



STATE OF NEVADA PUBLIC RECORDS TASK FORCE

MEETING MINUTES

Date:	August 5, 2026
Time:	9:00 A.M.
Locations:	Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) Buildings — hearing rooms in Carson City and Las Vegas (video-conferenced), with public viewing on YouTube and in person and telephonic public participation

MEMBERS PRESENT

Present: Josh Hicks, Ben Lipman, Brittany Walker, Colleen McCarty, Kalie Work, Leslie Nino Piro, Mitch Fox, Matt Christian, Matthew Morris, Staci Lindberg

A quorum was established.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Hicks called the meeting of the State of Nevada Public Records Task Force to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. on August 5, 2026. Roll was called; all members indicated their presence as noted above.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (OPENING)

Chair Hicks opened public comment, first in Carson City, then Las Vegas, then telephonically/online.

- Amanda Lyons explained possible loopholes and potential exploitable provisions in Nevada's public records laws, including inconsistent or vague wording.
- Kathleen Light expressed concern with delayed responses to public records requests, and incomplete, incorrect, and unrelated documents provided after a lengthy wait.
- Kevin Lyons suggested legislative changes from other states' public records law, including a five-day requirement to complete a search, and an attestation to what was searched.
- William John Connors expressed concern regarding the food quality, understaffing, and drug problems in the Ely State Prison.
- John Quintero expressed support of mediation prior to going to court.

Chair Hicks noted that written public comment received before the meeting had been distributed to all Task Force members.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A request was received for items 9 and 10 to be postponed to a future agenda. Matt Christian mentioned the presenter for item 5 may not be present due to a metro officer killed in the line of duty in Las Vegas.

MOTION: Colleen McCarty moved to approve the agenda. SECOND: Kalie Work. VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF JULY 22, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

No revisions were proposed.

MOTION: Matt Christian moved to approve the minutes. SECOND: Kalie Work. VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: PRESENTATION ADDRESSING GOVERNMENT ENTITIES' CONSIDERATIONS UNDER AB 128, SECTION 7.2(A) AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INCORPORATE PRESENTATION, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, INTO THE TASK FORCE'S WRITTEN REPORT UNDER AB 128, SECTION 7.9

John Abel, of the Las Vegas Police Protective Division, was unable to attend.

This item will be moved to a future agenda.

6. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: PRESENTATION ADDRESSING TRANSPARENCY ENTITIES' CONSIDERATIONS UNDER AB 128, SECTION 7.2(A) AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INCORPORATE PRESENTATION, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, INTO THE TASK FORCE'S WRITTEN REPORT UNDER AB 128, SECTION 7.9

Gunita Singh, Staff Attorney of Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, gave a presentation on the Nevada Public Records Act with topics including Strengths and Opportunities, along with suggestions including Administrative Review, and Body Worn Camera Footage.

Ms. Singh was available for questions and had discussion with the Board.
The Board recessed at 9:53 a.m. and reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

No action was taken.

7. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: PRESENTATION ADDRESSING GOVERNMENT ENTITIES' CONSIDERATIONS UNDER AB 128, SECTION 7.2(A) AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INCORPORATE PRESENTATION, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, INTO THE TASK FORCE'S WRITTEN REPORT UNDER AB 128, SECTION 7.9

Sarah Bradley, Chair of the State Bar Public Lawyers, made suggestions regarding personnel records and confidentiality. Suggestions and topics included adding explicit confidentiality provisions that recognize some of the common law privileges, consistency with confidentiality of personnel records, and workplace investigations a specific definition for personal identifying information, exceptions in NRS Chapter 239 and costs, third-party companies for large tasks, cost barriers to requesters, and funding for training and updating manuals.

Ms. Bradley was available for questions and had discussion with the Board.

No action was taken.

8. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: PRESENTATION ADDRESSING GOVERNMENT ENTITIES' CONSIDERATIONS UNDER AB 128, SECTION 7.2(A) AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INCORPORATE PRESENTATION, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, INTO THE TASK FORCE'S WRITTEN REPORT UNDER AB 128, SECTION 7.9

Heather Hahn, Records Manager for the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), gave a presentation on A Practitioner's Perspective on Evaluation Element Criteria for NDOT public records requests.

Ms. Hahn was available for questions and had discussion with the Board.

No action was taken.

9. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION REGARDING PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS TO NORTHERN NEVADA LAW ENFORCEMENT

This item will be moved to a future agenda.

10. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC RECORDS FEE SCHEDULES FOR VARIOUS NEVADA GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

This item will be moved to a future agenda.

11. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: EVALUATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER AB 128, SECTION 7.2(A-B) TO INCORPORATE PRESENTATION, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, INTO THE TASK FORCE'S WRITTEN REPORT UNDER AB 128, SECTION 7.9

The Board discussed potential topics and related issues to narrow down and identify issues and recommendations.

Discussion was held and feedback given on the impact of broad records requests.

The Board recessed at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

Discussion was postponed regarding exemptions to NRS Chapter 239 and a potential standardized fee schedule.

Discussion was held and feedback provided on multiple topics including: financial burden on a person that requests a record, alternative dispute resolution, statewide ombudsman, the methods for collecting and sharing data, data compilation, and a technology committee.

12. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC RECORDS FEE SCHEDULES FOR VARIOUS NEVADA GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

The Board discussed potential meeting dates in September, and September 29, 2026, was determined to be the best date, with a tentative follow-up meeting date of October 19, 2026.

Presentations for items 5, 9, and 10 will be scheduled for September 29, 2026, along with a presentation by ACLU.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chair Works asked for public comment.

Kathleen Light expressed concerns about unclear and obfuscated records, and support of her suggestion for a public ombudsman.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Leslie Nino Piro moved to adjourn. SECOND: Brittany Walker. VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:51 p.m.

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