

CARSON CITY CULTURE & TOURISM AUTHORITY
MARCH 20, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The special meeting of the Carson City Culture & Tourism Authority was held Monday March 20, 2026 at the Carson City Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room, 851 E. William Street, Carson City, Nevada beginning at 11:30 am.

PRESENT: Andrew Reno
Matt Dodd
Garrett Lepire
Stacey Giomi – via WebEx

STAFF PRESENT: David Peterson, Executive Director – via WebEx
Eric Brooks, Arts & Culture Program Manager
Kasie Saldaña, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Reese, Supervising Deputy District Attorney
Seth Johnson, Eccentric Designs LLC
Rob Foller, Carson City Resident

1. **Call to Order.** Mr. Reno called the meeting to order at 11:30am
2. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.** A roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Mr. Reno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Reno brought the next item to the Board's attention.

4. **Public comment:** None.

Mr. Reno brought the next item to the Board's attention.

5. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action regarding Contract No. CTA 2627-001, for the design, engineering, fabrication, illumination, transport, and installation of a 69-foot-tall sculptural railroad spike, in the amount of \$197,687.00, from March 10, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

David Peterson shared that he, Eric Brooks, and Seth Johnson had a meeting with the Nevada State Railroad museum last Friday, where they received full support from the Nevada State Railroad team for a loan of placement for the sculpture on the railroad museum's property, in addition to a letter of commitment from Nevada Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs Director Brenda Scholari for the loan of placement.

In the previous board meeting, board members asked for clarification regarding the foundation and engineering related costs for installation of the sculpture, Mr. Peterson shared that they have included an engineering related costs for that installation range between \$30,000.00 and \$70,000.00. Seventy thousand dollars has been included in the FY27 Budget.

The final question the board had at the previous meeting was regarding the final payment to Mr. Johnson. In Section 3.3.4 the contract addresses the final payment to be made to Mr. Johnson, in the amount of \$37,687.00 upon completion and installation of the work.

Mr. Reno asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Peterson. Garrett Lepire stated that he did not have a question but wanted to thank the VCC staff for their effort to answer the questions the board had asked.

Mr. Lepire made a motion to approve Contract No. CTA 2627-001, for the design, engineering, fabrication, illumination, transport, and installation of a 69-foot-tall sculpture railroad spike, to live at the railroad museum here in Carson City at least for up to ten years after completion.

Second – Mr. Giomi Approved – Unanimously

Mr. Reno brought the next item to the Board’s attention

6. CTA Board Comments or Announcements and Requests for Information:

None.

Mr. Reno brought the next item to the Board’s attention.

7. Public Comment:

Carson City resident Rob Fuller said that he and his wife are working to open a new bookstore in Carson City, He stated that he is looking for assistance in finding resources to get his startup up off its feet and asked if there are any grants available for women owned businesses. Stacey Giomi asked the Mr. Reno if he could respond to the comment and let Mr. Fuller know that this board would not be the correct board to seek help from. Mr. Giomi shared that Garrett Lepire would be able to provide some guidance after the meeting and Hope Sullivan, Carson City Community and Economic Development Director can provide business assistance information.

Eric Brooks commented that the title of the railroad spike sculpture is “DRIVEN - A Monument to Connection”, that it can be referred to as “DRIVEN” and that it is a sculpture.

Mr. Reno brought the next item to the Board’s attention.

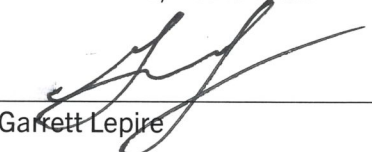
8. For Possible Action: To Adjourn.

Mr. Reno made a motion to adjourn.

Minutes Approved – Unanimously

Approved: 

Andrew Reno, Board Chair

Attest: 

Garrett Lepire

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