

Nevada Committee of Blind Vendors (NCBV)

Meeting Minutes

3016 West Charleson Blvd. Suite 215

Wednesday, January 14th, 2026

I. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum: Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Ivan Delgado, Chair (Present)

Joe Urbanek, Vice Chair (Present)

Burnetta Schlechter, Secretary (Present)

Harold Petrofsky, Southern Representative (Present)

Nels Brown, Northern Representative (Present. Joined late)

A quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

II. Verification of Posting: Kaye – Lani Tiafau, AA IV

Kaye-Lani Tiafau stated for the record that the meeting notice was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

III. First Public Comment Section: Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Chair Delgado opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were provided.

IV. Vote to Accept Agenda: Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Chair Delgado asked for a motion to approve agenda.

Vice Chair Joe Urbanek made the motion to accept the agenda.

Southern Representative Harold Petrofsky seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed, none abstained, and the motion passed.

V. Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Chair Delgado opened the floor for the introduction of guests.

Southern Participants:

- Ryan Barnard, BEO I
- Louis DeMaioribus, BEO II
- Jason Bustillo, BEN site #60
- Shehan Peries, BEN Chief
- Dion Williams, BEN site #37
- Jeff Whitehead
- Lyncia Urbanek
- Beth Perring, BEN site #62
- Sweet Daughtery, BEN site #23
- Kaye-Lani Tiafau, AA 4
- Jason Birmingham, BEO I

Northern Participants:

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- Richard Eberly, BEO II
- Eugenio Chavez, BEN site #45
- Richard Taylor, BEN site #14

Other Participants:

- Mary Olson, Deputy Attorney General
- Lauren McLarney

VI. Approval of minutes for the November 19, 2025 and November 25, 2025 NVBC meetings: Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Chair Delgado asked for a motion to approve the NCBV meeting minutes.

Vice Chair Joe Urbanik made the motion to accept the November 19, 2025, meeting minutes.

Secretary Burnetta Schlecter seconded the motion

All were in favor, none opposed, none abstained, and the motion passed.

Vice Chair Joe Urbanik made the motion to accept the November 25, 2025, meeting minutes.

Secretary Burnetta Schlecter seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed, none abstained, and the motion passed.

VII. Hoover Dam and High-Volume Site Policy: Harold Petrofsky, NCBV Southern Representative

Harold Petrofsky explained the intent and rationale of the proposed policy, stating that:

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- The Hoover Dam sites and any facilities generating more than \$500,000 in annual revenues would be governed by this policy.
- Operators selected for such sites would be required to operate only that site.
- The policy is designed to promote equitable distribution of opportunities and prevent concentration of high-revenue sites under a single operator.

BEN Chief Shehan Peries requested that the entire policy be read into the record.

BEO II Louis DeMaioribus read the entire policy from beginning to end for everybody.

Following the full reading of the proposed Hoover Dam and High-Volume Site Policy into the record by BEO II Louis DeMaioribus, Chair Ivan Delgado transitioned the committee to possible action on the item.

BEN Chief Shehan Peries stated that the committee needed to formally move the item to a vote. BEN Chief Shehan Peries further advised that any committee member who believed they had a conflict of interest related to the policy should abstain from voting.

Chair Delgado then asked if any committee member would like to make a motion to accept the policy.

Southern Representative Harold Petrofsky stated, "I'll make a motion to accept this policy."

Chair Delgado acknowledged the motion and asked if there was a second.

Secretary Bernetta Schlechter stated that she would like to second the motion.

BEN Chief Shehan Peries clarified the voting procedure, stating that committee members must vote either yes to accept the policy or no to reject it. He then asked Southern Representative Harold Petrofsky if he voted to accept the policy.

Southern Representative Harold Petrofsky responded affirmatively, voting yes.

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Chair Delgado then asked Secretary Bernetta Schlechter for her vote.

Bernetta Schlechter voted yes.

Chair Delgado next asked whether Nels Brown, Northern Representative, had joined the meeting to cast a vote. It was noted that Mr. Brown had not yet successfully joined.

BEO II Richard Eberly stated that Mr. Brown had been attempting to join the meeting and had contacted him by phone, explaining that he was experiencing technical difficulties and was unable to connect.

Chair Delgado thanked BEO II Richard Eberly for the update.

Vice Chair Joe Urbanek stated that after consultation with his legal counsel, he did not believe the policy presented a current conflict of interest for him; and because it could affect him in the future, he would vote no. He also noted that under Robert's Rules, the Chair votes only in the event of a tie or to break a tie.

Based on that understanding, Chair Delgado stated that the policy currently stood at two votes in favor and one vote against.

Deputy Attorney General Mary E. Olson then addressed the Chair, stating that she understood a committee member was actively attempting to access the meeting and asked whether BEO II Richard Eberly might be able to conference Northern Representative Nels Brown into the meeting so he could vote.

BEO II Richard Eberly responded that Mr. Brown was currently connected on his end.

Deputy Attorney General Mary E. Olson replied that in that case, she believed Mr. Brown should be allowed to vote.

Chair Delgado attempted to communicate with Mr. Brown, asking if he could hear the meeting.

BEO II Richard Eberly stated that Mr. Brown could hear the meeting, but the rest of the committee could not hear Mr. Brown speaking.

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Chair Delgado confirmed that Mr. Brown's audio could not be heard on the committee's end.

After further attempts to reach Mr. Brown were unsuccessful, Deputy Attorney General Mary E. Olson stated that if Mr. Brown was unable to participate and the Chair was abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest, the quorum consisted of Southern Representative Harold Petrofsky, Secretary Burnetta Schlechter, and Vice Chair Joe Urbanek.

Chair Delgado summarized the outcome for the record, stating that the final vote stood at two votes in favor and one vote against the adoption of the Hoover Dam and High-Volume Site Policy.

Deputy Attorney General Mary Olson asked Chair Delgado to confirm for the record whether he was abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest.

Chair Delgado confirmed that he was abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest reasons and he also stated that his vote was not needed as the policy had passed.

Chair Delgado thanked the working group members for their discussion and participation, expressed appreciation for the work done on the policy, and confirmed that the Hoover Dam and High-Volume Site Policy was approved by the committee.

VIII. Retirement Income Increase: Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Chair Ivan Delgado introduced the agenda item regarding a possible increase to the retirement income payment. He stated that the committee had discussed the issue previously and that he wanted to hear input from both committee members and program operators.

Chair Delgado stated that his personal recommendation was to increase the retirement income amount by \$3,000; raising it to \$12,000. He emphasized that this was a suggestion only, intended to begin a discussion, and that the matter was open for comment from anyone participating in the program, including committee members and operators. He further stated that if there was general agreement, he would like to see the committee move the item forward through a formal process.

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Vice Chair Joe Urbanek asked if there was already a committee set up.

Chair Ivan Delgado reiterated for the record that the objective of the agenda item was to establish a working group to make recommendations to the committee about an increase in retirement pay.

Southern Representative Harold Petrofsky addressed the Chair and asked whether any increase to the retirement income amount would need to go through the Legislature.

Chair Delgado responded affirmatively, stating that legislative approval would be required. He noted that any change would not occur immediately but that this was the appropriate time to begin the process so that a proposal could be prepared for future years. Chair Delgado stated that the earliest realistic implementation would likely be in 2027 or 2028, and that initiating the process now would allow sufficient time for review and approval.

BEN Chief Shehan Peries then clarified that the specific purpose of the agenda item was to form a working group that would collaborate with BEN staff to develop recommendations regarding the retirement income increase. He stated that the working group's recommendation would be presented to the NCBV at the February 18, 2026, meeting, and that if the committee approved the recommendation, it would then proceed to the 2027 legislative session for consideration and approval.

Chair Delgado thanked BEN Chief Shehan Peries for the clarification.

Chair Delgado then asked whether anyone had additional opinions or comments before moving to the formation of a working group.

Sweet Daughtery (Operator, site #23) stated that he supported the proposed increase. He explained that inflation, evolving economic conditions, and ongoing events made an increase appropriate and necessary. He stated that he agreed with the proposed increase and thanked the committee for considering it.

BEN Chief Shehan Peries clarified that the Chair would be appointing a working group rather than taking immediate action on the dollar amount.

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Chair Ivan Delgado acknowledged the clarification and stated that he may have initially caused some confusion. He reiterated that his suggested target was \$12,000, but emphasized again that the immediate action was to establish a working group.

Chair Delgado then asked for volunteers to serve on the retirement income increase working group.

Richard Taylor stated that he volunteered to participate and identified himself as the Operator from BEN site #14.

Sweet Daughtery, Operator of BEN site #23, also volunteered, stating that he understood the process and was willing to serve.

Chair Delgado asked if any additional individuals wished to volunteer.

BE Chief Shehan Peries asked if any NCBV members wished to participate.

Chair Ivan Delgado then stated that he would also volunteer to serve on the working group.

Jason Bustillo (Operator, BEN site #60) was identified as an additional volunteer.

Dion Williams (Operator, BEN site #37) was identified as an additional volunteer.

BEN Chief Shehan Peries stated for the record that the working group now consisted of five members.

Chair Delgado stated that five members would be an appropriate size for the working group and asked once more if anyone else wished to join. No additional volunteers came forward.

Chair Delgado thanked all volunteers for their willingness to participate and stated that BEN staff would coordinate follow-up communication and scheduling. He expressed appreciation for the discussion and for the committee's engagement on the issue.

IX. Second Public Comment: Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Chair Delgado opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were offered.

X. Adjournment: Ivan Delgado, NCBV Chair

Before adjournment, BEN Chief Shehan Peries announced that the next NCBV meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2026, at 10:00 AM and that the meeting would include operator training along with the bi-annual NCBV elections.

Chair Delgado asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Southern Representative Harold Petrofsky made the motion.

Secretary Burnetta Schlecter seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed, none abstained, and the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.