Draft Minutes
Nevada State Emergency Response Commission
June 23, 2026
1 pm.
Location:
Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
107 Jacobsen Way, Carson City, Nevada
And Via TEAMS

1. Call to order

Chair Richard Brenner called the meeting to order at approximately 1:01 p.m.

2. Roll call

Kelly Hutter called the roll and confirmed nine members present and a quorum.

Present

David Sellen

Michael Muller

James Johnston

Kelly Thomas

Tappan Cornmesser

Lance Chantler

Richard Brenner

Eric Santos

Dennis Nolan

No audible response when called

Deborah Daley

Amanda Wines

Brian O'Neill

Michael Morton

Allison Herzik

3. Initial public comment

The chair invited public comments. None was offered.

4. April 15, 2026, minutes

Dennis moved to approve April 15 minutes; David Sellen seconded. There was no discussion or opposition. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Commission and committee membership

Kelly Hutter identified Adam Rowley, Bob Ryser, and Lawrence McNutt as new commissioners; Rowley and Ryser introduced themselves, and McNutt was not present. The chair reported Michael Morton and Deborah Daley on the Funding Committee, Susan Crowley departing, and a vacancy on the Planning and Training Committee. Interested people were asked to contact Hutter or Brenner. No motion was taken.

6. Local emergency planning committee and Tribal updates

Douglas and Eureka reported no significant activity. Elko reported a two-day radiological, decontamination, and monitoring exercise with the 92nd CST. Lander reported attendance at the Nevada Rural Training Conference, planning a fall tabletop exercise, and preparing the Tri County Hazard Mitigation Plan for public comment July 1. Storey reported an interim appointment of Tristan Wadsworth as vice chair and elections planned July 8 for vice chair and secretary. A Washoe County participant reported an airport full scale disaster and mass casualty exercise, without speaking on behalf of its LEPC. The Region 9 Tribal Wildfire Seminar was reported for July 16. Other LEPCs called had no representative response. No action was taken.

7. Nonstate agency updates

EPA, FEMA, and DHS did not provide reports. Staff reported efforts to identify a DHS contact. No action was taken.

8. State agency updates

Highway Patrol reported staff participation in lithium-ion battery training and preliminary planning for an I-80/USA Parkway incident tabletop exercise; it also participated in the airport exercise. The State Fire Marshal reported upcoming hazmat safety, leadership, officer, instructor, investigator, and hazmat technician courses. NDEP and Radiation Control had no updates. OSHA did not report; Hutter said she would follow up. Emergency Management reported delayed FY25 grant processing, FY26 funding notices, wildfire season, and planning for a Vigilant Guard homeland defense exercise. No action was taken.

9. Funding Committee and FY27 United We Stand grants

The Funding Committee reviewed the applications listed in the agenda; Hutter confirmed that identified application issues had been resolved. Dennis moved to approve the United We Stand grant applications as approved by the Funding Committee. Tappan Cornmesser seconded. There was no discussion or opposition; the motion carried unanimously.

10. Lithium-ion battery fires

Members discussed the hazard posed by commercial shipments on I-80 and USA Parkway, road closures and alternate access, nearby response capacity, EPA training, equipment, and possible future grant funding. Highway Patrol proposed a fall tabletop exercise involving regional response partners. Tappan Cornmesser agreed to serve as the point of contact, collect participants’ contact details, and convene a planning meeting. No purchase or grant allocation was approved.

11. Final public comment and adjournment

The chair invited public comment; none was offered. Tappan Cornmesser moved to adjourn; Eric Santos seconded. Members voiced approval and the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:36 p.m. [Confirm exact time and vote record against the recording.]

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