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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 1001 E. 9th Street, Reno, Nevada

May 7, 2020

10:00 a.m.

No members of the public will be allowed in the BCC Chambers due to concerns for public safety resulting from the COVID-19 emergency and pursuant to the Governor of Nevada's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 1 which suspends the requirement in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate. This meeting will be held by teleconference only.

The meeting will be televised live and replayed on Washoe Channel at: <https://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/Communications/wctv-live.php> and also on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/WashoeCountyTV>.

NOTE: Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; combined with other items; removed from the agenda; moved to the agenda of another meeting; moved to or from the Consent section; or may be voted on in a block. Items with a specific time designation will not be heard prior to the stated time, but may be heard later. The Consent is a single agenda item and is considered as a block and will not be read aloud. The Board of County Commissioners may take breaks approximately every 90 minutes.

Accessibility. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for this meeting should notify the Office of the County Manager at (775) 328-2000, 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Time Limits. Public comments are welcomed during the Public Comment periods for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of three minutes per person will be heard during individually numbered items designated as "for possible action" on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Commission meeting. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business. The Board of County Commissioners conducts the business of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

Public Comment. Public comment, whether on action items or general public comment, is limited to three (3) minutes per person. No action may be taken on a matter raised under general public comment until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken.

As required by the Governor's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 2, members of the public may submit public comment by teleconference by logging into the ZOOM webinar by accessing the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89294896644>. NOTE: This option will require a computer with audio and video capabilities. Additionally, public comment can be submitted via email to washoe311@washoecounty.us or by leaving a voice message at: (775) 954-4664. Voice messages received will either be broadcast into the Commission Chamber during the meeting, or transcribed for entry into the record. The County will make reasonable efforts to include all comments received for public comment by email and voice-mail in the record. Please try to provide comments by 4:00 p.m. on May 6, 2020.

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for the Board of County Commissioners has been electronically posted at www.washoecounty.us/bcc/board_committees/ and <https://notice.nv.gov>. Pursuant to Section 3 of the Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 ("Directive 006"), the requirement in NRS that notice agendas be physically posted within the State of Nevada has been suspended.

Support documentation for the items on the agenda, provided to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners is available to members of the public at the County Manager's Office (1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. A, 2nd Floor, Reno, Nevada) Elizabeth Jourdin, Assistant to the County Manager, (775) 328-2000 and on Washoe County's website www.washoecounty.us/bcc <<http://www.washoecounty.us/bcc>>

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1. Salute to the flag.
2. Roll call.
3. Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.
4. Commissioners'/County Manager's announcements, reports and updates to include boards and commissions updates, requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)
5. Discussion and possible reconsideration, based on new developments in available medications for the treatment of COVID-19, of April 18, 2020, direction to the Washoe County District Attorney's Office to file an amicus (or similar) legal brief on behalf of the county in support of the Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association's (NOMA) and Dr. Bruce Fong's legal challenge to the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy's (BOP) March 23, 2020, emergency regulation banning chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine prescriptions for the treatment of COVID-19 except in cases of hospitalization. An amicus brief is a document submitted by a non-party to a lawsuit that is intended to outline legal arguments and authorities for the benefit of the Court in ruling on the legal issues involved. NOMA presented its challenge by letter to the BOP on April 9, 2020, asking it to pass upon the validity of the regulation pursuant to NRS 233B.110 and asserting its invalidity on various statutory and constitutional grounds. NOMA's challenge seeks to allow licensed healthcare providers to prescribe these medications to treat people with COVID-19 regardless of hospitalization. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

Attachments: [Reconsideration staff report re authorization to file amicus brief on pharmacy regulation](#)

6. Recommendation to authorize the filing of an appeal to the Supreme Court of a Court of Appeals decision in Ross v. Washoe County, No. 78618-COA. The Court of Appeals found that injuries sustained by an employee three days prior to a conference may be a work related injury, vacated the decision of a hearing officer and remanded for further fact-finding. In the alternative, the Board can take action to authorize the filing of a petition for re-hearing by the Court of Appeals, take no action, which would return the case to the hearing officer for further review, or take other action deemed appropriate by the Board.
7. Update on Washoe County's COVID-19 Road to Recovery – Presentation, update, and discussion on the County's response to COVID 19, and the Governor's Roadmap to Recovery, and possible action or direction to staff on proceeding into Phase 1 of the Recovery, led by County Manager Eric Brown and County Commissioner Vaughn Hartung. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.
8. Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County and/or Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220. If necessary, staff recommends "Motion to recess for a closed labor session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County / Truckee Meadows management representatives pursuant to NRS 288.220." At the conclusion of the closed session the meeting will then be adjourned. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
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Adjournment

Various boards/commissions the Washoe County Commissioners may be a member of or liaison to:

Chair Lucey

Community Homelessness Advisory Board
Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) (alternate)
Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors (NACO)
Regional Transportation Commission
Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board (alternate)
Tahoe Transportation District Board of Directors (alternate)
Tahoe Transportation Commission (alternate)
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (alternate)
Truckee River Flood Management Authority (alternate)
Washoe County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
Washoe County Investment Committee
Washoe County Legislative Liaison
Washoe County School District Capital Funding Protection Committee
Washoe County School District Oversight Panel
Washoe County Stadium Authority (alternate)
Western Regional Water Commission

Vice-Chair Berkbigler

Community Homelessness Advisory Board
EDAWN (Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada) (liaison)
Nevada Tahoe Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Tahoe Prosperity Center Board of Directors
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
Tahoe Transportation District Board of Directors
Tahoe Transportation Commission
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board (alternate)
Truckee River Flood Management Authority (alternate)
Washoe County District Board of Health
Washoe County Stadium Authority (alternate)

Commissioner Jung

Nevada Works (alternate)
Statewide Partnership on Opioid Crisis
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board (alternate)
Truckee River Flood Management Authority (alternate)
Washoe County Animal Services Board
Washoe County Legislative Liaison
Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission
Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board Liaison
Washoe County Stadium Authority

Commissioner Hartung

Community Homelessness Advisory Board (alternate)
Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors
Regional Transportation Commission
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board
Truckee River Flood Management Authority
Washoe County Internal Audit Committee (alternate)
Washoe County Investment Committee
Washoe County Stadium Authority
Western Regional Water Commission

Commissioner Herman

Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors (alternate)
NevadaWorks
State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC)
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board
Truckee River Flood Management Authority
Verdi Television District (Liaison)
Vya Conservation District
Washoe County Debt Management Commission
Washoe County Internal Audit Committee
Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board Liaison (alternate)
Washoe County School District Capital Funding Protection Committee
Washoe County School District Oversight Panel
Washoe County Stadium Authority (alternate)
Washoe-Storey Conservation District
Western Nevada Development District
Western Regional Water Commission