

Special Note: The following are minutes that summarize the Regional Business Development Advisory Council meeting held on August 11, 2022, and not a transcript of the meeting.

## **MINUTES**

### **REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**May 11, 2023 9:00 A.M.**

**Meeting held via Microsoft Teams**

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#### **Members Present:**

Regional Transportation Commission - Tonita Brown –Chair  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Chelsea Meggerson – Vice Chair  
Las Vegas Valley Water District - Jim Haining - Secretary  
City of Henderson - Brenda West  
City of Las Vegas – Tonya Kemble, Niki Gomoluh  
City of North Las Vegas – Marie Leake  
Clark County Regional Flood Control District -Carol Trujillo  
Clark County School District - Steve Skaggs, Michael Thrower  
Clark County Water Reclamation District - Tom Maino  
College of Southern Nevada – Paula Gonzales  
Harry Reid International Airport – David Eclips  
Henderson Library District – Viveca Grinstead  
Las Vegas-Clark County Library District - Cherrie DeLaney  
Nevada Department of Transportation – Amanda Alexander, Julie Boyster  
Southern Nevada Health District - Gabi Montaldo, Diane Haddix  
Southern Nevada Water Authority - Chetan Champaneri  
University Medical Center of Southern Nevada – Emelia Allen  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Andrew Smith

#### **Members Absent:**

Clark County  
Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority  
Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority

#### **Guests:**

Laura Jane Spina  
Dawn Barnes – RGD Construction

**I. Call to Order**

Tonita Brown called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**II. Introductions**

Roll Call

**III. Public Comments**

None.

**IV. Approval of February 9, 2023 Minutes**

February 9, 2023 minutes approval. Motion by Michael Thrower, second by Chelsea Meggerson. Passed unanimously.

**V. Updates**

**a. Communications**

None

**b. Legislative**

There are 2 bills in the legislature that may impact RBDAC members if passed.

SB185 – Senator Neal. Creating Business Opportunity Outreach Unit within State Purchasing Division

SB272 - Senator Spearman. LGBTQ+ classification and reporting

**c. Committed to Our Business Community (CTOBC)**

Scheduled for September 19, 2023 at LVCVA.

Tables will not be assigned

Discussed sponsorships, donations and other needs. LJ Spina & Dawn Barnes are helping as business owners

Tonita to provide a list of items needed

- Signage
- Sponsorship for food & drinks, must use Centerplate as concessionaire
- Digital Flyer
- Promotional items, goody bag

**d. Nevada Government eMarketplace (NGEM)**

- As of 5/11/2023, there are 21,911 registered suppliers.
- Las Vegas Users Conference will be November 28-29, 2023 at LVVWD
- Ionwave changed their name to Euna Solutions
- Jim added LGBTQ+ as a supplier classification in NGEM

**e. Topics to be addressed at future meetings**

- Begin to discuss the implementation of supplier diversity programs within our individual entities.
- Need to develop a communication/presentation/report to help paint the picture of the challenges and landscape of the diverse supplier community and what the entities are experiencing in our attempts to find diverse suppliers to participate in our

purchasing/contracting efforts. To prepare for this, a committee of RBDAC members from the following entities will begin to meet to discuss this topic. Jim Haining will coordinate the meeting.

- City of Las Vegas
- City of Henderson
- City of North Las Vegas
- Clark County
- Clark County School District
- Clark County Water Reclamation District
- Las Vegas Clark County Library District
- Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority
- Las Vegas Valley Water District
- Nevada Dept of Transportation
- Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
- Southern Nevada Health District
- University Medical Center of Southern Nevada

**VI. Informational Items**

Public Announcements - None

**VII. Public Comments**

LJ Spina spoke about CTOBC event and requested participation and donations. Will be sending a list of requests to Jim and Tonita to distribute to RBDAC members.

**VIII. Next Meeting Date**

August 10, 2023 via Microsoft teams meeting.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 am.