

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee

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

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

**Special Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 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

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)
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard	Ed Atwell, UNR/NSHE
Vacant, 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)	Joe Colacurcio, Washoe County
Jarrold Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Shannon Hardy, Washoe County (Alternate)
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)	Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District
Ricardo Duarte, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	Seana Baker, 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 9:54 a.m.

Present

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| • City of Reno | Craig Franden |
| • City of Sparks | Derek Keller |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers |
| • 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 | Joe Colacurcio |
| • Washoe County School District | Mark Mathers |

Absent

- Nevada Air National Guard
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- US DEA (vacant)

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2025 & JANUARY 22, 2026, MINUTES

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, moved to approve the Committee meeting minutes of October 16, 2025, and January 22, 2026, as written. Derek Keller, City of Sparks, seconded the motion, which carried on a 9-0 vote.

4. P25 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Chair Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, pointed out that this was discussed at a prior meeting and nominations were made at that time. He noted that Shawn Tayler was vetted with respect to his eligibility to serve on the P25 Technical Advisory Committee, and he was eligible.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, moved that Shawn Tayler be appointed to the P25 Technical Advisory Committee. Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, seconded the motion, which carried on a 9-0 vote.

5. NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM PROJECT UPDATE

Adrian Arnold, Nevada Shared Radio System (NSRS) Administrator, conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Project Upgrade Status; Region 2 Status; Region 3 Status; and Coverage Testing and Burn-in. He clarified that sites denoted as complete have had installation commissioning and site acceptance testing done. The readiness of the 18 sites in the NSRS varies, with some ready for everything but the final assembly, test, and pack process while others were undergoing civil site construction. He mentioned that voice quality testing still needed to be performed within the population areas, including in Washoe County, and that will coincide with drive testing but precede the burn-in. He noted that the burn-in involves the participation of the user agencies to load the system with the radio functionality they use so L3Harris can rectify any issues before the system becomes the responsibility of the members.

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, asked about the availability of this presentation on the website. Mr. Arnold stated he was late in submitting it, but it was already uploaded. Responding to a follow-up question, Mr. Korbolic confirmed that staff was comfortable with the anticipated burn-in dates for Regions 2 and 3 as laid out in the presentation. Some of the 12 incomplete sites were 90 percent complete and only awaiting the last step. He added that work on the microwave links will unlock the ability to complete these sites quicker, and there was more confidence now that most of the work would be done on time than there was three meetings ago.

6. L3HARRIS PRESENTATION ON RADIO AS A SERVICE AND THE XL300P RADIO

Tracy Moore with L3Harris conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: XL-300P; XL Converge 300P; OX-300P Overview; Form Factor and Design; Feature Availability; Features Overview; Advanced, Future-Proof, 5G/4G LTE Broadband Connectivity; Single Device, Global Reach; "SMART" applications aren't so smart...; Native, Integrated, Satellite Support; Smart Roaming; Device Management Framework (DMF); OTAR over Broadband; GPS over Broadband; Elevating Mission-Critical Security; XL-Assist; Modern & Intuitive User Interface; XL-300P Price Summary; XL-Converge Comparison; XL-300P Model Details; and XL-300P Web Page and Sizzle Video.

Mr. Moore reviewed the features of the XL-300P radio, including its affordability given its satellite communication capabilities. The Department of Defense is one of its primary customers, he noted, and the radio complies with their strict standards for internet security. He said L3Harris secured 60 of these radios to demo in the southwest region, but he will try to prioritize Nevada as it has a clear need for them. The radios were designed to be usable even when wearing gloves, and the speaker volume, which can be controlled by voice commands, is very loud at full blast. Other upgrades include a more visible viewscreen and the integration of more advanced GPS technology. He expected that the radio would eventually be able to switch to satellite automatically if other options were unavailable, but that is now done manually, preventing unnecessary use of the expensive satellite capability.

Mr. Moore indicated that the DMF system allows users to tap into any radio with LTE or Wi-Fi capabilities and reprogram them, check their battery health, and push out firmware updates. He thought Carson City did a great job testing the equipment and developing a successful, cost-effective

program. He said he believed the 72.2 percent terminal hardware discount off the list price of \$4,995 per radio would be applicable, though he would verify that for the Committee. He expected that list price to increase by 50 percent next year.

In response to a query by Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, Regional Communications Coordinator Tyler Gerber-Winn stated that L3Harris rescinded their letter which had initiated the current pricing dispute, so normal contract pricing should be in effect until December 31, 2026. It was determined that that topic would be addressed further in Agenda Item 7.

Mr. Atwell wondered about the target audience for the radio. Mr. Moore replied that Washoe County Search and Rescue and the Bomb Squad have expressed interest, and he thought the radios would be extremely useful for agencies often in places with zero connectivity. He suggested that given their higher price, they could be useful for incident commanders, captains, and others who need immediate access to information.

Responding to additional Committee member questions, Mr. Atwell confirmed that current users would need to manually switch over to the satellite network, though the hope was for the smart roaming system to automatically toggle to find the best signal. That smart roaming system would be applied as a firmware update.

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

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, requested an ongoing agenda item about the status of the quarterly reporting.

Chair Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, wanted staff to work with the legal team to provide regular updates to the Committee regarding the discussions about changing the contract with L3Harris. Jen Gustafson, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, announced that discussions with L3Harris were continuing to resolve some issues. The parties have reached a conditional agreement on radio pricing pending approval by the Board of County Commissioners. She confirmed that the current contract, which incorporates the 2018 catalogue pricing and the 72.2 percent discount, will be in effect until December 31, 2026. If the conditional agreement were approved, pricing would then switch to the catalogue pricing in effect at the time radios were purchased, and that would be in effect from January 1, 2027, through June 30, 2030. The 72.2 percent discount would still remain, though it would drop to around 35 percent after June 30, 2030, until December 31, 2032.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.