



## Meeting Minutes Nevada Committee on Testing for Intoxication (COTI)

Attendance	DATE	Thursday, July 18, 2024
	TIME	10:00-11:00 am
	METHOD	Teams Teleconference Meeting ID: 282 835 872 510 Call in: 984-204-1608
	RECORDER	Lindsay Saner, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
<b>Appointed Voting Members</b>		
Shannon Bryant, Chair	Nevada Transportation Safety Resource Prosecutor	X
Steven Johnson	Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division Director	Abs.
Brad Taylor (Proxy for Steven Johnson)	Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division	X
Terri Suffecool	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Forensic Laboratory	X
Eric Bauman	Clark County District Attorney's Office	X
Lt. Andrew Granata	Nevada State Police/Highway Patrol	X
<b>Others Invited</b>		
David Astles	Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division	X
Marlissa Collins	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Forensic Laboratory	X
Darby Lanz	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Forensic Laboratory	X
Meg Matta	Nevada State Police Office of Traffic Safety	X
Rebecca Nelson	Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division	X
Michael Stypa	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Forensic Laboratory	X
<b>Legal and Support</b>		
Lori Story	Attorney General's Office	X
Lindsay Saner	Kimley-Horn	X

### 1. CALL TO ORDER (Non-Action Item)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shannon Bryant at 10:01 am.

### 2. ROLL CALL, CONFIRM QUORUM, AND INTRODUCTIONS (Non-Action Item)

Chair Bryant led introductions and confirmed a quorum. Steven Johnson was absent; Brad Taylor was designated as Steven's proxy for the meeting (5 out of 5 members present).

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)

Brad Taylor from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office requested to be put on the email distribution list for future Nevada Committee on Testing for Intoxication meetings.

### 4. PREVIOUS COTI MEETING MINUTES (Discussion/For Possible Action)

The meeting minutes for the June 6, 2024 meeting were distributed to each Committee member for review and needs to be approved by the Committee. No changes were requested.

- Eric Bauman moved to approve the June 6, 2024 meeting minutes.
- Terri Suffecool seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved. The motion passed.

## 5. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES (Discussion/Possible Action Item)

The Committee discussed possible regulatory changes to NAC Chapter 484C as they pertain to certification/recertification of Forensic Analysts of Alcohol (FAA) requirements for a separate checklist for evidentiary breath instrument operators and related regulations.

Terri Suffecool stated that she worked with Steven Johnson, with input from their FAA's, offline on a shared document to update the requirements found in NAC Chapter 484C. Terri forwarded the document to Lindsay Saner.

Michael Stypa stated that some of the changes on the requirements were based on an American Academy of Forensic Sciences Academy Standards Board (ASB) standard for education and there has been a minor update in those ASB standards. The update is regarding the semester hour requirements for an FAA. The updated requirement states that the analyst shall have general and organic chemistry with associated laboratory courses. There is now no mention of semester hours because some colleges utilize a quarter system rather than a semester system and the update makes it clear that all prospective FAAs must go through general and organic chemistry. The update is currently going through the approval process, which is anticipated to take, at minimum, one year.

Regarding NAC 484C.020.2(b)(1), Brad Taylor asked if it would be appropriate to include language stating the requirement would be *16 semester hours of chemistry or equivalent*. Shannon Bryant and Terri Suffecool expressed support for adding the language consistent with Brad's statement. Terri Suffecool expressed a desire to include the language requiring the associated laboratory courses as it would be useful to have lab experience in the college coursework.

Regarding NAC 484C.020 section D, Terri Suffecool stated there was an addition that an FAA must have "successfully completed a course of instruction taught by the manufacturer of the evidential breath-testing device, or a Forensic Analyst of Alcohol *that has been taught by the manufacturer of the evidential breath-testing device...*"

- Terri Suffecool moved to approve the changes to NAC 484C.020 and NAC 484C.030 as discussed.
- Eric Bauman seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved. The motion passed.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)

No public comments were received.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/For Possible Action)

- Shannon Bryant moved to adjourn.
- Terri Suffecool seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved. The motion passed.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:32am.