

**STATE OF NEVADA  
KEEP NEVADA WORKING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**

**VOTING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead, Chair (virtual)

Margarita Salas Crespo, Vice Chair

Chris Aguiar

Alissa Cooley (virtual)

Michael Flores (virtual)

Bethany Khan (virtual)

Jennie Kim (virtual)

Alletha Muzorewa (virtual)

Vince Saavedra

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**NONVOTING PARTICIPANTS PRESENT**

Michael Cullen, Chief of Staff, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Melissa Saavedra, Program Manager, Office of Small Business Advocacy

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call to Determine Presence of a Quorum Opening**

Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead called meeting to order. Michael Cullen called roll and quorum was established.

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **III. For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes**

Lieutenant Governor Cano Burkhead asks for a motion to approve the minutes.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY VINCE SAAVEDRA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, WITH MARGARITA SALAS CRESPO SECONDING. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

### **IV. For Discussion Only: Presentation by Office of Small Business Advocacy**

Mr. Cullen provides overview of Office of Small Business Advocacy, with Director Sonny Vinuya absent.

Melissa Saavedra provides personal background, her goals for the Office of Small Business Advocacy and some of the work the Office has undertaken since its inception.

Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead thanks Mr. Cullen and Ms. Saavedra, and moves on to next agenda item.

### **V. For Discussion Only: Report from Area Experts**

Alissa Cooley offers overview on work done in the area of Supporting New American workers, and suggests a survey to gauge public response. Ms. Salas Crespo agrees a survey would be helpful, and suggests bringing in Amanda Bergson-Shilcock from the National Skills Coalition to present for a future meeting. Chris Aguiar suggests working out to other police departments about their work with immigrant communities.

In the area of Educational and workforce development, Bethany Khan reports she has been speaking with the Nevada Immigrant Coalition since the last meeting and requested the Task Force have a presence at NIC's next meeting. Mr. Saavedra reports he presented to high school students alternatives to college such as apprenticeship programs, and spoke with elected officials on how to further promote those programs. Alletha Muzorewa recommends bringing in the local workforce board and getting other agencies aligned with immigrant database to help immigrant population.

Ms. Salas Crespo spoke about Office of New Americans and said there is a challenge in several agencies having databases that are not connected, and how there could be some crossover, but also discrepancies. ONA is looking into financing a system where there is a more standard database.

Lieutenant Governor Cano Burkhead says her team will incorporate the area reports into a draft report for Task Force approval before the next meeting.

In the area of Small Business, Jennie Kim reports she identified four agencies in the state offering services to small businesses: Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center, Business and Industry, and UNR Cooperative Extension. She says there is a gap in reaching immigrant communities in languages other than English and Spanish.

## **VI. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **VII. For Possible Action: Adjournment**

**A MOTION IS MADE BY MR. SAAVEDRA TO ADJOURN, WITH MS. COOLEY  
SECONDING. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

Lieutenant Governor Cano Burkhead adjourns the meeting of the May 2, 2022, Keep Nevada Working Task Force.