

SURG APPOINTMENTS - As of February 16, 2026

Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group Members: *The Working Group consists of the following members*

Member Name	Role	Anticipated Term End Date
Attorney General Aaron Ford	The Attorney General or his or her designee	1/1/2027
Terry Kerns*	Attorney General's designee to the Response Subcommittee	NA
Stephanie Cook	The Director of the Department of Human Services, or his or her designee from within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health	10/1/2027
Peter Handy	The Executive Director of the Department of Indigent Defense Services, or his or her designee	10/1/2027
Senator Dina Neal	One member of the Senate who is appointed by the Senate Majority Leader	1/1/2027
Senator Jeff Stone	One member of the Senate who is appointed by the Senate Minority Leader	1/1/2027
Assemblymember Heather Goulding	One member of the Assembly who is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly	1/1/2027
Assemblymember Rebecca Edgeworth	One member of the Assembly who is appointed by the Assembly Minority Leader	1/1/2027
<i>The following members are appointed by the Attorney General</i>		
Jessica Johnson	One representative of a local governmental entity that provides or oversees the provision of human services in a county whose population is 700,000 or more	1/1/2027
Stacey Lance	One representative of a local governmental entity that provides or oversees the provision of human services in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000	1/1/2027
Shayla Holmes	One representative of a local governmental entity that provides or oversees the provision of human services in a county whose population is less than 100,000	1/1/2027
Dr. Jose Maria Partida Corona	One provider of health care with expertise in medicine for the treatment of substance use disorders	1/1/2028
Christine Payson	One representative of the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association, or its successor organization	1/1/2027
Steve Shell	One advocate for persons who have substance use disorders and family members of such persons	1/1/2028
Guiseppe Mandell	One person who is in recovery from a substance use disorder	1/1/2028
John Firestone	One person who provides services relating to the treatment of substance use disorders	1/1/2028
Wendy Nelsen	One representative of a substance use disorder prevention coalition	1/1/2028

SURG APPOINTMENTS - As of February 16, 2026

Member Name	Role	Anticipated Term End Date
<i>The following members are appointed by the Attorney General</i>		
Chelsi Cheatom	One representative of a program to reduce the harm caused by substance misuse	1/1/2028
Bud Schawl	One representative of a hospital	1/1/2028
Rosa O'Bannon	One representative of a school district	1/1/2028
Rob Banghart	One member of the general public, with preference given to a person who is fluent in more than one language and resides in a household where more than one language is spoken	10/1/2027
Noël Chounet	One person who is an emergency response employee	10/1/2027
Kyra Morgan	One representative of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Human Services	10/1/2027
Nicole Hicks	One representative of the Nevada District Attorneys Association, or its successor organization	10/1/2027