

Special Note: The following is a summary of the Minutes taken from the Regional Business Development Advisory Council meeting held on December 15, 2011, and does not necessarily provide a detailed verbatim transcription of the Minutes.

## MINUTES

**REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, December 15, 2011, 8:00 A.M.**  
**Clark County Government Center**  
**500 S. Grand Central Parkway, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, ODC Training Room 1**  
**Las Vegas, NV 89155**

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### Members Present:

Larry Vierra, Nevada Small Business Development Center – Chair  
Kathy Rainey, City of Las Vegas – Co-Chair  
Amy Shaw, Clark County Department of Aviation  
Frederick James, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (Represented by Floresto Cabias)  
Jeanine Pitts-Dilworth, Clark County Regional Flood Control  
Jesse Waite, Clark County Health District  
Kenyatta Lewis, MGM Resorts International  
Kim Grantham, Clark County Water Reclamation District  
Lydia Bilynsky, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada  
Mark Cahill, College of Southern Nevada  
Mary Huff, Las Vegas Valley Water District (Represented by Abbie Correa)  
Penny Marchell, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority  
Rudy Malfabon, Nevada Department of Transportation  
Sharrie Mayden, UNLV  
Sheila Thompson, City of North Las Vegas  
Teresa Collins, Las Vegas Valley Water District  
Yolanda Jones, Clark County Purchasing and Contracts

### Legal Counsel:

Mark Wood, Clark County District Attorney's Office

### Members Absent:

Audwin Whitmore, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority  
Bramby Tollen, Clark County School District  
Chad Skidmore, UMC  
Dianne Fontes, Nevada Minority Supplier Development Council  
Duy Nguyen, Asian Chamber of Commerce  
Hermann Friedman, NV Energy  
Horacio Lopez, Hispanic Business Round Table  
Joice Bass, N.A.W.B.O  
Linda Poling, City of Henderson  
Mel Hawkins, National Association of Minority Contractors  
Napoleon McCallum, Urban Chamber of Commerce  
Robert Brewer, Southwest Gas Corporation  
Veronica Meter, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce  
Viveca Rehman, Henderson District Library

### Guests:

Jane Lee, Jadon Foods

**I. Call to Order**

**Larry Vierra**, Chair, called the RBDAC meeting to order.

**II. Opening Ceremonies**

Silent Invocation was conducted followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Certification of Compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law**

It was announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. The meeting was appropriately posted at the appropriate locations as listed at the bottom of the agenda.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of the September 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

**B. Approval of the revised minutes from January 19, 2011 and March 24, 2011**

The revised minutes were unanimously approved.

**C. 2012 RBDAC Meeting Schedule**

The Council approved the meeting schedule.

**D. Attendance Record**

**Larry Vierra** stated that a letter reminding members of their commitment with RBDAC was sent out and only a few members responded. He said he was going to send another letter and if they don't attend the next meeting in March they will be removed from participating in RBDAC.

**Mark Wood**, Legal Counsel, thinks that if the Council is going to vote people off RBDAC it needs to be more specific than just the attendance record. Since the Council has the open meeting law, the public needs sufficient information so they know what's going to happen. It is a notice to the public not just to the Council.

**Mark** said that the members that are not required are allowed to be a member of the body or if they don't want to be part of the Council and be responsible to attend the meeting they can just participate as member of the public.

**Floresto Flores**, stated **Frederick James'** proposal of setting a teleconference center for members who can not attend the meetings fiscally and call in which will help in getting a quorum. He said the Library District is willing to take the cost for the next 4 RBDAC meetings. **Mark** said that the County also has the capability of telephone conference.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Penny Marchell** mentioned that a group of volunteers met in November and talked about the creation of a combined event in September with the different agencies to reach out to the local, minority owned business within southern Nevada. She mentioned that the event could be held at the Cashman Center or

at the Convention Center and would involve suppliers, government entities, and public agencies. They plan to have an event throughout the next three years.

**Kathy** asked if the event would focus on goods and services and construction. **Penny** said it would be focused on procurement in general. **Yoli** asked if it was going to be free. **Penny** stated that the venue would be free thru the Convention Center and maybe ask agencies to contribute if there is a cost but not to the participants.

**Rudy Malfabon** announced that Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) awarded a support contract to the Nevada Small Business Development Center (NSBDC) to train the disadvantage business enterprises, small businesses and minority businesses to be successful and get certified.

**Yoli** said that Clark County received an EDA grant to do some outreach to minorities businesses and it will also focus on construction. They are going to get trained on how to business and the businesses are going to be partnered with companies that have potential.

**VII. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned.

- VIII. Next meeting date: Thursday, March 22, 2012, 8:00 a.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Pueblo Room,  
Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas,  
NV 89155**

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- 2. Clark County District Court Administration, 200 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Las Vegas, NV 89155**
- 3. Regional Transportation Commission, 600 S. Grand Central Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89106**
- 4. Clark County Aviation McCarran International Airport, 5757 Wayne Newton Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89119**