

**STATE OF NEVADA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 25, 2024**

The meeting of the Board of Economic Development was called to order by Governor Joe Lombardo at the Capitol Building, Old Assembly Chambers, 101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701 and via virtual meeting link.

VOTING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Governor Joe Lombardo, State of Nevada
Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, State of Nevada
Mr. James A. Barrett, Jr., President & Founder, The JABarrett Company
Mr. Josh Reid, Director of National Resources, Fennemore Law
Mr. Raymond Specht, Founder & CEO, Specht Leadership Consulting
Ms. Sasha Stephenson, President, SSS Public Affairs
Ms. Yolanda King, President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Y. King Strategies
Dr. Weldon Havins, Director, Medical Jurisprudence and Ophthalmology, Touro University Nevada

VOTING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar, State of Nevada

NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Chris Sewell, Director Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation
Ms. Patricia Charlton, Officer in Charge, Nevada System of Higher Education
Dr. Kris Sanchez, Director, Department of Business and Industry
Ms. Jhone Ebert, Superintendent of Public Instruction

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Alex Bacchus, Director of Business Development, North, GOED
Avrey Callis, International Trade Manager, South, GOED
Amanda J. Flocchini, International Business Development Director, South, GOED
Bob Potts, Northern Deputy Director, GOED
Carli Smith, Digital Media Manager, North, GOED
Danny B. Miller, ISO & Technical Support Specialist, North, GOED
Dorian Stonebarger, Director of Special Projects, GOED
Elaine Silverstone, Director of Workforce Development, South, GOED
Gregory Bortolin, Director of Communications, North, GOED

Jeremiah Mesquita, Government Contracts Advisor, Nevada APEX Accelerator
Jessica Murillo, Accounting and Administrative Assistant, North, GOED
Joan Rueben, Director, Nevada APEX Accelerator, South
John Rice, Government Contracts Advisor, Nevada APEX Accelerator
Kaitlyn Cardoza, Fiscal Technician, North
Kenneth DuBos, Government Contracts Advisor, Nevada APEX Accelerator, North
Kim Spurgeon, Director, Nevada Film Office, South
Kristen Spencer, Business Development Coordinator, South, GOED
Kyeema L. Peart, Director, Office of Entrepreneurship, North, GOED
Leandra Diossa, Director of Administration, North, GOED
Mason Weber, Administrative Assistant, North, GOED
Melanie Sheldon, Senior Director of Business Development, South, GOED
Michelle Sibley, Director of Human Resources, Diversity, and Inclusion, GOED
Nathan Jackson, Deputy Director, Nevada APEX Accelerator, South
Rosa Moreno, Gov. Contracts Advisor & Emerging Small Bus Prog. Mgr., NV APEX Accelerator
Sarah Clark, Program Specialist, CDBG, South
Shari Davis, Director, Rural Economic & Community Development, North, GOED
Sherry Lloyd, Program Compliance Officer
Susan Skaggs, Executive Assistant, South, GOED
Suzette Manzares, Administrative Assistant, CDBG, North
Thomas J. Burns, Executive Director, GOED
Henna Rasul, Office of Attorney General, State of Nevada, GOED Open Meeting Law Attorney
David Newton, Special Counsel to the Colorado River Commission and GOED

GUESTS PRESENT

Amber Stidham, LVGEA
Amanda Berry, EDAWN
Amy Barnes, NNDA
Bill Arent, LVGEA
Brittany West, City of North Las Vegas
Bruce Breslow, CFED
Cindy Kendall, DETR
Daniel Dong, DETR
Dave Johnson, SNWA
Eric West, Aqua Metals Reno, Inc.
Judd Merrill, Aqua Metals Reno, Inc.
Katy Evilsizor, LVGEA
Kimberly Yaeger, EDAWN
Kyle Wagner, City of Henderson
Madeline Burak, Office of the Governor, State of Nevada
Matt Roberts, Aqua Metals Reno, Inc.
Michael Dayton, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State of Nevada

Martin Potnick, Manufacture Nevada
Michael Walsh, LVGEA
Michelle Hammond, Humboldt County
Mitch Keenan, LVGEA
Nancy McCormick, EDAWN
Nick Clasen, City of Henderson
Nicole Rudelbach, Douglas County
Shelli Long, NV Department of Taxation
Sonny Vinuya, Office of the Governor, State of Nevada
Stephen Fuzfa, DETR
Tatjana Vukovic, NNDA
Terri Sheridan, City of North Las Vegas
Tina Quigley, LVGEA
Veronica Chavez, EDAWN
Wayne Thompson, Manufacture Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Governor Joe Lombardo, State of Nevada, called the meeting to order. Ms. Melanie Sheldon, Senior Director of Business Development, Nevada Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GOED) called roll, and quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

2. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Governor Lombardo called for a motion to approve the November 20, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. RAY SPECHT TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 20, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MS. SASHA STEPHENSON SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tom Burns, Executive Director, GOED, advised the Nevada Film Office (NFO) assisted in three productions that were released in time for the holidays: television series,

Obliterated, on Netflix; feature film, Don't Suck, which was released on streaming platforms and in select theaters; and feature film, The Family Plan, which was release on Apple TV Plus. Director Burns highlighted the Nevada Apex Accelerator, a division of GOED, providing Nevada small businesses with procurement technical assistance, for companies to find government procurement opportunities and compete for and win contracts and subcontracts. Back in April, the Nevada APEX Accelerator was a co-event collaborator that provided such opportunities at the Fallon Convention Center at a one-day procurement event hosted by the U.S. Navy. Ken DuBos and Bruce Coney, both Government Contracts Advisors, from the Nevada APEX Accelerator, were onsite supporting the event and conducted a presentation titled “Nevada APEX Accelerator” that provided an overview about APEX’s no-charge one-on-one counseling, events, and other services. One of the eventual results of that event was Puyenpa Construction LLC securing a contract with the U.S. Navy.

Director Burns noted the Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority (NNRDA) has launched Silver Link, a supply chain soft landing program for domestic and international mining services and support companies capitalizing on existing Nevada or Canadian partnerships. GOED is providing financial support and other assistance following the successful trade to Canada led by the Governor. Silver Link is an effort to address supply chain gaps in Nevada's mining industry that will better serve the needs of both operators and service providers, as well as a one-stop digital repository for data collections, gap analysis, and demand recruitment within Nevada's Mining Industry.

Director Burns reported that the Governor signed a declaration of understanding with Jesper Møller Sørensen, Danish Ambassador to the United States, to explore opportunities to work closer on renewable energy projects, and one of the first collaborations includes targeting the establishment of a renewal energy power industrial park in Lincoln County that will extract \$260 million in investments and create 150 jobs. Future collaborations will also explore opportunities creating similar enterprises in other areas of Nevada.

Director Burns highlighted that TuBiomics, a Nevada company born out of GOED’s Knowledge Fund, is getting national attention. Deep-technology company TuBiomics which is developing plant and soil health products from mixtures of natural biochemistry was named among Top 10 Agri Biotech Solutions Companies of 2023 by renowned Agri Business Review and made the magazine’s cover story in December.

Director Burns indicated that five companies received \$100,000 each from the generator of Reno Tahoe Investment Accelerator program, the funding of which is a result of GOED's State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Venture Capital Battle Born Growth Accelerate co-investment program. The Director further noted that ten Nevada companies received \$100,000 the previous year, and it is anticipated that the Las Vegas Generator will award five companies \$100,000 each later this year.

Director Burns advised of some personnel changes within GOED. The Director congratulated Dr. Kris Sanchez, formerly GOED Deputy Director, on his new roles as Executive Director of Nevada Business and Industry (B&I), and Mr. James Humm, formerly GOED’s Director of

Public Policy and Government Affairs, who was appointed as Director of the Cannabis Compliance Board. The Director announced that Ms. Doran Stonebarger, formerly GOED'S Director of Special Projects, was appointed to the Director of Strategy and Public Policy, and Ms. Amanda Flocchini, formerly GOED Senior International Trade Division Manager, was appointed to International Business Development Director.

Director Burns informed the Board that GOED's five-year comprehensive economic development strategy, titled Realizing Nevada's Electric Innovative and Connected Future, was updated to include water and health sections.

Governor Lombardo asked for elaboration of the water piece in the five-year plan and if it included any updated new requirements on closed loop systems.

Director Burns advised it did not include updated requirements. However, it does provide an updated perspective on Nevada's management. of its water resources

Director Bob Potts, Deputy Director, GOED added that both health and water are really what build a community and create an environment and foundation to help to grow the economy. Director Potts noted the importance of identifying and deploying a very specific water policy and management strategy going forward in future economic development processes.

Ms. Yolanda King asked if the five-year comprehensive update is on the website, and requested that if not on the website, it be forwarded to all Board members for their review.

Director Burns indicated that it is on the website, and that GOED would also be happy to forward it to members. Director Burns further indicated that GOED does have a new website launching the Monday following this meeting.

Deputy Director Potts added that on the website, there is a separate standalone piece for water and health, which will make it easier to see the updates rather than navigating through the entire report.

Director Burns noted in March 2023, GOED approved a major abatement application for Tesla. The Director indicated that this contract was finalized in January 2024, and Tesla is moving forward with their \$3.6 billion battery and semi-truck manufacturing facility.

Director Burns concluded his presentation by informing the Board that GOED has relocated to a new facility in southern Nevada and expressed his thanks for the more upscale location.

4. RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Ms. Shari Davis, Director, Rural Economic and Community Development, GOED, discussed encouraging economic and community development in rural Nevada through GOED's rural

division. Two of the primary programs are the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Nevada Main Street Program. In 2023, GOED was allocated \$2.8 million through these grants. All projects being awarded must meet one of three national program objectives: they must benefit low to moderate income people; they must prevent or eliminate slums and/or blight; or they must meet current, urgent community development needs. All must have a positive economic development impact. Ms. Davis next described the five awarded projects for 2023, including: the creation of safe, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sidewalks in Fallon; the building of a community response and resource center in Fernley; sidewalk improvement in the city of Wells; funding to create a new address system in Esmeralda County that would allow emergency responders to locate callers; and funding for the Nye County Airport fueling system.

Ms. Davis highlighted three recently completed projects: a downtown development in West Wendover, which was begun with \$525,000 originally received from GOED, then leveraged to \$7 million, and then grown to \$13 million through other funding, including the infrastructure bank and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding; repaving and revamping of a blighted area of Tonopah from a parking lot to a gathering space that encourages additional economic activity downtown; the purchase in Wells of a vacant downtown motel that was then converted into an incubator space, which already houses five small businesses.

Ms. Davis discussed Nevada Main Street, noting that GOED partners with Main Street America, a national organization that focuses on downtown revitalization, historic preservation, community development, beautification, economic vitality, and offers community-based initiatives with a practical, adaptable framework. There are currently 22 participating communities in Nevada Main Street, a number that will likely reach 25 by the end of June. Ms. Davis shared the list of communities, noting that D means designated, A means affiliate, and E means exploring, which means that they've signed paperwork, have filed to be part of the program, but still have some more things to do. GOED and Main Street America help these communities with things like organizational development services, training, networking, scholarships, grants, access to the Main Street America website, meetings, and direct support. Ms. Davis indicated that GOED received 700,000 in one-shot funding the last session, and with that funding, has conducted two-day strategic planning workshops throughout Nevada in five different towns, 19 participating communities in partnership with the University of Reno's University Center for Economic Development (UCED) and Dr. Fred Steinmann. Ms. Davis explained that when talking to these communities, it was discovered that none of them had a strategic plan and in response, GOED started with the strategic planning workshops and will then move to the grants. Ms. Davis further explained that each quarter, she will be working with the community to work, plan, and ensure that the strategic plan does not fall by the wayside.

Ms. Davis informed the Board that this work requires strategic, mutually beneficial partnerships, and expressed her pride in the following partners: Travel Nevada; Outdoor Rec; the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) the Small Business Development Center (SBDC); USDA rural development; both senators' office; UCED; Business Network International (BNI); Rural Nevada Development Corporation (RNDC); Office of Small Business Advocacy; Nevada

Arts Council; State Parks; Bureau of Land Management (BLM); Nevada Rural Housing; the Western Nevada Development District (WNDD); Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT); and the Regional Development Authorities (RDAs). Ms. Davis further noted that the divisions within GOED also work directly with one another to help these rural communities to create spaces of which both the community and tourists want to be a part. Ms. Davis then shared some images of the spaces created in Ely, Tonopah, and the ReTRAC Plaza in downtown Reno.

Ms. Davis explained how CDBG and Nevada Main Street support GOED's mission, beginning with the creation of healthy communities that can support economic development through investing in infrastructure and capital improvements, investing in health and safety, and then providing funding for planning, which allows communities to apply for other grant funds. Ms. Davis explained support of small business creation, attraction, retention, and expansion, with the goal of creation of communities that potential employees would like to move to and that current residents would like to remain in. Community-led growth is supported while retaining a community's identity and sense of place, and that this is called place keeping.

Mr. Ray Specht commended Ms. Davis' presentation and indicated that this is the first time in his many years on the Board that he has seen a presentation related to economic development efforts in the rural areas. Mr. Specht noted that based on his math, not all funding has been spent, and questioned if any funding from the CDBG is still left and for how long it will be available.

Ms. Davis explained that part of the funding also goes towards paying GOED staff to do the CDBG work as well as training, which accounts for the overage.

Director Burns praised Ms. Davis for her work, as well as for the excellent relationships she has established with the towns in rural Nevada.

Ms. King commended Ms. Davis' presentation and asked if this funding is on a reimbursement basis or if it is up-front funding.

Ms. Davis indicated that it is on a reimbursement basis and added that GOED does reimburse very quickly.

5. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (RDA) COMPANY UPDATE

Ms. Nancy McCormick, Senior Vice President Retention, Expansion and Workforce Development, Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN), advised she would be providing an update on a company previously approved for Abatements. Tactical Air Support is an American defense contractor founded in 2005 with headquarters in Reno that provides domestic and international center of excellence level training and advisory services in tactical aviation. The company specializes in advanced tactical and training support, and core values are integrity, excellence, respect, reliability, and commitment. Ms. McCormick indicated

that the original requirements from the state in 2017 were to maintain operations in Nevada for at least five years, create a minimum of 25 new jobs at an average wage of \$20.89 or more per hour, and to provide healthcare coverage meeting or exceeding standards, and to exceed the capital investment expansion threshold of approximately \$338,000. Ms. McCormick reported that the company has not only achieved but exceeded all these requirements. Ms. McCormick further indicated that the state has far exceeded their original capital commitment of \$21 million made at that time.

6. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UPDATE

Deputy Director Potts reported the unemployment rate has remained relatively unchanged for the last 27 months and remains at 5.4 percent. As such, companies that apply for abatements, with 85% to 99% of the statewide average wage can be eligible for Reduced Abatements as opposed to Standard Abatements. In addition to the wage criteria companies must meet the state capital equipment investment standards; job creation; healthcare parameters; the export requirements, with 50 percent must be sold outside the region of their goods and services; and the Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) provision that went into effect on October 1, 2023.

7. ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

A. AQUA METALS RENO, INC.

- **SALES TAX ABATEMENT**
- **MODIFIED BUSINESS TAX ABATEMENT**
- **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT**
- **REAL PROPERTY FOR RECYCLING TAX ABATEMENT**

Ms. McCormick introduced Aqua Metals Reno, Inc (Aqua Metals). Aqua Metals is looking to expand its existing presence in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center (TRIC) to accommodate the expansion of its capabilities to include its Li AquaRefining process. AquaRefining is a low emission, closed-loop recycling technology that replaces polluting furnaces and hazardous chemicals with electricity-powered electroplating to recover valuable metals and materials from spent batteries with higher purity, lower emissions, and with minimal waste. The "Aqualyzers" cleanly generate ultra-pure metal one atom at a time, closing the sustainability loop for the rapidly growing energy storage economy. Aqua Metals expanded facility plans to reach 10,000 tons-per-year capacity (100,000 EV batteries annually) in the coming years through a phased development strategy.

The company will have a total capital equipment investment of approximately \$17.7m and will generate 39 full-time jobs within the first 24 months of operation with an average hourly wage of \$41.30. Ms. McCormick was joined by Mr. Eric West, Vice President of Corporate Finance, Aqua Metals.

Mr. Specht asked about the company's water requirements and usage in its closed-loop process, as well as how much actual waste there will be on an annual or monthly basis and to where it will be disposed.

Mr. West advised that annual water usage is approximately about three-acre feet, which is part of the building purchased in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center (TRIC) for the allotment. Mr. West further noted that most of the water usage goes up through vapor due to heat generated during the process. Mr. West added that approximately 20 percent will be disposed of via the TRI General Improvement District (TRIGID) sewage system or, if it doesn't meet the specs, via an environmental group that can dispose of it correctly in accordance with standards, and that disposal will likely take place in Nevada, with the exception of something with hazardous characteristics where it would have to be taken to another location.

Mr. Jay Barrett noted the high pay level and asked for a description of the employment requirements of those positions, as well as the sourcing of new employees.

Mr. West advised this includes a mixture of high-level professionals as well as operators, who are paid at the higher end because of increased skill level requirement, primarily around chemistry. Mr. West added that the company is working closely with Western Nevada College (WNC) and Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) to develop programs for recruitment into the company through an 8–12-week intensive training program to increase level to meet the qualifications.

Mr. Chris Sewell asked if the company has been working with the Nevada Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) to backfill some of the positions, noting that DETR has programs that do upskilling at no charge to the company.

Mr. West confirmed that the company has been in communication with DETR.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. STEPHENSON TO APPROVE THE SALES TAX ABATEMENT, MODIFIED BUSINESS TAX ABATEMENT, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT, REAL PROPERTY FOR RECYCLING TAX ABATEMENT FOR AQUA METALS RENO, INC. MR. BARRETT SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. EDGEWOOD RENEWABLES, LLC

- **SALES TAX ABATEMENT**
- **MODIFIED BUSINESS TAX ABATEMENT**
- **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT**
- **REAL PROPERTY FOR RECYCLING TAX ABATEMENT**

Mr. Mitch Keenan, Vice President, Business Development, Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (LVGEA) introduced Edgewood Renewables, LLC (Edgewood). Edgewood plans to

establish a biorefinery, manufacturing and distribution facility in North Las Vegas. Edgewood is in the process of constructing a biorefinery on the site that will produce over 120 million gallons of Renewable Diesel and Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) each year. The company has purchased an existing fuel terminal that is not currently operating. The company plans to upgrade this facility to create Renewable Diesel and SAF. Edgewood's fuel is produced from inedible waste streams of agricultural oils and animal fats, which reduces emissions by 70% and eliminates dependence on fossil fuels. Edgewood's primary focus is on the development of large-scale renewable projects to meet the growing demand for low-carbon fuels in the future.

The company will have a total capital equipment investment of approximately \$133 m and will generate 60 full-time jobs within the first 24 months of operation with an average hourly wage of \$41.71. Mr. Keenan was joined by Mr. Steve Harrington, Chief Executive Officer, Edgewood

Mr. Josh Reid asked about the company's source of feedstock. Mr. Harrington noted that the waste oils will be sourced from various sources, including cooking oil from consolidators in the Las Vegas Valley as well as from some agricultural and vegetable oils that would be coming in via rail from the Midwest or other states.

Dr. Sanchez noted that during the building of the facility, B&I's Division of Industrial Relations worked with companies in this space and, as such, offered to make introductions early in the process.

Ms. King asked about the determining factors to come to Nevada.

Mr. Harrington noted that not only does Nevada offer different kinds of benefits and programs, but also, its proximity to California is convenient.

Governor Lombardo noted the previous renewable facility that had previously been located on Edgewood's current site asked if Mr. Harrington had any insight.

Mr. Harrington indicated that Edgewood purchased the assets of the previous owner, via a bankruptcy process, and indicated his belief the previous project had become tied-up in the construction phase. The previous owner was at a very early time in the adoption of these processes and technology, and renewable fuels was a very early concept in 2017 and '18. However, many advances had occurred since this time.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SPECHT TO APPROVE THE SALES TAX ABATEMENT, MODIFIED BUSINESS TAX ABATEMENT, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT, REAL PROPERTY FOR RECYCLING TAX ABATEMENT FOR EDGEWOOD RENEWABLES, LLC. MS. KING SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. HARD EIGHT NUTRITION, LLC

- **SALES TAX ABATEMENT**
- **MODIFIED BUSINESS TAX ABATEMENT**
- **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT**

Mr. Bill Arent, Senior Vice President, Chief Business Development Officer, LVGEA, introduced Hard Eight Nutrition, LLC (Hard Eight Nutrition). Hard Eight N plans to expand its existing Henderson manufacturing facility from 45,500 sq. ft. to 137,000 sq. ft. within the next few months. Hard Eight Nutrition supplies over 500 pure nutritional supplement ingredients to hundreds of thousands of consumers and manufacturers. The company was founded in 2013 and its journey began with a vision to provide high-quality nutritional supplements at affordable prices. The founders identified a gap in the market for bulk quantities of supplements, catering to both individual consumers and businesses. In recent years, Hard Eight Nutrition has continued to thrive in the competitive nutritional supplement market.

The company will have a total capital equipment investment of approximately \$7.1 m and will generate 60 full-time jobs within the first 49 months of operation with an average hourly wage of \$30.52. Mr. Arent was joined by Mr. Kevin Baronowski, President and Chief Operating Officer, Hard Eight Nutrition.

Mr. Baronowski advised that the company has been rapidly growing since it began 12 years ago and has been focused on global growth. The company has leased a couple more warehouses in the same parking lot and is now looking forward to moving into the 136,000 square foot new manufacturing facility. Mr. Baronowski noted that the company is focused on providing great benefits and treating employees well.

Ms. King asked about merit increases or COLA adjustments as neither are listed in the application.

Mr. Baronowski explained the company does annual reviews and for increases, keeps up with current rates. Additionally, the company offers competitive wages to retain staff, along with a solid benefit program.

Dr. Sanchez pointed out to the Board that with the total tax per abatement dollar at \$19, this would be a pretty substantial return for the state's investment.

Governor Lombardo questioned how the company got its name.

Mr. Baronowski explained that the company next to his in a small, industrial mall was called the Yo-11 Company, a craps term, and one of Mr. Baronowski's workers then deemed the company the Hard Eight Boys, which then became Hard Eight Nutrition.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SPECHT TO APPROVE THE SALES TAX ABATEMENT, MODIFIED BUSINESS TAX ABATEMENT, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR HARD EIGHT NUTRITION, LLC. MS. KING SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Sewell informed the Board that he and Director Burns had met a few months earlier and discussed a program called Leader Verse, to get into training entry level and managerial level executives in the hospitality industry. Mr. Sewell explained that initially Director Burns did not have the funding, but DETR did, and informed the Board that the press release will be likely in the next couple of weeks regarding the funding and the training program in conjunction with The University of Las Vegas (UNLV). As such, Mr. Sewell commended the partnerships between the agencies and noted the great results these partnerships are yielding.

10. GOVERNOR LOMBARDO COMMENTS

Governor Lombardo commended GOED and Director Burns and thanked Ms. Davis for her presentation at today's meeting. The Governor noted that it appears that the state is going in the right direction in terms of economic development.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.