

Board of Museums and History  
**Legislative Affairs Committee**  
Summary of Minutes

The meeting was held via TEAMS conference on January 13, 2025, at 4:00 PM.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark Slaughter, Chair

Rochanne Downs

Dora Martinez

Francine Burge, Marketing & Communications Manager, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES**

Bert Bedeau, Board of Museums & History

Brenda Scolari, Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs

M.E. Kawchawk, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs

Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General

Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Division of Museums & History

Nate Hanson, Administrative Services Officer, Division of Museums & History

Chad Stephens, Deputy Director, Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Robin Reed, Acting Administrator / Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Jean-Guy T. Dube, CLG, National & State Register of Historic Places Coordinator

Alex Tanchek, Silver State Government Relations

Chris Fussell

Erin Robinson

Esmeralda Vázquez

Michael Malone, AAll, Division of Museums & History

1. Call for the start of the recording of the meeting. Committee Chair.  
*Committee Chair Mark Slaughter called for the meeting recording to begin.*
2. Call meeting to order. Committee Chair.  
*Chair Slaughter called the meeting to order.*
3. Call for confirmation the meeting was properly posted. Committee Chair and staff.  
*Administrative Assistant (AA) Malone confirmed the meeting was properly posted.*
4. Call for the roll call of Committee and determination of quorum. Committee Chair and staff.  
*AA Malone took roll and confirmed a quorum was present.*
5. Public comment announcement. Committee Chair.  
*No public comment was provided.*

6. Discussion pertaining to SB 78 and historic preservation in Nevada  
*Board member Bert Bedeau informed the Committee of his outreach efforts and research regarding how SB78 originated. Director Brenda Scolari, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, informed the Committee that the bill was going to be amended and it might be best to wait until the amendment is in place. Deputy Director Chad Stephens also shared there would be a white paper to come. Member Bedeau offered his assistance to remain engaged with the legislation and provide assistance to affected entities.*  
*During public comment on the item, Chris Fussell, Volunteer at the Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City, shared his concerns about accountability of the State.*
7. Discussion pertaining to other potential legislation (such as SB 27) relating to Nevada History and Museums.  
*Administrator Thielen noted the changes requested by the Division pertained to clarifying museum names, removing archaic language, and adding language allowing the Board to set fees for services provided by the Division.*
8. Public Comment Announcement.  
*No public comment was provided.*
9. ADJOURNMENT  
*Chair Slaughter adjourned the meeting.*

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