

# WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

## *800 MHz Joint Operating Committee*

Vacant, Chair  
Ryan Sommers, Vice-chair  
Bryan Boren, Secretary

### ***\*\*Meeting Minutes\*\****

**Thursday, July 24, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

**Washoe County Administration Complex  
1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, 89512  
Building A, Second Floor, Caucus Room**

This meeting was held at a physical location with a teleconference option.

Committee website: [https://www.washoecounty.gov/technology/board\\_committees/800mhz\\_joc](https://www.washoecounty.gov/technology/board_committees/800mhz_joc)

### **Committee Members**

Dave Cochran, City of Reno	Nicole Lacap, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (Alternate)
Craig Franden, City of Reno (Alternate)	Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows FPD
Derek Keller, City of Sparks	Vacant, Truckee Meadows FPD (Alternate)
Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks (Alternate)	Ian Dasmann, TMWA
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard	Aaron Reyes, TMWA (Alternate)
Vacant, Nevada Air National Guard (Alternate)	Ed Atwell, UNR/NSHE
Darin Tedford, Nevada Dept. of Transportation	Jeremy Irwin, UNR/NSHE (Alternate)
Seth Daniels, Nevada Dept. of Transportation (Alternate)	David Brown, FBI
Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe FPD	Vacant, US DEA
Russ Barnum, North Lake Tahoe FPD (Alternate)	Bryan Boren, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Ray Leal, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (Alternate)
David Paulon, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (Alternate)	Jenn Felter, Washoe County
Jarrod Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Darrin Rice, Washoe County (Alternate)
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)	Vacant, Washoe County School District
Ricardo Duarte, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District (Alternate)



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### **Agenda**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM [Non-Action Item]**

Ryan Sommers, Vice Chair, assumed the role of Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and resumed approximately 10:18 a.m. once quorum was reached.

#### **Present**

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| • City of Sparks                            | Derek Keller                  |
| • Nevada Dept. of Transportation            | Seth Daniels                  |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers                  |
| • Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe                 | Don Pelt (joined ~10:17 a.m.) |
| • Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority              | Ricardo Duarte                |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District  | Chris Ketring                 |
| • Truckee Meadows Water Authority           | Ian Dasmann                   |
| • UNR                                       | Ed Atwell                     |
| • US Dept. of Veterans Affairs              | Ray Leal                      |

#### **Absent**

- City of Reno
- Nevada Air National Guard
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- US DEA (vacant)
- US FBI
- Washoe County
- Washoe County School District

Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, was in attendance.

#### **2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TEAMS/TELEPHONE [Non-Action Item].** *Wade Carner, Deputy District Attorney*

Washoe County Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner provided the instructions for providing public comment: This meeting is being held at and physical location with a teleconference option. Members of the public may submit public comment by either attending the meeting in person, attending the meeting via teleconference or attending by telephone only utilizing Meeting ID: 237

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197 671 687 3, Passcode: 9uW3ZB3a, or by telephone by dialing 775-325-0620 and entering Conference ID: 286 938 65#. To provide public comment via Teams, log into the Teams Meeting at the link on the first page of the notice of meeting and utilize the "Raise Hand" feature during any public comment period. To provide public comment via telephone only, press \*5. Press \*6 to mute/unmute.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** [Non-Action Item] – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee agenda. However, action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item. Comments are to be made to the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee as a whole.

There was no response to the call for public comment; no emails had been submitted prior to the meeting.

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** [For Possible Action] Discussion and possible action to elect Committee officers, including a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

- a. **Chair**

Ed Atwell, UNR, nominated and moved to appoint Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, as Chair; Member Sommers accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations or Committee discussions. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Vice-Chair**

Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, nominated himself for the role of Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations or Committee discussions. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Secretary**

With no further vacancies created, no action was taken on this item.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 17, 2025, MINUTES** [For Possible Action] – Committee members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.

Draft minutes were not available for the Committee to review or take action on.

6. **SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE** [Non-Action Item] – An informational update and discussion on the operational status of the 800 MHz Communication System, including an update on recent

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maintenance, system disruptions, system usage, and system repairs. *John Byerly, Washoe County Technology Services*

Tyler Gerber-Winn, Washoe County Technology Services, shared Melissa Lawney has separated from Washoe County requesting any requests be sent to [WCRCS@washoecounty.gov](mailto:WCRCS@washoecounty.gov); recruitment is underway with a September target for the position to be filled. He reviewed the [presentation](#) for this item providing the updates on the system and the available LIDS. Additional sources of interference are being actively addressed.

### SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE



- Remaining LIDS: 32
  - Pending requests to be issued
    - Storey county (60)\*
  - Issued
    - WCSO SAR- 5 (2/14)
    - City of Reno (20)
    - City of Sparks Fire (6)
    - WCSD- 4 (2/19)
    - TMFPD (20) 12/19
    - Airport-8
  - Donations
    - National Guard (8) 1/24
    - NDOT-100
  - For LID requests, please email [WCRCS@washoecounty.gov](mailto:WCRCS@washoecounty.gov), and my team will review your submission. Be sure to include an explanation of the critical need in your request. Thank you!

### SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE

- **Radio Service Interruptions**
  - BDA Interference is ramping up and team working on find source of issues. Team is actively working to clean noise floor as we wait to gain access to sites for maintenance.
  - Backhaul Maintenance caused console outages in early July. Team is working on improving backhaul routes to mitigate this issue
- **Site Maintenance is underway**
  - All generator and air conditioning preventative maintenance is complete. Site infrastructure preventative maintenance is 50% complete and on going.
- **Microwave Remediation August**
  - Microwave repair is being scheduled for mid August. Dates will be communicated once confirmed.
  - Repair of Peavine to Sparks microwave will not cause service interruptions
  - Repair of Peavine to Virginia Peak microwave will force Virginia Peak, Marble Bluff, and Fox Mountain into Stand-alone operations for the duration of the work.
- **Dispatch Interoperability Committee**
  - Carson City, Storey County, Lyon County, Douglas County in conjunction Washoe County are creating policy and procedures for law enforcement region use of the following channels:
    - PSLE 1
    - PSLE 2
      - Public Safety Law Enforcement Channels\*

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7. **800 MHz JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-Action Item] – The next meeting of the 800 MHz JOC (Joint Operating Committee) is scheduled for October 16, 2025.

- L3 Harris Representative to provide an update on radio order issues (recommended be more well-placed on the P25 Joint Operating Committee's agenda)

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** [Non-Action Item] – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee agenda. Comments are to be made to the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee as a whole.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved as written in session October 16, 2025.