

# NAC 557 Workshop Minutes from 03/03/2026

Division of Plant Health and Compliance

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 557 of the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)

#### LCB File No. R188-24

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) held a public meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 beginning at 10:00 am at the following location(s):

Nevada Department of Agriculture  
405 S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Sparks, NV 89431  
Phone: (775) 353-3601

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Nevada Department of Agriculture  
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Las Vegas, NV 89104  
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Elko, NV 89445  
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Meeting Number: 215 785 999 844 30

Access code: pb782dS3

#### **Persons in attendance:**

- J.J. Goicoechea, DVM, Director
- Meghan Brown, Administrator, Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Ray Saliga, Deputy Administrator, Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Kailey Keenen-Garren, Agriculturist IV
- Rheanna Jackson, Agriculturist II
- Leycha Ortiz-Carlos Agriculturist II

- Michelle Martinez, Agriculturist
- Dyan R. Reece, Administrative Assistant III
- Alex Tanchek

### **I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Administrator Meghan Brown. Administrator Meghan Brown noted that the workshop was being held in person at the Nevada Department of Agriculture headquarters in Sparks, the Las Vegas and Elko offices, as well as virtually via Teams.

Administrator Brown: The hearing had been properly noticed and was recorded as required by Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241).

Administrator Brown: The Department is proposing changes to Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 557. These regulation changes are necessary to align state and federal definitions and regulations to maintain a federally compliant hemp program in Nevada. Compliance with federal law is required for Nevada hemp to enter the national marketplace. This proposed regulation updates the definition of “Total THC” and “post- decarboxylation” in NAC 557 to align with existing federal regulations (7 C.F.R. § 990.1). This change also replaces references in existing state regulations regarding the amount of THC contained in hemp to “Total THC”.

### **II. Public Comment (1<sup>st</sup> period):**

Administrator Meghan Brown asked if anyone from the public to make a comment on the proposed regulations.

No Comments from any source

### **III. Reading and Discussion of Proposed Regulations**

Administrator Meghan Brown outlined the Nevada Administrative Code Chapters 557 for proposed amendment.

Administrator Brown: As discussed previously the goal of the changes to NAC 557 is to align state and federal definitions and regulations to maintain a federally compliant hemp program in. I would now like to review the proposed changes.

Administrator Brown: As the first step, the NDA reviewed the existing NAC language, updating sections to align state and federal definitions and regulations to maintain a federally compliant hemp program in Nevada. Compliance with federal law is required for Nevada hemp to enter the national marketplace. The proposed regulation change only impacts hemp production and preharvest testing, as it pertains to the acceptable level of THC in a hemp crop. These changes will not change or impact regulations pertaining to hemp products or postharvest uses of hemp. Additionally, this regulation does not change the current acceptable THC level of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis. This proposed regulation updates the definition of “Total THC” and “post- decarboxylation” in NAC 557 to align with existing federal regulations (7

C.F.R. § 990.1). This change also replaces references in existing state regulations regarding the amount of THC contained in hemp to “Total THC”. The draft we’re reviewing in this workshop is the most updated version of proposed changes and has been reviewed and approved by the Legislative Council Bureau.

#### **IV. Public Comment (2nd period):**

Administrator Meghan Brown asked if anyone from the public to make a comment on the proposed regulations.

No Comments from any source

Administrator Brown: Thank you all for your participation. The NDA will take the comments from today into consideration along with any written comments received during the rulemaking process.

Administrator Brown: Following this workshop process there will be a Hearing and Intent to Adopt Proposed Regulations scheduled and communicated. This notice for the hearing will be posted not less than 30 days prior to the hearing date and will provide instruction as to how to provide written comments and a deadline for submission of comment for purpose of being included in the official record of the hearing for adoption.

#### **V. Adjourn**

Administrator Meghan Brown thanked the workshop attendees for their participation and adjourned the public meeting at 10:14 am.