

# NEVADA LEGISLATURE'S COMMISSION ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

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## SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The third meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Commission on Special License Plates for the 2003-2004 interim was held on Monday, October 18, 2004, at 9 a.m., in Room 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, and videoconferenced to Room 3138, Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's Web site at [www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/72nd2003/Interim](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/72nd2003/Interim). In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: [publications@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:publications@lcb.state.nv.us); telephone: 775/684-6835).

### COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

[Assemblywoman Vonne Stout Chowning](#), Chairwoman  
[Senator Raymond C. Shaffer](#), Vice Chairman  
Senator Michael A. Schneider  
George Togliatti, Director, Department of Public Safety (nonvoting member)

### COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

[Assemblyman Don Gustavson](#)  
Ginny Lewis, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) (nonvoting member)  
Scott K. Sisco, Interim Director, Department of Cultural Affairs (nonvoting member)

### COMMISSION MEMBER ABSENT:

Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Ruedy, Senior Research Analyst  
Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Senior Research Analyst  
M. Scott McKenna, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel  
Nenita Wasserman, Senior Research Secretary

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Chowning called the third meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2004

The Commission **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR SHAFFER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2004, MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN GUSTAVSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairwoman Chowning reviewed a list of active plate counts, revenue generated, and approved plates awaiting production. [Exhibit B](#)

## **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES**

### **Asociacion Civil Del Estado de Durango**

- Luis Martin Hinojosa-Flores, President, Asociacion Civil Del Estado de Durango, Las Vegas, Nevada, testified that the plate would generate money to assist families with transporting a relative to be buried in Durango, Mexico. A copy of the design of the Asociacion Civil Del Estado de Durango special license plate can be found in the meeting packet which is [Exhibit C](#).

### **Commission on Tourism and the Commission on Economic Development's Projects Related to Tourism Grant Program**

- Nancy Dunn, Deputy Director, Commission on Tourism, stated that the funds from the special license plate would go to a grant program to assist rural communities develop the infrastructure that will accommodate tourist activities. Her detailed testimony and pictures of designs of plates can be seen in [Exhibit D](#).

### **Nevada Library Association**

- Felton Thomas, President, Nevada Library Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, explained that the revenue generated from this special license plate would go to the Statewide Summer Reading Program and to a scholarship fund to help recruit and educate future librarians.
- Chris Cheely, Representative, Borders Book Store, Las Vegas, Nevada, testified on the need for more reading programs and more librarians.
- Holly Van Valkenburg, Past-President, Nevada Library Association, Carson City, Nevada, stated that the Nevada Library Association proposes a specialty license plate to further the organizations' endeavors and to promote libraries and literacy in the state of Nevada. Her detailed testimony is [Exhibit E](#).
- Sharon Honig-Bear, Washoe County Librarian, Reno, Nevada, testified that libraries are considered a discretionary service in the State of Nevada and need more funds for their programs. She saw this as a good opportunity to provide some revenue for the libraries.

### **Boulder City Chamber of Commerce**

- Jill Rowland-Lagan, Executive Director, Boulder City Chamber of Commerce commented that Boulder City would like to use the funds collected from the special license plates for advertising in general.

### **Protect the Second Amendment**

- Assemblyman Gustavson, previously identified, explained the revenue from this special license plate would go to the University and Community College System scholarship funds for dependent children of fallen police officers and firemen killed in the line of duty in the State of Nevada.
- Bruno Choueiri, public citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada, commented there are many members of the military who strongly support this plate.
- Dave Francis, resident, Carson City, Nevada, stated he strongly supports the second amendment and would like to see the Commission on Special License Plates approve this application.
- Bill Kalevaugh, resident, Carson City, Nevada, testified the use of funds from this plate was going to a very good cause to support the children of fallen officers and firemen of Nevada.

George Togliatti, identified on page 1, stated that all the designs submitted today are generally acceptable. He noted there may be some design changes but it was his opinion that everyone was on the right course.

M. Scott McKenna, identified on page 1, testified that the Commission on Special License plates can recommend the order of production of the special license plates but ultimately it would be the DMV's decision.

**APPROVAL OF ALL FIVE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATIONS:**

The Commission **DENIED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR SHAFFER MOVED TO APPROVE ALL FIVE SPECIAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

**APPROVAL OF THE ASOCIACION CIVIL DEL ESTADO DE DURANGO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION.**

The Commission **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR SHAFFER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ASOCIACION CIVIL DEL ESTADO DE DURANGO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION. CHAIRWOMAN CHOWNING SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED WITH SENATOR SCHNEIDER VOTING NAY.

**APPROVAL OF THE BOULDER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION.**

The Commission **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR SCHNEIDER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOULDER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION. SENATOR SHAFFER SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON TOURISM AND THE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S PROJECTS RELATED TO TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION.**

The Commission **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR SCHNEIDER MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMISSION ON TOURISM AND THE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S PROJECTS RELATED TO TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION. SENATOR SHAFFER SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF THE NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION**

The Commission **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR SCHNEIDER MOVED TO APPROVE THE NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION. ASSEMBLYMAN GUSTAVSON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF THE PROTECT THE SECOND AMENDMENT SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION:**

The Commission **DENIED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN GUSTAVSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROTECT THE SECOND

AMENDMENT SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

**APPROVAL OF THE NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION RECOMMENDED FOR PRODUCTION FIRST.**

The Commission **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR SCHNEIDER MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL LICENSE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDED FOR PRODUCTION FIRST. SENATOR SHAFFER SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON TOURISM AND THE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S PROJECTS RELATED TO TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE RECOMMENDED FOR PRODUCTION SECOND.**

The Commission **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR SCHNEIDER MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON TOURISM AND THE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S PROJECTS RELATED TO TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE RECOMMENDED FOR PRODUCTION SECOND. ASSEMBLYMAN THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN GUSTAVSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF THE BOULDER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE RECOMMENDED FOR PRODUCTION THIRD.**

The Commission **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR SCHNEIDER MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE BOULDER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APPLICATION SPECIAL LICENSE RECOMMENDED FOR PRODUCTION THIRD. ASSEMBLYMAN GUSTAVSON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Chairwoman Chowning stated the Commission recommends the Nevada Library Association, Commission on Tourism and Commission on Economic Development's Projects Related to Tourism Grant Program, and the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce for the three open slots. The last special license plate application for the Asociacion Civil Del Estado De Durango would be put on a waiting list.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Chairwoman Chowning stated that no future meeting dates would be scheduled since there were no open slots for new special license plates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no testimony from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nenita Wasserman  
Senior Research Secretary

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Jennifer Ruedy  
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APPROVED BY:

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Assemblywoman Vonne Stout Chowning, Chairwoman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda.”

[Exhibit B](#) is a list of active special license plates and revenue figures current as of September 2004, provided by Jennifer Ruedy, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Carson City, Nevada.

[Exhibit C](#) is the Commission on Special License Plate meeting packet which contains a copy of all special license applications and designs submitted for approval at the October 18, 2004, meeting, compiled by Jennifer Ruedy, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is a document provided Nancy Dunn, Deputy Director, Commission on Tourism, which is her detailed testimony and copy of possible special license plates designs.

[Exhibit E](#) is a document provided by Holly Van Valkenburg, Past-President, Nevada Library Association, Carson City, which is her detailed testimony.

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