



WASHOE COUNTY Regional Street Naming Committee **DRAFT** Meeting Minutes

**April 23, 2026
2:30 P.M.**

**Washoe County Administrative Complex
Via Zoom Web Conference Only**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/81401115663>

Members Present

Kyle Daters, Truckee Meadows Water Authority – Vice-Chair
Marlene Senda, NDOT Roadway Systems – Alternate
Sean Chambers, City of Sparks Police Department
Leah Piccotti, City of Reno Community Development
Jon Walker, City of Sparks
Brett Rodela, Washoe County School District

Members Absent

Teresa Parkhurst, City of Sparks
Robert Johnson, City of Reno
Sandra Barboza, Washoe County Public Safety
Wayne Handrock, Washoe County Community Services Department
Sara Colacurcio, City of Reno Public Safety

Legal Counsel

Trenton Ross, Washoe County District Attorney's Office

Non-Members Present

Brandon Roman, Recording Secretary, Senior Office Specialist, Washoe County Community Services Department
Stephen Hein, Washoe County, Street Naming Coordinator
Shawn Ruedy, Regional Addressing Coordinator
Julie Orvald, Washoe County GIS

Guests/Other parties present

Marissa Pendill
Alejandra Chavez Martinez.

1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wayne Handrock at 2:34 p.m. A quorum of the Committee was established.

2. Instructions for Providing Public Comment via Zoom/Telephone [Non-action item]

Read by Recording Secretary Brandon Roman

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of the Agenda for the April 23, 2026 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Leah Piccotti, seconded by Jon Walker, the agenda for the April 23, 2026, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Draft Minutes from October 23, 2025, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Leah Piccotti seconded by Kyle Daters, the minutes from October 23, 2025, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee were approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

6. New Business

a. Toano Street – Boano Ranch Road

An application to rename Toano Street to Boano Ranch Road was received on March 13, 2026. The street is located within the City of Reno's jurisdiction, runs in a north-south direction, begins just north of 9th Street and terminates at East 11th Street before being bisected by the freeway. A small portion south of I-80 continues from the railroad to 6th Street. Five addresses are estimated to be affected by the name change. The applicant requesting the change indicated that the name "Toano Street" was misspelled and was intended to be "Boano," in recognition of the original ranch owners, the Boano family.

Washoe County GIS performed due diligence by checking the proposed street names against the Master Street Directory for any existing, duplicate, or similar-sounding street names for the purpose of emergency management. The proposed street name is unique and has been accepted into the Street Reservation List.

Vice-Chair Kyle Daters read the case description and asked if the applicant was present and wished to speak.

Recording Secretary Roman updated the record by stating that he misspoke when asked if there was public comment during item 3. Secretary Roman informed the committee that a member had reached out to him with some research regarding this

application. He indicated the member would speak about this later in the meeting.

Applicant representative Marissa Pendill stated that when the family originally sold the Ranch for development that the name was misspelled and should have been Boano. She went on to say this wasn't the first time her family had to deal with the misspelling of their name. Ms. Pendill said her grandparents and great grandparents bought the ranch in 1948 and then sold it to developers. They just wanted it corrected and have the street name spelled correctly.

Member Rodela asked the applicant if they were aware that there was section of this street south of I-80, south of 6th street that ends at a scrap yard within the City of Reno.

Ms. Pendill, was not aware of this.

Member Rodela felt that was worthy of consideration and wanted to point that out to everyone.

Stephen Hein, Washoe County Street Naming Coordinator explained that this was to the benefit of the renaming since it was split and unconnected, which City of Reno does not like. This would rename the northern section Boano and keep the unconnected portion as Toano, creating two distinct streets for better identification.

Member Leah Piccotti, asked if the two names were to similar sounding and if it would cause confusion. She also pointed out the City of Reno did some historical research and discovered that Toano was not a misspelling and that the street was named about 33 years prior to the Boano family purchasing the ranch. She felt it was fine to honor the family's legacy and change the name but wanted to ensure there would be no confusion for emergency services due to the similar sounding names.

Julie Orvald, Washoe County GIS, stated that she rejected Boano due to this issue, but Boano Ranch Road was the name to be approved.

Vice-Chair Daters asked the Ms. Pendill if she had any conversations with the addresses that would be impacted by the name change.

Ms. Pendill said she had not and did not know who the tenants were.

Vice-Chair Daters stated that he had concerns that impacted addresses haven't been contacted and he wanted to deny until they had a chance to voice any concerns to the committee.

Secretary Roman informed everyone that the affected addresses were notified and he had not received any communication from the residents.

Vice-Chair asked for any member input.

Member Piccotti reminded the Vice-Chair that there was a motion on the table for denial.

Vice-Chair rescinded his motion to deny.

Member Sean Chambers asked how long ago the notifications were.

Secretary Roman stated that he sends out a 10 calendar day notice per NRS requirements. He also provided some context regarding responses from affected addresses, that in the past would contact him if they had an issue.

Member Piccotti said that renaming to Boano Ranch Road does speak to the history

of the family but was concerned that none of the affected properties replied. She felt that usually they hear from people. She was generally supportive of the name change.

Member Rodela asked for confirmation from Member Piccotti that the road was on Boano Ranch.

Member Piccotti did not verify that, but the historical research showed that it was in the area. She also reiterated that Toano was not a misspelling of Boano.

Secretary Roman interjected and referenced a previous application that had over 40 affected addresses and that is why the committee had so many residents speak out. He indicated that there was only 3 affected addresses, which was corrected by Julie Orvald.

Julie Orvald stated there was 3 affected parcels but 5 affected addresses.

Sean Ruedy, Regional Addressing Coordinator, verified Ms. Orvald's statement, indicating that some of the addresses were rentals and probably not aware of any changes coming their way.

Member Rodela, wanted verification that the Ranch was where this road is through historical deeds or what ever documentation can be found. He felt it would be inappropriate to rename the street if that was not the case.

No public comment.

Member Rodela made a motion to deny the street naming of Boana Ranch Road. Leah Piccotti seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Application was denied.

b. Unnamed easement to Valley Pit

An application to name an unnamed easement to **Valley Pit** was received on January 23, 2026. The easement is located within the Unicorpoarted Washoe County, runs in a north-south direction, begins just north of E. Golden Valley Road and terminates east of Indian Lane. One address is estimated to be affected by the name change. The request is being submitted to assist emergency and civil services locating the existing properties.

Washoe County GIS performed due diligence by checking the proposed street names against the Master Street Directory for any existing, duplicate, or similar-sounding street names for the purpose of emergency management. The proposed street name is unique and has been accepted into the Street Reservation List.

Vice-Chair Kyle Daters read the case description and asked if there was any public comment.

Secretary Roman indicated there was no public comment received.

Vice-Chair Daters asked the applicant was present and wished to speak.

Applicant Alejandra Chavez Martinez stated that they wished to build on this easement and were unaware of the names that were selected for the new name. She preferred the Desert Wind name to Valley Pit.

Vice-Chair Daters asked if Ms. Chavez Martinez if she had spoken with the affected addresses. She had spoken with one neighbor and they were aware.

Vice-Chair Daters asked if they were planning on building soon.

Applicant said they had the permits and were planning on building soon.

Julie Orvald, Washoe County GIS, stated that Desert Wind is available and they can use that name.

Member Jon Walker and said he was looking at the Washoe County mapping website and he saw a "Wigwam Way" currently listed at that location.

Sean Ruedy, Regional Addressing Coordinator, explained that Washoe County Permitting contacted him to get an address for their construction. He had to give it a temporary name for emergency services. He went on to say it does need to be named permanently.

Member Rodela asked for an explanation of the naming of an easement compared to streets. Specifically, if it would be Valley Pit Easement.

Shawn Ruedy clarified it would not have "Easement".

Julie Orvald confirmed Shawn's statement.

Member Walker, asked if this was just a designation because he didn't see that this was an easement.

Shawn Ruedy stated it was a legal easement and he could assist Member Walker with that information if he wanted.

Member Walker felt it was hard to approve with the facts.

Shawn Ruedy confirmed that he and Julie Orvald had done their due diligence and would be happy to provide any information he required.

Member Piccotti, added an explanation to the rural easements that are subdivided without a formal process that cause these private easements and driveways that make it difficult for emergency services to find these homes.

Shawn Ruedy verified that was correct.

Member Piccotti supports the change due to the emergency services needing more precise locations.

Julie Orvald verified this was a legal easement via the Washoe County Records office. She referenced survey map 57O3 that states it is a legal easement.

Vice-Chair Daters asked if it was a record of survey.

Julie provided the document number 57O3.

Member Leah Piccotti made a motion to approve the street naming of Valley Pit. Member Rodela seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Application was approved.

7. Miscellaneous / Announcements

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 23, 2026 per Vice-Chair Daters.

8. Public Comment

There was no response to the call for public comment.

9. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Daters adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.