

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Eighty-Third Session  
April 10, 2025**

The Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chair Brittney M. Miller at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025, in Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3 of the Nevada Legislature Hearing Rooms, 7120 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda [[Exhibit A](#)], the Attendance Roster [[Exhibit B](#)], and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/83rd2025](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/83rd2025).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblymember Brittney M. Miller, Chair  
Assemblymember Lisa K. Cole  
Assemblymember Joe Dalia  
Assemblymember Cecelia González  
Assemblymember Ken Gray  
Assemblymember Alexis M. Hansen  
Assemblymember Melissa R. Hardy  
Assemblymember Selena La Rue Hatch  
Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeño Moore  
Assemblymember Hanadi Nadeem  
Assemblymember David Orentlicher  
Assemblymember Erica P. Roth  
Assemblymember Toby Yurek

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Assemblymember Elaine H. Marzola, Vice Chair (excused)

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst  
Karly O'Krent, Committee Counsel  
Aaron Klatt, Committee Manager

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Lola Works, Committee Secretary  
Ashley Torres, Committee Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brett Scolari, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Strategies 360

**Chair Miller:**

[Roll was taken and protocols reviewed.] We will begin our work session.

**Assembly Bill 3: Increases the monetary threshold for mandatory nonbinding arbitration in civil actions. (BDR 3-472)**

**Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst:**

The first bill on the work session agenda today is Assembly Bill 3, which increases the monetary threshold for mandatory nonbinding arbitration and civil action [[Exhibit C](#)].

It was sponsored by this Committee on behalf of the Nevada Supreme Court. There are two amendments that were submitted to this bill. One is from Andres Moses from the Eighth Judicial District Court, which proposes making the bill effective on January 1, 2026, with provisions applying to civil actions filed on or after that date. The Nevada Justice Association (NJA) proposes amendments to adjust arbitration and short trial procedures, including fee awards, case exemptions, arbitration award disclosures, and pathways for cases based on award amounts.

**Chair Miller:**

Any questions? Not seeing any, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER LA RUE HATCH MOVED TO AMEND AND DO  
PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 3.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER COLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any additional questions or comments?

**Assemblymember Hansen:**

I will say yes to get the bill out of Committee—I am completely supportive of increasing that threshold. We need to work through some of those amendments from NJA a little. We had some discussions just before coming in here, but we still need a little bit more comfort before floor, so I will say yes at this point to get it out of Committee.

**Chair Miller:**

Anyone else? [There was no one.] With that, I will go ahead and take a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBER MARZOLA WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

**Assembly Bill 66: Revises provisions relating to district courts. (BDR 1-473)**

**Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Our next bill is Assembly Bill 66. This bill is sponsored by this Committee on behalf of the Supreme Court and revises provisions relating to district courts [[Exhibit D](#)].

There is an amendment that was submitted by John McCormick, Assistant Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts, which basically deletes a variety of sections to leave only provisions that affect the First Judicial District and the Tenth Judicial District.

**Chair Miller:**

Members, I trust you have all had an opportunity to see that. We are at the point where amendments are flying. Any questions or comments? Not seeing any, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER LA RUE HATCH MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 66.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOORE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any additional comments or questions? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBER MARZOLA WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign that floor statement to Assemblymember Dalia. I also neglected to assign a floor statement for Assembly Bill 3, so I will assign that floor statement to Assemblymember La Rue Hatch.

**Assembly Bill 105: Revises provisions governing firearms. (BDR 15-64)**

**Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Our next bill is Assembly Bill 105. This bill is sponsored by Assemblymember Jauregui, and it revises provisions governing firearms [[Exhibit E](#)].

Assemblymember Jauregui proposes amendments to exempt off-duty law enforcement officers carrying concealed firearms from restrictions; define "election site" to include active polling places; require signage for 100-foot firearm no-carry zones; and establish an affirmative defense for individuals legally traveling with firearms near ballot drop boxes, provided no voter intimidation or election interference occurs.

**Chair Miller:**

Any questions? Not seeing any, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 105.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER LA RUE HATCH SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any additional questions or comments? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS COLE, GRAY,  
HANSEN, HARDY, AND YUREK VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYMEMBER  
MARZOLA WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign that floor statement to Assemblymember Jauregui.

**Assembly Bill 194: Prohibits the release of certain balloons that are lighter than air under certain circumstances. (BDR 15-338)**

**Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Our next bill is Assembly Bill 194, sponsored by Assemblymember Jauregui, which prohibits the release of certain balloons that are lighter than air under certain circumstances [[Exhibit F](#)].

There is an amendment proposed by Assemblymember Jauregui which is to prohibit the intentional release of any balloon inflated with lighter-than-air gas, remove separate violations for multiple balloon releases, and set a single civil penalty of \$250 per violation.

**Chair Miller:**

Are there any questions about A.B. 194? Not seeing any, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER LA RUE HATCH MOVED TO AMEND AND DO  
PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 194.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any additional questions or comments? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS COLE, GRAY,  
HANSEN, HARDY, AND YUREK VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYMEMBER  
MARZOLA WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Jauregui.

**Assembly Bill 203: Revises provisions relating to cannabis. (BDR 56-134)**

**Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst:**

The next bill is Assembly Bill 203, sponsored by Assemblymember Carter, and it revises provisions relating to cannabis [[Exhibit G](#)].

For the members of the Committee, I would note there is a new amendment submitted after this packet was put together. The amendment basically deletes amendments 11 and 12 from the work session document and makes changes to number 6 in the work session document by specifying the distance for a private residence is located within 1,500 feet of a property [[Exhibit H](#)]. The final change from the amendment that came in last night compared to this work session document is to number 10 on the work session page. The amendment would delete subsection 10 from section 9.

**Chair Miller:**

I appreciate these amendments are coming fast and furious and I know this is a very technical bill with very technical amendments. How many people would like a few minutes just to process and digest this?

**Assemblymember González:**

I just want to clarify, for number 6, in the different feet, are we changing all of that to just say 1,500 feet from a building structure?

**Cesar Melgarejo:**

My understanding is the only difference that is being added is for the private residence located, they are adding within 1,500 feet of a property that has a nonrestricted gaming license described.

**Assemblymember González:**

Just to clarify, it is changing from 300 to 1,500 feet in that section.

**Brett Scolari, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Strategies 360:**

That is correct. That was a technical change we received from Mike Alonso, who is representing the resorts, to make it consistent with the other 1,500-foot rules from gaming establishments.

**Chair Miller:**

Any additional questions? Not seeing any, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 203.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER COLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any additional questions or comments? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS HANSEN, HARDY, AND YUREK VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYMEMBER MARZOLA WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Carter.

**Assembly Bill 239: Revises provisions relating to business entities. (BDR 7-669)**

**Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Our next bill is Assembly Bill 239, which is sponsored by Assemblymember Dalia and revises provisions relating to business entities [[Exhibit I](#)].

There was an amendment submitted during the bill hearing from the Executive Committee of the State Bar of Nevada, Business Law Section, which proposes amendments to clarify definitions of voting requirements and stakeholder approvals in corporate governance; expand provisions on fiduciary duties and forum selection; and make the bill effective upon passage and approval.

**Chair Miller:**

Any questions? Not seeing any, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 239.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER NADEEM SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any additional questions or comments? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBER MARZOLA WAS  
ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Dalia.

**Assembly Bill 321: Revises provisions relating to offenders. (BDR 14-1015)**

**Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Our next bill is Assembly Bill 321, which is sponsored by Assemblymember Jackson and revises provisions relating to offenders [[Exhibit J](#)].

Assemblymember Jackson submitted an amendment to remove provisions related to a certificate of second chance; require a competitive selection for former offenders appointed by the State Forester Firewarden; establish a transitional housing program for offenders nearing parole eligibility; and add various Assemblymembers as primary sponsors. Those are all the amendments.

**Chair Miller:**

This amendment just came in late as well. Are there any questions?

**Assemblymember Hansen:**

I was in support, but the amendment has given me pause: some of the language, can NDOC [Department of Corrections] do parolees and ex-offenders? I think there was some worry about that. I have to be a no at this point.

**Chair Miller:**

I just want to clarify that amendment did come from the State Forester, and it is permissive language to enable, because we have to keep in mind the inmates who are doing the firefighting in the forest have already proven themselves and earned that ability. People do not realize when they are there, they are left and there is really no supervision. A few weeks later, someone comes back, but they were the ones requesting the ability and that is why it is permissive, to try to initiate a transitional home and pathway to a career. I appreciate your position, and I know you still have time to speak to the bill sponsor and get more clarity on that as well. Any additional questions or comments? Not seeing any, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER LA RUE HATCH MOVED TO AMEND AND DO  
PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 321.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Any additional questions or comments? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS COLE, GRAY,  
HANSEN, HARDY, AND YUREK VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYMEMBER  
MARZOLA WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign this floor statement to Assemblymember Jackson.

**[Assembly Bill 504](#): Establishes certain deceptive trade practices relating to the sale of or an offer to sell certain hemp products. (BDR 52-867)**

**Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Our last bill on the work session today is Assembly Bill 504, which is sponsored by this Committee and establishes certain deceptive trade practices relating to the sale of or an offer to sell certain hemp products [[Exhibit K](#)].

Assemblymember Dalia submitted an amendment which is to prohibit claims that hemp products are cannabis or produce intoxicating effects; and require regulatory bodies to establish signage regulations, notifying customers that sellers of certain hemp products are not licensed cannabis establishments.

**Chair Miller:**

Any questions or comments? Not seeing any, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER GONZÁLEZ MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 504.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DALIA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBER MARZOLA WAS  
ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign that floor statement to Assemblymember Dalia. That concludes our work session for today. The next item we have on the agenda is public comment. Is there anyone here in Carson City or Las Vegas who would like to come forward and make public comment? Not seeing anyone, will you open the lines, please? [There was no one.]

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This was a quick, swift work session. I will let everyone know what to expect tomorrow, as it is deadline day, so it will be moving quickly and fluidly. Our goal in the Assembly Committee on Judiciary is to actually not need multiple sessions tomorrow. We will try to complete everything tomorrow in one meeting, but again, that cannot always be guaranteed. I will see you back at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning. We are adjourned [at 9:17 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Lola Works  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblymember Brittney M. Miller, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBITS**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Witness / Agency</b>	<b>Description</b>
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster
A.B. 3	C	Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 66	D	Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 105	E	Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 194	F	Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 203	G	Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 203	H	Brett Scolari, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Strategies 360	Proposed amendment
A.B. 239	I	Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 321	J	Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 504	K	Cesar Melgarejo, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document