



## **NEVADA COMMISSION ON TOURISM NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Regular Meeting of the Commission on Tourism  
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - 1:30 P.M.

### **MEETING LOCATION:**

401 N. Carson Street, Carson City 89701  
3260 Joe Brown Drive (2nd Floor), Las Vegas 89109

### **AUDIO CONFERENCE:**

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### **COMMISSIONERS**

Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony, Chair

Rick Murdock, Vice Chair

Fletch Brunelle | Donald Contursi | Mendy Elliott

Jill Lagan | Mike Larragueta | Tom Lester

Jane Moon | Herb Santos

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- Action may be taken on those items denoted "For Possible Action".
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- Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration.
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## AGENDA

### A. Opening

Call to Order and Confirmation of Proper Posting – Lt. Governor Anthony  
Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Lt. Governor Anthony

### B. Public Comment

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### C. **For Possible Action** – Approval of Minutes

Approval of the December 11, 2023 Minutes

### D. **For Discussion Only** – Welcome and Opening Remarks

*Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony*

### E. **For Discussion Only** – Travel Nevada Report

*Rafael Villanueva, Chief Executive Officer*

### F. **For Possible Action** – Upcoming Request for Proposal

*Rafael Villanueva, Chief Executive Officer*

CEO Villanueva will present the proposed contract scope and limits to initiate a Request for Proposal for a consultant/consultant firm for destination development services.

### G. **For Discussion Only** – Budget Report

*Angie Mathiesen, Finance Director*

Finance Director Mathiesen will present the current budget update and review the new reporting structure for spending categories.

### H. **For Discussion Only** – Senate Natural Resources Committee Update

*Senator Julie Pazina*

Senator Pazina will present a brief update on the legislative work of the Natural Resources Committee, which she chairs.

### I. **For Discussion Only** – Dark Skies Public Relations Recap

*Tracie Barnthouse, Chief Communications Officer*

Chief Communication Officer Barnthouse will present on PR efforts of dark skies tourism. Astro-tourism is a trending travel topic, and one Travel Nevada has fully embraced through both paid and earned media relations.

**J. For Discussion Only - Rural Roundup Update**

*Tracie Barnthouse, Chief Communications Officer*

Chief Communication Officer Barnthouse will update Travel Nevada’s annual Rural Roundup conference progress.

**K. For Discussion Only – Marketing Update**

*Caroline Sexton, Chief Marketing Officer*

Chief Marketing Officer, Caroline Sexton, will present the concept details for a Chicago Brand Activation to take place in Q4 as well as review the elements for the recent Super Bowl activations.

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**M. For Possible Action - Adjournment**

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