Anakaren Lamas, CDPHP  
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH  
Dillon Winkelman, DPBH

Donadya McCullough, CDPHP  
Jeff Duncan, Three Square  
Johnathon Welch, DPBH  
Josh Hobson, The Green House Project  
Lori Taylor, DPBH, Office of Food Security  
Michelle Harden, DPBH  
Oscar Fernandez, DPBH  
Taliman Afroz, CDPHP  
Tammera Brower, DPBH  
Taylor Moseley, DPBH  
Troy Lovick, CDPHP  
Yanyan Qiu, CDPHP  
Sarah Rogers, DPBH

**1. Call to Order:**

Time the meeting was called to order: 1:33PM

Name of the presiding officer: Proxy Chair Vickie Ives

**2. Public Comment:**

*First Public Comment Period:*

No public comment was made virtually nor in the conference room. The public comment period was closed.

**3. For Information Only: CFS chair update.**

The chair was not present; therefore, updates will be presented at the next available meeting.

**4. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding study updates, including making recommendations, establishing a subcommittee or subcommittees, and meeting frequency and dates for the SB233 Home Feeds Nevada Study and the AB405 Food Insecurity Study**

Proxy Chair Vickie Ives opened the floor for discussion.

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger expressed interest in a subcommittee. Amber Torres, Tori Lawson-Boffelli, Nishat Gould, Vickie Ives, Marcia Blake, Jeff Duncan and Dr. Pamela Juniel wish to be apart from the subcommittee.

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger started a motion to create one subcommittee for both AB405 and SB233 to complete both studies by the end of September 2026 with one update in 5 months (April 2026) to larger communities and include the mentioned Council members.

Vickie Ives moved to approve the motions and Tori Lawson-Boffelli seconded it. The motion Passed unanimously.

**5. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the food security conference work group.**

Sarah Rogers emphasized the goal of proceeding with the planning for the Northern Nevada Food Security Conference while also exploring the possibility of collaborating with the upcoming work group being established by the University of Northern Nevada, Reno, and the Department of Agriculture.

Marcia Blake mentioned that merging the conferences could lead to growth and financial advantages.

Jill Moe indicated that the Small Farms Conference Planning aims to merge with the Governor's Food Security Conference and concurred with the decision to combine the events.

Dr. Dorian Stonebarger moved to approve the motion, Dr. Pamela Juniel seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on 2026 CFS meeting dates**  
Proxy Chair Vickie Ives opened the floor for discussion.

Dr. Pamela Juniel voiced concern regarding Martin Luther Jr. King Day as it may not produce quorum.

Dr. Pamela Juniel moved to approve the motion, with understanding that flexibility is needed, and the date will be adjusted as needed by the committee or under special circumstances. Sara Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## 7. Public Comment:

### *Second Public Comment Period:*

Josh Hobson, Board of the Greenhouse Project in Carson City, expressed interest in learning more about what the state is doing to address the growing needs.

Jill Moe, Desert Farming Initiative at UNR, wanted to highlight the work that has been going on to address concerns. Two food banks have emergency food plans as well as individual counties. UNR has a working group meeting weekly to mobilize volunteers, donations, and vehicles for distribution of food.

## 8. Adjournment:

Proxy Chair Vickie Ives adjourned the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

## Next Meeting:

### Meeting:

Date: January 20, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams

## Attachments:

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)*.