



## NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

### WASHOE COUNTY GERLACH/EMPIRE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

May 14, 2026

6:00 p.m.

#### Members

Russell Bierle, Chair  
Kristin Evans, Vice-Chair  
Elisabeth Gambrell  
Brandy Wilbur  
Carl Copek

Gerlach Community Center  
410 Cottonwood  
Gerlach, NV 89412

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Items on this agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other items, discussed or voted on as a block, removed from the agenda, or moved to another agenda of another later meeting at the discretion of the Chair.

#### Accessibility

The meeting location is accessible to the disabled. If you require special arrangements for the meeting, call the Commission Support Team, (775) 328-2003, two working days prior to the meeting.

Zoom teleconference at the link below. NOTE: This option will require a computer with audio and video capabilities and downloading the ZOOM application

<https://washoecounty-gov.zoom.us/j/96953286090>

#### Public Comment

Members of the public may submit comments by mail, email listed below, or via voice message at: (775) 328-2003. Staff will make reasonable efforts to include all comments received by 4:00pm the day prior to the meeting by email and voicemail into the record. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and will be entered into the record only.

[CAB@washoecounty.gov](mailto:CAB@washoecounty.gov)

### **Time Limits**

Public comments are welcomed during the Public Comment period for all matters, whether listed on or off the agenda, and are limited to three (3) minutes per person or as designated by the Citizens Advisory Board Chair at the beginning of the meeting. Additionally, public comment of three (3) minutes per person will be heard during individually numbered items designated as "for possible action" on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter raised under general public comment until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

### **Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business**

The Citizens Advisory Board is an advisory body providing community comments and recommendations to Washoe County governing boards. Comments and dialogue centered around the key principles of dignity: inclusion, safety, recognition, fairness, understanding, acknowledgement, independence, accountability benefit of the doubt, and acceptance of identity are encouraged. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warning against disruptive conduct may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

### **Responses to Public Comment**

The Citizens Advisory Board can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the public comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the CAB members. However, responses from CAB members to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Citizens Advisory Board will consider, CAB members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for County staff clarification, or to ask that a matter be addressed on a future agenda. CAB members may do this either during the public comment item or during the following item "CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS"

### **Posting Locations**

Pursuant to NRS 241.020(4)(a), this notice has been posted online at the following websites:

<https://www.washoecounty.gov/cabs>

<https://notice.nv.gov>

### **Support Documentation**

Support documentation for the items on the agenda, provided to the CAB is available to members of the public by emailing the Commission Support Team at the email listed below.

[CAB@washoecounty.gov](mailto:CAB@washoecounty.gov)

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

[Non-action item]

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

[Non-action item]

**3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

for the meeting of April 9, 2026. [For Possible Action]

***Attachments:*** [2026-04-09 GerlachEmpire CAB Minutes DRAFT](#)

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES**

A Washoe County Sheriff's Deputy and/or member from Royal Ambulance may be available to provide a general community update on public safety. [Non Action Item]

***Attachments:*** [WCSO GE CAB Stats Q1 2026](#)

**6. WASHOE COUNTY/BURNING MAN ENHANCEMENTS TO ACTION PLANS**

Washoe County and Burning Man representatives will discuss enhancements to action plans related to the concerns provided to Washoe County from the CAB at the September 11, 2025 CAB meeting. Five concerns of the CAB were provided to Washoe County related to impacts within the community when conditions require playa closures during Burning Man. Enhancements to contingency plans will be discussed with the CAB. [Non-action Item]

**7. NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUB & OTHER ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Staff to announce any upcoming neighborhood development meetings, as provided on the online HUB, and any board & commission vacancies with application details, as provided on the openings page. Specific questions and feedback will be brought back to the appropriate staff for potential announcement at the next CAB meeting. [Non-Action Item]

<https://neighborhood-washoe.hub.arcgis.com/>

[https://www.washoecounty.gov/citizens/board\\_opportunities.php](https://www.washoecounty.gov/citizens/board_opportunities.php)

**8. REPORT ON REQUESTS FOR SERVICE FROM PREVIOUS CAB MEETINGS**

CAB Chair will provide a report to the community outlining requests that were made of the County during the previous CAB meeting, and their resolution. [Non-Action Item]

***Attachments:*** [Chair-Report-May-Previous-Requests-Their-Resolutions](#)

**9. CAB MEMBER/COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

This item is limited to announcements, requests for future agenda items, or discussion by CAB members and/or Commissioner. [Non-Action Item]

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**ADJOURNMENT****Comments? Ideas?**

Washoe County wants to hear from Gerlach/Empire residents on relevant matters important to them. Let's work together to identify topics, ideas, and questions to help make the quality of life in Gerlach/Empire the best it can be. Community engagement is important, and the feedback you provide will help your County Commissioner and Washoe County share information at upcoming CAB meetings and through other communications channels to keep you better informed. Visit this website to learn more:

<https://washoe-county-nv.civilspace.io/en/c/citizen-advisory-boards-cabs>