

Nevada Board of Agriculture
Meeting notice and agenda
Friday, June 9, 2023 at 9:00am



Meeting Location: Nevada Department of Agriculture
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Agenda

1. Open meeting-meeting called to order by Chairman Woody Worthington at 9:02 a.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Moment of Silent Reflection
- C. Virtual attendee reminders
- D. Roll call: Total attendees – 43
 - Board of Agriculture (12):
 - Bernard Peterson
 - Brooke Neubauer
 - Charlie Frey
 - Craig Schank
 - Dave Coon
 - Duane Coombs
 - Heather Lackey
 - Jim Snyder
 - Paul Noe
 - Pete Paris
 - Valerie Drake
 - Woody Worthington
 - Nevada Department of Agriculture (20):
 - Director J.J. Goicoechea
 - Deputy Director Doug Farris
 - Alisa Townsell
 - Amara Vigil
 - Ashley Jeppson
 - Bill Striejewske
 - Brittany Mally
 - Ciara Ressel
 - Holly Rincon
 - Ian Knight
 - Jake Dawley
 - Jessica Whitfield
 - Julia Miller-Ketcham
 - Marko Markovich

- Patricia Hoppe
- Pete Mundschank
- Sandy Lopez
- Scott Clifford
- Shayda Sanjideh
- Tonya Wolfe
- Deputy Attorney General Richard Yien (1)
- Public attendees (10):
 - Alex Tanchek, Silver State Government Relations
 - Annie Shining “K” Meats
 - Elicha
 - Jennifer Edmonds
 - Jim Barbee
 - Leana Carey
 - Nicole Hayes
 - Deana Kirk
 - Mark Meneeze
 - Joe Guild

2. Public Comment

- Jess Trask of Perigo Hay & Cattle provided public comment on the constraints placed on ranchers and the inability to sell their beef by the cut, as currently, they are required to go through a USDA butcher, and how it would be beneficial, not only to ranchers but to the people of Nevada, to create a law that allows ranchers to utilize custom-exempt (or state inspected) butchers in order to sell beef by the cut, as long as the beef does not cross state lines, as other states have done.

3. Minutes

- A. *Approve December 14, 2022 minutes *(for possible action)*
- B. *Approve January 12, 2023 minutes *(for possible action)*
- C. *Approve April 19, 2023 minutes *(for possible action)*
 - Motion to accept all meeting minutes from Bernard Peterson.
 - Heather Lackey seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Member Updates on Represented Industries

- A. Industry updates – Board Members *(for information)*

5. Director’s Report

- A. Report – JJ Goicoechea, Director *(for information)*

6. Food and Nutrition

- A. Board update – Patricia Hoppe, Interim Administrator *(for information)*

7. Measurement Standards

A. Board update – Bill Stiejewske, Administrator (*for information*)

8. Plant Health and Compliance

A. Board update – Ashley Jeppson, Administrator (*for information*)

9. Animal Industry

A. Board update – Doug Farris, Administrator (*for information*)

- Bernard Peterson asked about the breakdown in number of animals inspected. Deputy Director Farris noted 12,427 horses and 344,986 cattle.
- Shayda Sanjideh provided an update on the State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program.

10. Administrative Services

A. Board update – Amara Vigil, Administrator (*for information only*)

* 2023-2025 Budget (*for information only*)

11. Public Comment

- Jim Snyder acknowledged those who have contributed assistance and equipment for emergency situations related to flooding in Northern Nevada.
- Director Goicoechea extended thanks to NDA staff and to the Board members and asked for continued feedback on the work the department is doing and how we can improve.

12. Adjournment

- Final roll call
 - All attendees noted above under item 1.D.