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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Organization: Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys

Date and Time of Meeting: September 26, 2024 • 8:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Golden Nugget Las Vegas Hotel & Casino
129 E. Fremont Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Room: Grand 2

Members Present

Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General, Chair
Christopher Hicks, Washoe County District Attorney, Vice Chair
Mark Jackson, Douglas County District Attorney
Christopher Lalli (for Steve Wolfson, Clark County District Attorney)
Carly Helbert, Las Vegas Assistant City Attorney

Staff Present

Michael K. Morton, Executive Director

Guests Present

Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.**
2. **Public Comment.**
 - *No public comment was offered.*
3. **Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2024 meeting. (For possible action)**
(Attachment 1 – Draft minutes from June 18, 2024 meeting).
 - *Mr. Morton presented the minutes from the June 18, 2024 meeting to the Advisory Council. Attorney General Ford asked if any members had any additions or corrections to offer. Mark Jackson moved to the minutes. Chris Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

4. **Nominations and election of Chair of the Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys for a term ending June 30, 2025, pursuant to NRS 241A.040(2). (For possible action)**
 - *Attorney General Ford asked for nominations of members to serve as Chair of the Advisory Council for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Mark Jackson nominated Attorney General Ford. Chris Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

5. **Nominations and election of Vice Chair of the Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys for a term ending June 30, 2025, pursuant to NRS 241A.040(2). (For possible action)**
 - *Attorney General Ford asked for nominations of members to serve as Vice Chair of the Advisory Council for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Mark Jackson nominated Chris Hicks. Attorney General Ford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

6. **Chair's Report.**
 - *Attorney General Ford presented his Chair's report in writing, which included an update on the work of the Committee on Domestic Violence, the Substance Use Response Working Group, and the Nevada Sentencing Commission.*
 - *Mark Jackson stated that the Nevada Sentencing Commission had worked diligently on the Statement of Costs Avoided, and commended the Commission's Executive Director on her work on this issue.*

7. **Executive Director's Report.**
 - *Mr. Morton presented his Executive Director's report verbally, which included an update on the status of the public reporting form being created by staff of the Vulnerable Adult Fatality Review Committee.*
 - *Mr. Morton stated that a clearer budget picture would be provided in his fourth quarter report, once invoices from the 2024 Prosecutors Conference had been paid.*

8. **Discussion on Possible Legislative Matters for the 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.**
 - *Attorney General Ford presented a short description of each of his office's 16 pieces of legislation that he had submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) for drafting, noting that he would provide the Advisory Council with the bills once LCB completed its drafting process and prefiled them by the November 18th deadline.*
 - *Chris Hicks asked what types of victims would be eligible to receive compensation from the fund created by the bill that also creates a bias crime. Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chief of Staff to Attorney General Ford, stated that victims of that new bias crime, if the Legislature approved it, would be the victims eligible to receive compensation from that new fund.*
 - *Mr. Morton provided an update on the timing of when interim committee bills*

would begin to be prefiled, which would begin sometime after November 18th and January 1.

- *While a budget issue rather than a legislative policy issue, a conversation ensued related to how extradition costs have caused stress on both the budget and prosecutorial decisions being made by local offices. Chief of Staff Benitez-Thompson gave an update on the conversations that have been going on between local offices, the Attorney General's Office, and the Governor's Finance Office.*

9. **Council Comments.** (For discussion only – action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item, but matters may be scheduled on future agendas).

- *Both Mark Jackson and Carly Helbert provided remarks on how smoothly the prosecutors conference has run so far, and thanked Mr. Morton for his work on the conference.*

10. **Public Comment.**

- *No public comment was offered.*

11. **Adjournment.**

- *Attorney General Ford adjourned the meeting.*

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