

**STATE OF NEVADA ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS 100 North Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701** 

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# **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Organization:** 

Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys

Date and Time of Meeting: September 12, 2019 • 8:00 a.m.

### **Place of Meeting:**

Estate Board Room 1 Hilton Lake Las Vegas 1610 Lake Las Vegas Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89011

#### Members Present:

Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General, Chair Kyle George, First Assistant Attorney General A.J. Delap, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Jennifer Noble proxy for Chris Hicks, Washoe County District Attorney Lane Mills proxy for Art Mallory Churchill County District Attorney Steve Wolfson, Clark County District Attorney

#### **Guests Present:**

John Jones, Chief Deputy DA, Clark County Christopher Lalli, Assistant DA, Clark County Theresa Haar, Special Assistant Attorney General Ronda Holm, Attorney General's Office

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

### 2. **Public Comment.**

Public comment shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item, until scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting for possible action.

None

3. **Approval of minutes of August 14, 2019 meeting. (For possible action).** (Attachment One (1) – Minutes from August 14, 2019 Meeting).

Steve Wolfson moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 meeting and Lane Mills seconded the motion, with no opposition, the minutes were approved.

4. Introduction and Appointment of Special Assistant Attorney General, Theresa Haar, as Executive Director of the Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys. (For possible action). Pursuant to NRS 241A.060, the Council must appoint an Executive Director to carry out its policies and duties. Attorney General Ford recently appointed Ms. Haar to the position of Special Assistant Attorney General, and she will serve as Executive Director of the Council upon approval.

Jennifer Noble moved to approve the appointment of Theresa Haar as Executive Director. Steve Wolfson, seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## 5. Discussion of Mission of the Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys. (Discussion only).

AG Ford would like to discuss what the goals and roles are for this committee, so we could ascertain what we want to do with the committee moving forward. He wants this committee to be able to help people. This committee is responsible for the annual Prosecutors Conference but beyond that, there are other objectives. AG Ford shared NRS 214A.070 which state what the council shall do. First is to develop and carry out a program for training and assistance for prosecutors and conducting criminal and civil prosecutions within the State. Second requirement is that we are to coordinate the development of policies for conducting criminal and civil prosecutions in the State. We are to coordinate the development of proposed legislation for submission to the legislature and authorize the payment of expenses incurred carrying out the provisions of this chapter. With that, I AG Ford would like to entertain suggestions that would fall within these responsibilities. AG Ford would like the committee to be known to the community as a committee of prosecuting Attorneys that are looking to the future.

### Open discussion:

Steve Wolfson commended AG Ford with sincerity the way AG Ford is approaching this the way he is. He has been the Clark County District Attorney for 7 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years and this committee really has not done a lot as a committee. We have meeting preparing for the legislative session we do a number of things but have not been that active. Traditionally the CCDA has taken the lead with training aspect of the committee they put on a number of CLE's and they are always available to any of the prosecutions offices free of charge.

Theresa Haar wanted to put together a program to help attorneys that do not do a lot of litigation on a regular basis and do not have a lot of courtroom experience get training without jeopardizing their client's interest on the line.

#2 of the NRS says coordinate the development of policies for conducting criminal and civil prosecutions in this State. AG Ford would like to develop best practices for the State

in coordination with the District Attorneys Association in order to obtain what can be recommend from this committee with regards to best practices.

Discussion held regarding who is statutorily eligible to be on this committee. AG Ford recommended that at the next meeting we talk about the membership suggestions about who we want on the committee and who statutorily must be on the committee. AG Ford would like to have as many voices as possible on the committee, since we are going to try to make up model policies for the State.

# 6. **Closing Remarks.** (Discussion only).

AG Aaron Ford, thanked everyone for attending.

# 7. **Public Comment**.

Kyle George spoke to thank the committee and stated that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve on the committee and he looks forward to work with each of the members in a different capacity.

# 8. Adjournment.

AG Ford entertained a motion to adjourn and Steve Wolfson 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ronda Holm, Supervising Legal Secretary