

Notice of Meeting and Agenda



**Gerlach/Empire  
Citizen Advisory Board**

Meeting Agenda

July 21, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Gerlach Community Center, 410 Cottonwood, Gerlach, NV 89412

ZOOM available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81022993473>

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## AGENDA

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The Citizen Advisory Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. (Non-Action Item)

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF [JUNE 16, 2022](#)** (for Possible Action)

**5. ELECTION OF 2022-2023 GERLACH/EMPIRE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR** (for Possible Action)

**6. WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE** – Washoe County Sheriff’s Office general update (Non-Action Item)

**7. EMS/FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT UPDATE** – Don Pelt, Fire Chief, Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue/EMS, will share an update on the contract negotiations between Washoe County (Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District) and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. (Non-Action Item)

**8. ENVISION 2040 UPDATE** - Eric Young, Senior Planner from Washoe County, will share updates on the developing High Desert Area Plan, as part of the overarching Washoe County Envision 2040 Comprehensive Plan update. Provide your feedback and hold an interactive discussion with Washoe County to provide insight into how the Gerlach and Empire area will develop in the future. (Non-Action Item)

**9. NV ENERGY REGIONAL UPDATE** – Laney Elmore, Regional Engineer, NV Energy, will provide an update to Gerlach residents from agenda item 7 from the [April 2022 Gerlach/Empire CAB meeting](#). (Non-Action Item)

**10. BROADBAND INTERNET UPDATE** – Behzad Zamanian, Washoe County Chief Information Officer, will share an update on expected expansion of broadband internet to Gerlach. (Non-Action Item)

**11. STEWARDS OF THE BLACK ROCK** – Matthew Ebert and Laura Blaylock will provide a briefing. (Non-Action Item)

**12. WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE**- Washoe County Commissioner Jeanne Herman may be available to provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). (Non-Action Item)

**13. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS** — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members. (Non-Action Item)

**14. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The public is encouraged to submit a “Request to Speak” form to the Board chairman. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole. (Non-Action Item)

## ADJOURNMENT