

# WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

## *P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee*

Ryan Sommers, Chair  
Don Pelt, Vice Chair  
Bryan Boren, Secretary

**\*\*Draft Meeting Minutes\*\***

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

**This meeting was scheduled to begin directly after the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee meeting but not earlier than 10:15 a.m.**

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

This meeting was held at the physical location listed above 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	Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows FPD
Craig Franden, City of Reno (Alternate)	Vacant, Truckee Meadows FPD (Alternate)
Derek Keller, City of Sparks	Ian Dasmann, TMWA
Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks (Alternate)	Aaron Reyes, TMWA (Alternate)
David Almada, Nevada Air National Guard	Ed Atwell, UNR/NSHE
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard (Alternate)	Jeremy Irwin, UNR/NSHE (Alternate)
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)	Vacant, Washoe County
Jarrod Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Vacant, Washoe County (Alternate)
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)	Tracy Moore, Washoe County School District
Ricardo Duarte, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District (Alternate)
Nicole Lecap, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (Alternate)	



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### **Agenda**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 11:11 a.m.

#### **Present**

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| • City of Sparks                            | Connie Shepperd |
| • Nevada Air National Guard                 | David Almada    |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers    |
| • Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe                 | Don Pelt        |
| • Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority              | Ricardo Duarte  |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District  | Chris Ketring   |
| • Truckee Meadows Water Authority           | Aaron Reyes     |
| • UNR                                       | Ed Atwell       |
| • US Department of Veterans Affairs         | Bryan Boren     |
| • Washoe County School District             | Mark Mathers    |

#### **Absent**

- City of Reno
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- US DEA (vacant)
- Washoe County (vacant)

Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Gustafson, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, was in attendance.

#### **2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TEAMS/TELEPHONE**

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No emails were submitted prior to the meeting.

Don Pelt inquired about an addendum bill received by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe backdated to July. Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Gustafson indicated that since no discussion will take place, an informational answer could be provided. Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, offered to discuss the matter with Mr. Pelt after the meeting. Sarah DeLozier, Washoe County Technology Services, said she tried to allocate new charges to the correct place. She noted she sent several months' worth of invoices for addendum charges. She tried to reflect the purpose for each agencies' funds in SAP. She encouraged members to reach out to her with any questions they had.

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#### **4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, moved that Ryan Sommers be appointed as Chair of the P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee, Don Pelt be appointed as Vice Chair of the P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee, and Bryan Boren be appointed as the Secretary of the P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee. Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks, provided the second. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried on a 10-0 vote.

Mr. Atwell inquired about the process to fill a vacant seat on the Committee since it did not appear as an agenda item. Noting that a special meeting of the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee will be scheduled to take place in the next few weeks, Chair Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, proposed adjourning that meeting when it happens and convening a very short meeting of the P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee to address that matter. He will suggest that under Agenda Item 7.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2025, MINUTES**

Chair Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, indicated this item would be continued until the next P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee meeting.

#### **6. NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM PROJECT UPDATE**

Adrian Arnold, Nevada Shared Radio System (NSRS) Administrator, indicated that the P25 upgrade project concluded its construction season for 2025. Of all the available sites that could have been constructed last year, roughly 60 percent were completed. He noted that construction did not occur on some of the remaining sites due to site unavailability, while others were ready but still did not have any construction performed. The remaining work, related to communication equipment installation and testing, will be scheduled for expected completion in 2026 and 2027.

Mr. Arnold said a dispute resolution mediation between all three NSRS members and L3 Harris was scheduled for January 26 in Las Vegas. The core issue to be addressed at the mediation related to L3 Harris' request for additional money to complete the project due to scheduling delays, though other related issues will also be decided. He did not know what the outcomes of the mediation would be, but they will be presented to the Committee when known.

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, asked whether the changes to subscriber unit pricing for the new radios will be part of the mediation. Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Gustafson, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, responded that some issues related to radio pricing would be part of the mediation while others would not. Mr. Arnold did not expect that mediation would resolve all those issues, and there was no timetable for resolution. If urgent operational requirements need to be met, Mr. Arnold opined, L3 Harris's sales representative should be engaged. He confirmed this would be a non-binding arbitration, though he was unsure why that was chosen.

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### **7. P25 RADIO SYSTEM JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Chair Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, requested that a special meeting be scheduled after the upcoming special 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee meeting to address the tech committee. He wanted clarification as to whether updates about the mediation needed to be their own item on a future P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee agenda or whether they could be addressed during the Nevada Shared Radio System project update item.

Tracy Moore with L3 Harris requested an item allowing him to provide product updates. Sarah DeLozier, Washoe County Technology Services, encouraged the Chair to inform her if he wanted certain items to appear on every agenda. The Chair indicated he would discuss the matter with Ms. DeLozier offline.

### **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tracy Moore with L3 Harris noted the company has restructured in part to meet the national and global needs of its biggest agency customers, such as the Department of Defense. His position was now mission critical communications, which involved work with the Space Force, the Department of Defense, and general communications duties. He is still the representative for this Committee under the third area of his duties, and he should be able to provide information at the next meeting about the availability of new technology since the restructuring.

Sarah DeLozier, Washoe County Technology Services, asked whether the Chair wanted an item on each agenda for L3 Harris. The Chair said he would work with staff to determine that.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Approved as written in session April 16, 2026.