



NEVADA LEGISLATURE NEVADA SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE FORUM (*Nevada Revised Statutes* 427A.320 through 427A.400)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The first meeting of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (NSHLF) for the 2009-2010 interim period was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at 9 a.m. in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada, and to Room 31, Griswold Hall, University of Nevada School of Medicine, Elko, 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/Interim. In addition, copies of the audio-video record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835.)

FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Lucy Peres, President
Alice Adams
Clo Banks
Joann M. Bongiorno
Evelyn A. Cannestra, M.S.W.
Richard C. Doyle
Verlia Davis Hoggard
Charles Perry
Herbert E. Randall, Ed.D.
Mimi Rodden
Rick A. Stanfill
Ronald E. Stoller
Harriet Trudell

FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Margaret Spooner

FORUM MEMBER PRESENT IN ELKO:

Ray B. Jones

FORUM MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED):

Ruth H. Hart

Jane Maxfield

Mary D. Roberts

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Mary Shope, Coordinator, NSHLF, Administrative Division, Las Vegas Office

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Lucy Peres, Forum President, called the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum's (NSHLF) meeting to order. Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

President Peres welcomed guests and members of the public.

President Peres, with the Forum's permission, modified the agenda order to accommodate the guest's schedules.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2008, MEETING

- President Peres presented the minutes of the December 10, 2008, meeting. She expressed gratitude to Ms. Clo Banks for her thoughtfulness and kindness during Ms. Thelma Clark's memorial service. Also, she extended the Forum's appreciation to Ms. Lona Domenici for her memorial gift in Ms. Clark's honor.

The NSHLF **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

MIMI RODDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2008, MEETING. RICHARD C. DOYLE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 23, 2009

- Mary Shope, Coordinator, NSHLF, provided an overview of the "Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum Summary of Receipts and Expenditures, for the monthly periods from 12/31/2008 through 05/31/2009". ([Exhibit B](#)) The Forum's current account balance reflects the remaining FY appropriations at approximately \$4,000.

Ms. Shope provided the Forum with the tentative FY 2010 and FY 2011 budget. ([Exhibit C](#)) The Forum's budget will be reviewed at the upcoming Legislative Commission's meeting with adjustments made at this time, if deemed appropriate.

The NSHLF **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

HERBERT E. RANDALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORTS AS SUBMITTED. RONALD E. STOLLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

HERBERT E. RANDALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE FORUM'S 2010 – 2011 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED. EVELYN CANNESTRA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF BILLS THAT RELATE TO RECOMMENDATION AND INTERESTS OF THE FORUM CONSIDERED IN THE 2009 SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

- President Peres summarized significant senior legislation. She stated many senior issues were enacted including SJR4 ([Exhibit D](#)) supporting Medicare funding, community based programs for seniors and legislative study of long term care. On the other hand, AB4, statewide alert system did not pass out of committee. Harriet Trudell inquired about the opposition to this legislation. President Peres indicated that some of the proposed statutory language raised concerns for the Committee members.

Dan Roberts, Publisher and Editor of *the Vegas Voice*, shared his concern that a notification system for missing individuals was critical to the well-being of seniors,

but that such a system was nonexistent. He expressed another concern that further delays in the implementation of a system was unacceptable. Mr. Roberts indicated that he plans to implement his silver alert program, named Silver Alert Family Emergency (SAFE) ([Exhibit E](#)), with the help of volunteers and senior organizations.

Forum members commended Mr. Roberts for his efforts.

V. ELECTION OF FORUM OFFICERS 2009 - 2010

- Ms. Shope reviewed the statutory requirements for the NSHLF nominations and election of officers (*NRS 427A.370*).

At President Peres' request, Ms. Shope opened the meeting for nominations of the Office of President.

Dr. Randall stated the Forum would be best served by officers exemplifying leadership and experience. He indicated that these characteristics were not only desirable, but necessary for continuity. Ms. Cannestra agreed with this concept.

The NSHLF **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

HERBERT E. RANDALL NOMINATED LUCY PERES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT. MIMI RODDEN SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

WITH NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS OFFERED, CHARLES PERRY MOVED TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. JOANN M. BONGIORNO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE NSHLF VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ELECT MS. PERES AS PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT PERES OPENED THE MEETING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT. VERLIA DAVIS HOGGARD NOMINATED HERBERT E. RANDALL FOR VICE PRESIDENT. PRESIDENT PERES SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

WITH NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS OFFERED, CLO BANKS MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT. EVELYN A. CANNESTRA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE NSHLF VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT. VERLIA DAVIS HOGGARD MOVED TO VOTE BY ACCLAMATION AND THE NSHLF VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ELECT DR. RANDALL AS VICE PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT PERES OPENED THE MEETING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER. PRESIDENT PERES NOMINATED JOANN M. BONGIORNO FOR TREASURER. HERBERT E. RANDALL SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

WITH NO OTHER NOMINATIONS OFFERED, RICHARD C. DOYLE MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER. HERBERT E. RANDALL SECONDED THE MOTION. BY ACCLAMATION, THE NSHLF VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ELECT MS. BONGIORNO AS TREASURER.

PRESIDENT PERES OPENED THE MEETING FOR NOMINATIONS

FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY. VERLIA DAVIS HOGGARD NOMINATED HARRIET TRUDELL FOR SECRETARY. MIMI RODDEN SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

WITH NO OTHER NOMINATIONS OFFERED, VERLIA DAVIS HOGGARD MOVED TO VOTE BY ACCLAMATION AND THE NSHLF VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ELECT MS. TRUDELL AS SECRETARY.

- President Peres congratulated the newly elected officers and expressed her willingness to work with the Forum Officers and members in the upcoming year. Additionally, she thanked all the members for their continued support.

VI. REPORT ON THE NEVADA SILVER HAIRED CONGRESS (NSHC) AND NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (NCSHL)

- President Peres summarized the merits of NSHC and NCSHL and their relationship with the Forum. She encouraged collaboration with both organizations. President Peres welcomed the newest members of NSHC, Dr. Randall and Mr. Charles Perry.

Charles Perry shared his background with the Forum. ([Exhibit F](#)) He stated he has been a resident of the Las Vegas area since 1975 and proudly served the public in Nevada's Assembly, back in the 1980's. Mr. Perry said his experiences as Executive Director and CEO of Nevada Healthcare Administrators will be helpful when considering senior issues.

Verlia Davis Hoggard and Harriet Trudell inquired about the NSHC's appointment process. Following discussion over representation concerns, Ms. Peres provided an indepth review of the confirmation process and indicated she would relay these issues to the other NSHC members.

President Peres noted NCSHL will host its annual business meeting in Charleston, West Virginia during August 5-7, 2009. She recommended the Forum support NCSHL's meeting and approve the registration expenditure, for a maximum of four members.

The NSHLF **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

VERLIA DAVIS HOGGARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE, WITH MIMI RODDEN'S AMENDMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$400 DOLLARS, FOR NCSHL'S ANNUAL BUSINESS

MEETING REGISTRATION.

CHARLES PERRY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Healy, private citizen, Las Vegas, raised concerns relating to the quality of long term health care. He encouraged the Forum's continued support.

Mr. Charles Perry offered his condolences to Mr. Healy and suggested he contact the State's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance. Mr. Perry provided the contact information for the agency, along with his own contact information.

- Sylvia Healy, private citizen and member of Citizens for Patient Dignity, shared her concerns that residents of long term care facilities receive abusive care because of inadequate staffing and security.

In response to Ms. Healy's concerns, Mr. Charles Perry stated staffing ratios and professional training continues to be problematic for long term care facilities. President Peres and Mr. Doyle committed to review long term care at future meetings.

- Rada Vukanovich, private citizen, Las Vegas, shared concerns centering on patient rights, adequate nursing care, and retaliatory practices by the nursing staff. She requested the Forum's assistance.

Supporting Ms. Vukanovich's concerns about long term care facilities, Alice Adams reported she observed inappropriate nursing care and encouraged the Forum to review long term health care.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, MEETINGS DATES, AND EXPENDITURES

- President Peres opened the discussion considering future meeting dates, agenda topics, and speakers.

The NSHLF **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

HARRIET TRUDELL MOVED TO CONVENE FORUM MEETINGS AT

10 A.M. EVELYN A. CANNESTRA SECONDED THE MOTION.

WITH NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE NSHLF VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO START FORUM MEETINGS AT 10 A.M.

As for the future meeting dates, Ms. Shope will notify the members when convenient dates have been determined.

- President Peres acknowledged Ms. Clo Banks for her thoughtfulness and hospitality during Ms. Clark's Celebration of Life.

- Ms. Shope provided information relating to Ms. Clark's tributes and proclamations ([Exhibit G](#)), the Forum's reappointment process ([Exhibit H](#)), and the handout on Medicare Advantage provided by Herbert W. Perry ([Exhibit I](#)).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Forum, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shope, Coordinator
Nevada Silver Haired Legislative
Forum

APPROVED BY:

____ Date: _____
Lucy Peres, President
Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum

____ Date: _____
Harriet Trudell, Secretary
Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" for December 10, 2008, provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator, Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (NSHLF), Administrative Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

[Exhibit B](#) is the document titled "NSHLF Summary of Receipts and Expenditures, for the monthly periods from 12/31/2008 through 05/31/2009", provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator.

[Exhibit C](#) is the document titled "Legislative Counsel Bureau, Fiscal Year 2010 and Fiscal Year 2011 Budget", provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator.

[Exhibit D](#) are the documents sharing the legislative history and language of Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 (SJR4), 75th Legislative Session, provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator.

[Exhibit E](#) is the collection of documents titled "the *Vegas Voice*, Silver Alert Family Emergency, SAFE in Nevada Program", provided by Dan Roberts, Publisher and Editor, of *the Vegas Voice*.

[Exhibit F](#) are the documents titled "Charles Perry Biography, Nevada Health Care Association", and "Charles C. Perry, Jr., Nevada Legislature's Legislative Biography", provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator.

[Exhibit G](#) are the documents titled "A Citizen's View, Dick Doyle, Consumer advocate left her mark on Nevada" and proclamations awarded to Ms. Thelma Clark dated this 10th day of December 2008, dated this 16th day of December 2008, and dated this 7th day of March 2009", provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator.

[Exhibit H](#) is the *Nevada Revised Statutes*, Chpt. 532, Sec. 10, provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator.

[Exhibit I](#) is the document titled "An Important Message about your Medicare Advantage", provided by The Coalition for Medicare Choices and submitted on behalf of Herbert W. Perry, NSHC Silver Senator, by Mary Shope, Coordinator.

This set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report" is supplied as an informational service. Exhibits in electronic format may not be complete. Copies of the complete exhibits, other materials distributed at the meeting, and the audio record are on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, Carson City, Nevada. You may contact the Library online at www.leg.state.nv.us/lcb/research/library/feedbackmail.cfm or telephone: