

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee

Vacant, Chair
Ryan Sommers, Vice-chair
Bryan Boren, Secretary

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

Thursday, July 24, 2025

This meeting was scheduled to begin directly after the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee meeting but not begin earlier 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_joc

Committee Members

Dave Cochran, City of Reno	Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows FPD
Craig Franden, City of Reno (Alternate)	Vacant, Truckee Meadows FPD (Alternate)
Derek Keller, City of Sparks	Ian Dasmann, TMWA
Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks (Alternate)	Aaron Reyes, TMWA (Alternate)
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard	Ed Atwell, UNR/NSHE
Vacant, Nevada Air National Guard (Alternate)	Jeremy Irwin, UNR/NSHE (Alternate)
Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe FPD	Vacant, US DEA
Russ Barnum, North Lake Tahoe FPD (Alternate)	Bryan Boren, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (joined ~10:17 a.m.)	Ray Leal, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (Alternate)
David Paulon, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (Alternate)	Jenn Felter, Washoe County
Jarrod Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Darrin Rice, Washoe County (Alternate)
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)	Vacant, Washoe County School District
Ricardo Duarte, Reno Tahoe Airport Authority	Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District (Alternate)
Nicole Lacap, Reno Tahoe Airport Authority	

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM [Non-Action Item]

Ryan Sommers, Vice Chair, assumed the role of Chair.
The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present

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| • City of Sparks | Derek Keller |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers |



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- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- UNR
- US Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Don Pelt (joined ~10:17 a.m.)

Ricardo Duarte

Chris Ketring

Ian Dasmann

Ed Atwell

Ray Leal

Absent

- City of Reno
- Nevada Air National Guard
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- US DEA (vacant)
- Washoe County
- Washoe County School District

Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, was in attendance.

2. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TEAMS/TELEPHONE** [Non-Action Item]. *Wade Carner, Deputy District Attorney*

Washoe County Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner provided the instructions for providing public comment: This meeting is being held at and physical location with a teleconference option. 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 utilizing Meeting ID: 237 197 671 687 3, Passcode: 9uW3ZB3a, or by telephone by dialing 775-325-0620 and entering Conference ID: 286 938 65#. To provide public comment via Teams, log into the Teams Meeting at the link on the first page of the notice of meeting and utilize the "Raise Hand" feature during any public comment period. To provide public comment via telephone only, press *5. Press *6 to mute/unmute.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** [Non-Action Item] – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee 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 P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee as a whole.

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4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS [For Possible Action] Discussion and possible action to elect Committee officers, including a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

a. Chair

Ed Atwell, UNR, nominated and moved to elect Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, as Chair; Member Sommers accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations or Committee discussions. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Vice-Chair

Ed Atwell, UNR, nominated and moved to appoint Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, for the role of Vice-Chair. Member Pelt accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations or Committee discussions. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

c. Secretary

With no further vacancies created, no action was taken on this item.

5. APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2025, MINUTES [For Possible Action] – Committee members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.

Draft minutes were not available for the Committee to review or take action on.

6. NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM PROJECT UPDATE [Non-Action Item] – A presentation and discussion on the progress of the Nevada Share Radio System (NSRS) project status, cutover outlook, and possible prioritization for NSRS Regions and site builds. *Adrian Arnold NSRS System Administrator*

Adrian Arnold, NSRS System Administrator, shared Tracy Moore has completed his initial training with L3 Harris and is becoming actively engaged on customer service actions. He can be reached by email tracy.moore@l3harris.com.

The longstanding operational pause in regards to the execution of the P25 upgrade program with some caveats. They have remobilized and are conducting field work currently at numerous sites in the NSRS schedule.

Split-level of engagement with L3 Harris during and before the pause. L3 Harris has brought forward a set of requested concession items for cost avoidance or additional fee applied to the program for each of the three members. Discussions towards issue resolution have been ongoing and escalating and are now at the highest level of engagement. It is unknown if the high-level discussions will have major disruptive impacts on the execution of the remaining program work, but it is possible. The second level of engagement is the execution and management of the

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recommended field operations and actions to get Regions Two and Three built, tested and accepted. Previously the plan was to rearrange the site definition, the composition of Regions Two and Three in a way that would streamline the executability of the sequential actions based on the level of site readiness. Due to the amount of time that has since passed, a new proposition is to essentially have a continuous execution of all remaining site essentially combining the two Regions. With the new plan, Washoe County's acceptance would likely be in 2027 rather than 2026 while leaving the transition to the new system would remain the same.

It was clarified that the higher-level conversations between upper management and legal counsel are not public. And that discussions with the Committed could jeopardize before any concessions are at a point of being final. The three member agencies have agreed to align themselves shared and common position. Requests for more information could be submitted to Mr. Kobulic and DDA Carner with acknowledgement it would need to be an internal Washoe County determination of what is shareable.

There was extensive discussion of the BLM permitting process frustrations. Washoe County has begun working with third-party contractor to help move the process along, have list of studies that are required and underway. NDOT and Washoe County submitted at the same time requesting prioritization and while having provided additional funding, the process hasn't sped up as much as hoped.

Chair Sommers inquired if it would still be helpful to consider drafting a letter as discussed at a previous meeting and volunteered to work with Member Ketring and DDA Carner.

7. P25 RADIO SYSTEM JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS [Non-Action Item] – The next meeting of the P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee is scheduled for October 16, 2025.

- L3 Harris Representative to provide an update on radio order issues and contracting pricing reminders
- Checklist for agencies for cutover to the new system

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9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.