

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

LCB File No. R048-14

**STATE OF NEVADA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS
(NRS 233B.061)

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

DATE & TIME OF MEETING: Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: This meeting will be held at the following location:

**Nevada Commission on Ethics
704 W. Nye Lane, Suite 204
Carson City, NV 89103**

Members of the public may attend this public meeting at the above location.

AGENDA

NOTES:

- Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration.
- At any time, an agenda item may be taken out of order, removed, or delayed.
- Public comment will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting and again before the conclusion of the meeting. Comment and/or testimony by the public may be limited to three (3) minutes. No action may be taken on any matter referred to in remarks made as public comment.

	1. Call to Order , Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
	2. Open Session for Public Comment. Comment and/or testimony by any member of the public will be limited to three (3) minutes. No action will be taken under this agenda item.

For Possible Action	3. Open Session pursuant to NRS 233B.061 to conduct a workshop to solicit comments from interested persons regarding the Commission’s intent to adopt, amend and appeal regulations set forth in NAC Chapter 281A to reflect amendments to NRS Chapter 281A enacted pursuant to Senate Bill 228 of the 2013 Legislative Session (Chapter 551, 2013 Statutes of Nevada), including provisions relating to Commission procedures regarding jurisdiction, notice and investigations of third-party requests for opinion, confidentiality of certain information and documents, the applicability of certain relationships as those within the
For Possible Action	4. Open Session for Commissioner comments on matters related to workshop.
	5. Open Session for Public Comment. Comment and/or testimony by any member of the public will be limited to three (3) minutes. No action will be taken under this agenda item.
	6. Adjournment.

NOTES:

- ❖ The Commission is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any member of the public who has a disability and wishes to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Nevada Commission on Ethics, in writing at 704 W. Nye Lane, Ste. 204, Carson City, Nevada 89703; via email at ncoe@ethics.nv.gov or call 775-687-5469 as far in advance as possible.
- ❖ To request a copy of the supporting materials for this meeting, contact Executive Director Caren Cafferata-Jenkins, Esq. at ncoe@ethics.nv.gov or 775-687-5469.
- ❖ This Notice of Public Meeting, Workshop to Consider Proposed Regulations, Agenda and supporting materials are posted and are available not later than the 15th working day before the meeting pursuant to NRS 233B.061 at the Commission’s office, 704 W. Nye Lane, Ste. 204, Carson City, Nevada, or on the Commission’s website at www.ethics.nv.gov. A copy also will be available at the meeting location on the meeting day.
- ❖ Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608, enclosed with this Notice of Workshop is a copy of the statement identifying the Commission’s determination regarding the impact of the proposed regulations on a small business.
- ❖ **This Notice of Public Meeting, Workshop to Consider Proposed Regulations and Agenda was posted in compliance with NRS 241.020 before 9:00 a.m. on the fifteenth working day before the meeting pursuant to NRS 233B.061 at the following locations:**

- Nevada Commission on Ethics, 704 W. Nye Lane, Suite 204, Carson City
- Nevada Commission on Ethics' website: www.ethics.nv.gov
- The Nevada Legislature's website: www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/
- Nevada Public Notice Website: <https://notice.nv.gov/>
- State Library & Archives Building, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City
- Blasdel Building, 209 E. Musser Street, Carson City
- Washoe County Administration Building, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno
- Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas

STATE OF NEVADA
BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION
(NRS 233B.060)

The Nevada Commission on Ethics will hold a public hearing to adopt, amend and repeal permanent regulations (LCB File R048-14) as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, June 11, 2014

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Grant Sawyer State Office Building
555 E. Washington Avenue
Suite 4412
Las Vegas, NV 89101

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the Commission's intent to adopt, amend and repeal regulations that pertain to chapter 281A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the applicable requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and purpose of the proposed regulations are to reflect amendments to NRS Chapter 281A enacted by Senate Bill 228 of the 2013 Legislative Session (Chapter 551, 2013 Statutes of Nevada), including provisions relating to Commission procedures regarding jurisdiction, notice and investigations of third-party requests for opinion, confidentiality of certain information and documents, the applicability of certain relationships as those within the third degree of consanguinity and other matters related thereto. (NRS 233B.0603(1)(a)(1))

2. In accordance with NRS 233B.0608, the proposed permanent regulations do not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. Rather, the Commission and the Ethics Law govern only the conduct of public officers and employees to ensure that public officers and employees commit themselves to avoid conflicts between their private interests and those of the general public whom they serve. Based on the foregoing, Commission Staff concluded that the regulations proposed by the Commission have no effect on small business. *See Statement Regarding Small Business Impact.* (NRS 233B.0603(1)(a)(4) and (5))

3. The Commission will not incur any cost to enforce the proposed regulations. (NRS 233B.0603(1)(a)(6))

4. The proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any other state, local or federal government regulation. However, NRS 281A.470 authorizes local governments to establish local ethics committees to complement the functions of the Commission and establish standards of ethical conduct that may not be less restrictive than NRS 281A. (233B.0603(1)(a)(7)).

5. The proposed regulations are not more stringent than any federal regulation that regulates the same activity, and are not required pursuant to any federal law. (NRS 233B.0603(1)(a)(8) and (9))

6. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the Commission at ncoe@ethics.nv.gov or to 704 W. Nye Street, Suite 204, Carson City, Nevada 89703, on or before **June 2, 2014**. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Commission may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions. (NRS 233B.0603(1)(a)(10)).

7. Pursuant to 233B.064, upon adoption of any regulation, the Commission, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption. (NRS 233B.0603(1)(c)).

8. The regulations do not establish any new fee or increase any existing fee. (NRS 233B.0603(1)(d)).

In accordance with NRS 233B.0607 and 233B.0603(1)(a)(3), members of the public may obtain a copy of this notice and the text of the regulations approved by the Legislative Counsel pursuant to NRS 233B.064 at the State Library and Archives, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and regulations will be available at the Nevada Commission on Ethics, 704 W. Nye Lane, Suite 204, Carson City, Nevada 89703 and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulations are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/> pursuant to NRS 233B.0601. Pursuant to NRS 233B.0603(1)(e), copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary. Pursuant to NRS 233B.061(5), the Commission will prepare and post an agenda for its June 11, 2014 Meeting in compliance with NRS Chapter 241.

This notice of hearing and the text of the proposed regulations have been posted at the following locations:

- The Nevada Commission on Ethic's website: <http://ethics.nv.gov>
- Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations website: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>
- The Nevada Legislature's Administrative Regulations Notices website: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>
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- The Following County Libraries:

CARSON CITY LIBRARY
900 NORTH ROOP ST
CARSON CITY NV 89701

CHURCHILL COUNTY
LIBRARY
553 SOUTH MAINE ST
FALLON NV 89406

CLARK COUNTY/LAS VEGAS
LIBRARY
833 LAS VEGAS BLVD NORTH
LAS VEGAS NV 89101-2602

DOUGLAS COUNTY
LIBRARY
1625 LIBRARY LANE
MINDEN NV 89423

ELKO COUNTY LIBRARY
720 COURT ST
ELKO NV 89801

ESMERALDA COUNTY
LIBRARY
FOURTH & CROOK ST
P O BOX 430
GOLDFIELD NV 89013-0430

EUREKA COUNTY
LIBRARY
210 SOUTH MONROE ST
EUREKA NV 89316

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85 EAST 5TH ST
WINNEMUCCA NV 89445

LANDER COUNTY/BATTLE
MT BRANCH LIBRARY
625 SOUTH BROAD ST
BATTLE MTN NV 89820

LINCOLN COUNTY
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63 MAIN ST
PIOCHE NV 89043

LYON COUNTY LIBRARY
20 NEVIN WAY
YERINGTON NV 89447-
2399

MINERAL COUNTY LIBRARY
FIRST & A ST
P O BOX 1390
HAWTHORNE NV 89415

NYE COUNTY
TONOPAH PUB LIBRARY
167 CENTRAL ST
P O BOX 449
TONOPAH NV 89049-0449

PERSHING COUNTY
LIBRARY
1125 CENTRAL AVE
P O BOX 781
LOVELOCK NV 89419

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TREASURER/CLERK'S
OFFICE
DRAWER D
VIRGINIA CITY NV 89440

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301 SOUTH CENTER ST
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