

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

P25 Technical Advisory Committee

Keith Mullen, Chair, City of Sparks
Shane Akerson, Vice Chair, Truckee
Meadows Fire Protection District
Robert Allen, Secretary, City of Reno
Joseph Colacurcio, Washoe County
Shawn Taylor, At-Large

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

Thursday, June 18, 2026

**This meeting was scheduled to begin directly after the 800 MHz Users meeting
but no sooner 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_users/index.php

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Present

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| • City of Sparks | Keith Mullen |
| • City of Reno | Robert Allen |
| • At-Large | Shawn Taylor |

Absent

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| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District | Shane Akerson |
| • Washoe County | Joseph Colacurcio |

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. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Gustafson reviewed the process for nominating and voting on new officers, suggesting that the Committee vote for both positions separately. She said the nominee does not need to be present at this meeting or approve of the nomination, though that was standard practice. Additionally, the item could be continued until the December meeting.

There was no public comment on this item.



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Chair Mullen, City of Sparks, moved to continue the election of officers to the December meeting. Member Taylor, At-Large, seconded the motion, which carried on a 3-0 vote with Vice Chair Akerson and Member Colacurcio absent.

4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2025, MINUTES

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Member Taylor, At-Large, moved to approve the P25 Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 18, 2025, as submitted. Chair Mullen, City of Sparks, seconded the motion, which carried on a 3-0 vote with Vice Chair Akerson and Member Colacurcio absent.

5. NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE

Regional Communications Coordinator Tyler Gerber-Winn conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: NSRS Status Update; Today through June 30 2027; Our Sites; and Our Radios. He noted the list price for radios will increase on January 1, 2027, by about 40 percent, so he encouraged agencies to make purchases before that date. With respect to burn in testing, certain small issues would not reset the 30-day evaluation period and could be fixed on the spot, but large failures would restart the test. He stated that each region's system will be accepted after its 30-day testing period, and final system acceptance will be reached once regions 1, 2, and 3 are all accepted, which is slated for June 30, 2027.

Mr. Gerber-Winn noted that Bureau of Land Management permits were signed and Red Peak permits were expected to be completed and in hand by early next week. He anticipated receiving cost estimates for the 7 Lakes GMP by early next week, though he requested that they be sent earlier because the matter will be considered for approval by the P25 Joint Operating Committee (JOC) next Thursday. He noted the Smokey Quartz site was in the City of Sparks's sphere of influence, so it will need conditional use permit approval by the Sparks City Council. A fallen tree will need to be removed from the Mt. Rose site, he added. He explained how specific sites might need to come before this Committee and the JOC for approval if any one site does not meet regional acceptance, though staff is doing everything possible to avoid that situation.

Mr. Gerber-Winn noted the programming discrepancies found in the radios were not critical failures, but they caused the radios to perform in unexpected ways. Around 2,500 radios will need to be reprogrammed to address these discrepancies, and staff will contact the agencies to determine good times for those repairs to take place.

Responding to a query from Chair Mullen, City of Sparks, Mr. Gerber-Winn acknowledged plans by a different regional committee to redo the radios by November, adding that one option would be to use internal staffing other than L3Harris to accommodate that timeline. Chair Mullen indicated that the other committee did not want to rely on L3Harris to correct any of the issues. The incidents with the radios, Mr. Gerber-Winn responded, were related to the radios themselves, not to the agency which had them. The aliases will be reverified when the radios are adjusted, he remarked.

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Mr. Gerber-Winn announced that Administrative Assistant II Chelsea Houston was recently hired to fill a vacancy, and two other positions, including the one that will soon be vacated by Senior Network Engineer Don Thornberry, are in the process of being filled. Mr. Thornberry's knowledge is currently being transferred to existing staff because he is expected to leave before the June 30, 2027, deadline. He urged Chair Mullen to inform any current users experiencing radio issues to contact him so spot repairs can be made. If Dispatch sees a different name come on their radio other than who they know is trying to contact them, that agency should let County staff know both names to help with the repairs.

6. P25 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Gustafson indicated that any non-Committee member wanting to request a future agenda item would need to make that request through a current Committee member.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mullen, City of Sparks, announced that the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled for September 17, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Approved as written in session September 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Derek Sonderfan, Independent Contractor