



WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Thursday, March 5, 2026
1:30 p.m.

Board of Adjustment Members

Peter Ghishan, Chair
Rob Pierce, Vice Chair
Kathie Julian
Patrick Caldwell
Leo A. Horishny

Secretary

Trevor Lloyd

Washoe County Administrative Complex
Commission Chambers
1001 East Ninth Street, Building A
Reno, NV 89512

and available via
Zoom Webinar

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PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

(Complete case descriptions are provided beginning on page four of this agenda)

- **Variance Case Number WPVAR25-0006 (Marcotte Funicular)**
- **Variance Case Number WPVAR25-0010 (515 Rhodes Berm Variance)**
- **Case Number WVIO-PLA24-0100 (Belfort – 300 Pah Rah Springs)**

Possible Changes to Agenda Order and Timing. Discussion may be delayed on any item on this agenda, and items on this agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other items and discussed or voted on as a block, removed from the agenda, moved to the agenda of another later meeting or moved to or from the consent section. Items designated for a specified time will not be heard before that time but may be delayed beyond the specified time.

Public Comment. Public comments are welcomed during the public comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting and during public hearing and planning items

and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

During the general public comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting, speakers may address any matter either on or off the agenda, including items heard on the consent section of the agenda. For the remainder of the agenda, public comment will only be heard during public hearing and planning items and should be about the specific item being considered by the Board. If an item is continued, then public comment will not be heard for that item until the date of the continued hearing.

Presentations and public comment for individual agenda items are limited as follows: fifteen minutes each for staff and applicant presentations and three minutes for individual speakers unless extended by questions from the Board or by action of the Chair. All comments are to be directed to the Board as a whole and not to one individual. Emails will be included in the record but will only be read aloud during the meeting subject to the chair's discretion and if time permits.

Public Participation. Any public wishing to present printed materials at the hearing must bring six (6) printed copies. Any public wishing to show digital materials at the hearing (photos, presentation, etc.) must email the materials to Recording Secretary Adriana Albarran (AAlbarran@washoecounty.gov) by 4:00 p.m. the business day immediately preceding the meeting. Please note that USB drives or any other digital media will not be accepted due to the risk of introducing viruses or malicious code, which could potentially compromise the County's systems.

Members of the public may submit public comment by either attending the meeting in person, attending the meeting via teleconference or attending by telephone only. To provide public comment via Zoom, log into the ZOOM webinar at the above link and utilize the "Raise Hand" feature during any public comment period. To provide public comment via telephone only, press *9 to "Raise Hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Additionally, public comment can be submitted via email to washoe311@washoecounty.gov. The County will make reasonable efforts to send all email comments received by 4:00 p.m. on March 4, 2026, to the Committee members prior to the meeting.

Responses to Public Comments. The Board of Adjustment may deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Board. However, responses from Board members to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. To avoid this situation and to ensure that the public has notice of all matters the Board will consider, members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for County staff action, or to ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda.

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business. The Board of Adjustment conducts the business of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal

attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

Posting of Agenda. Pursuant to NRS 241.020(4)(b), the Agenda for the Board of Adjustment has been posted at the following location: Washoe County Administration Building (1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. A); and has been electronically posted at https://www.washoecounty.gov/csd/planning_and_development/board_commission/board_of_adjustment/index.php and <https://notice.nv.gov>.

How to Get Copies of Agenda and Support Material. Copies of this agenda and supporting materials for the items on the agenda provided to the Board of Adjustment may be obtained on the Planning and Building Division's website at https://www.washoecounty.gov/csd/planning_and_development/board_commission/board_of_adjustment/index.php or at the Planning and Building Division Office (contact Adriana Albarran, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Building A, phone 775.328.2721 or e-mail aalbarran@washoecounty.gov). If you make a request, we can provide you with a link to a website, send you the material by email or prepare paper copies for you at no charge. Supporting materials are available to the public at the same time they are available to Board members. If material is distributed at a meeting, it is available within one business day after the meeting.

Special Accommodations. The facilities in which this meeting is being held are accessible to the disabled. Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance (e.g. sign language interpreters or assisted listening devices) at the meeting should notify the Washoe County Planning and Building Division at (775) 328-6100 at least two working days prior to the meeting.

Appeal Procedure. Most decisions rendered by the Board of Adjustment are appealable to the Board of County Commissioners. If you disagree with the decision of the Board of Adjustment and you qualify as an aggrieved person/party of record who is aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Adjustment you may: (i) Seek judicial review of the decision by filing a petition in the Second Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada within 25 days from the date the decision is filed with the secretary of the board; or, (ii) Appeal the decision to the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 110.912.20 of this Article within 10 days of the date the decision is filed with the secretary of the board. Per WCC Section 110.910.15(i)(6), when a petition for judicial review is filed, the court rules shall govern the proceeding. This judicial review is in lieu of an appeal to the Board of County Commissioners as authorized by NRS 278.310(3)(b).

AGENDA

1:30 p.m.

- 1. Determination of Quorum** [Non-action item]
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** [Non-action item]
- 3. Ethics Law Announcement** [Non-action item]

4. Appeal Procedure [Non-action item]

5. Public Comment [Non-action item]

Comment heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. However, action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item. Comments are to be made to the Board of Adjustment as a whole.

6. Approval of the March 5, 2026 Agenda [For possible action]

7. Approval of the [February 5, 2026](#) Draft Minutes [For possible action]

Board members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.

8. Public Hearing Items [For possible action]

A. [Variance Case Number WPVAR25-0006 \(Marcotte Funicular\)](#) [For Possible Action] – For hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve a variance for side yard setback from 8 feet to 1'5" for the installation of the funicular track at 552 Gonowabie Road (APN 123-101-06), Crystal Bay.

- Applicant / Property Owner: Rene & Margaret Marcotte Family Trust
- Location: 552 Gonowabie Road
- APN: 123-101-06
- Parcel Size: .564 acres
- Master Plan: Crystal Bay
- Regulatory Zone: TA_CB
- Area Plan: Tahoe
- Development Code: Authorized in Article 804, Variances
- Commission District: 1 – Commissioner Hill
- Staff: Julee Olander, Planner
Washoe County Community Services Department
Planning and Building
- Phone: 775.328.3627
- E-mail: JOlander@washoecounty.gov

B. [Variance Case Number WPVAR25-0010 \(515 Rhodes Berm Variance\)](#) [For Possible Action] – For hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve a variance to reduce the required minimum two (2) foot grading setback from the property line. Varying the standard is requested to bring into compliance an existing two (2) foot high berm constructed along the western property line without the required setback.

- Applicant: Curtis and Judy Coulter
- Property Owner: Red Dog Trust
- Location: 515 Rhodes Road
- APN: 017-400-19
- Parcel Size: 5.03 acres

- Master Plan: Suburban Residential
- Regulatory Zone: Low Density Suburban (LDS)
- Area Plan: South Valleys
- Development Code: Authorized in Article 804, Variances
- Commission District: 2 – Commissioner Clark
- Staff: Jolene Bertetto, Planner
Washoe County Community Services Department
Planning and Building
- Phone: 775.328.6101
- E-mail: JBertetto@washoecounty.gov

C. Case Number WVIO-PLA24-0100 (Belfort – 300 Pah Rah Springs) [For Possible Action] – For possible action, hearing, and discussion to affirm, modify, reverse, or remand an Administrative Hearing Officer’s hearing order affirming a code enforcement violation of WCC Section 110.306.35(b), outdoor storage of an RV on a vacant parcel without the required existing principal use.

- Appellant / Property Owner: Jonathan Belfort
- Location: 300 Pah Rah Springs Rd, Warm Springs, NV
- APN: 077-450-06
- Parcel Size: ± 104.58 acres
- Master Plan: Rural
- Regulatory Zone: General Rural Agriculture (GRA)
- Area Plan: Warm Springs
- Development Code: Authorized in Articles 306, 910, and 912
- Commission District: 5 – Commissioner Herman
- Staff: Chad Giesinger, Planning Manager
Washoe County Community Services Department
Planning and Building
- Phone: 775.328.3626
- E-mail: CGiesinger@washoecounty.gov

9. Chair and Board Items [Non-action item]

- A. Future Agenda Items
- B. Requests for Information from Staff

10. Director’s and Legal Counsel’s Items [Non-action item]

- A. Report on Previous Board of Adjustment Items
- B. Legal Information and Updates

11. Public Comment [Non-action item]

Any person is invited to speak on any item on or off the agenda during this period. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item.

12. Adjournment [Non-action item]