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# Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects meets Nov. 10 at Las Vegas City Hall with three new commissioners

LAS VEGAS – At its 1 p.m. meeting Tuesday at Las Vegas City Hall, Nevada's Commission on Nuclear Projects will officially welcome three new commissioners, local business leaders Lia Roberts and Brian Scroggins and Las Vegas City Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian.

Bruce Breslow, executive director of the state Agency for Nuclear Projects, will join commission Chairman Richard Bryan, a former U.S. senator and Nevada governor, in welcoming the new members and in updating them on Nevada's ongoing opposition to the Yucca Mountain licensing application hearing.

This is the first meeting for the three new commissioners appointed last month by Nevada Gov. Jim Gibbons to serve on the state commission that oversees Nevada's oversight of the Department of Energy's plan for a national nuclear waste repository proposed for Nevada's Yucca Mountain, a site about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

Las Vegas resident Lia Roberts was born in Bucharest, Romania. She graduated in 1972 from the University of Bucharest with a degree in geology and specialized in geotechnical engineering. She retired at 30 when she moved to the United States in 1979. Since then, she has been active in Nevada community and political organizations. She was a two-term president of the Republican Women's Club and is a past chairman of the Nevada Republican Party. She has chaired the state Taxicab Commission and served on the state's Judicial Selection Commission. She has also represented the United States as its honorary consul general to her native Romania, where she has earned several national honors and once ran for president of the country.

Las Vegan Brian Scroggins, a graduate of Brigham Young University, has also been a community, business and political leader in Nevada. He was a candidate for Nevada Secretary of State in 2006 and the Clark County Commission in 2008. Before being appointed by Gov.

Gibbons to the Nevada Commission for Nuclear Projects, he had served on the Clark County Enterprise Town Advisory Board, the Nevada State Contractors Board and the Nevada State Construction Education Commission. Scroggins owns United Sign Inc. in Las Vegas and continues to serve on the board of directors for the Las Vegas Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Las Vegas City Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian has been representing Ward 1 since 2005. Dr. Tarkanian holds a bachelor of arts degree in education, a master of arts in speech pathology and a doctorate in leadership and human behavior. Before serving on the Las Vegas City Council, she served for 12 years as a member of the Clark County Board of School Trustees.

As a city councilwoman, Dr. Tarkanian serves on the city of Las Vegas Recommending Committee, the Southern Nevada Water Authority Board, the Colorado River Commission, the Oversight Panel for School Facilities, the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Commission and as Vice Chair of the Debt Management Commission. She also serves as a board member for a number of different community organizations, including Catholic Charities, the Clark County Public Education Foundation and others.

As a longtime educator, she has worked as a classroom teacher, a speech pathologist, principal, central office administrator and Nevada Community College and California State University instructor. Dr. Tarkanian has been married to former UNLV basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian for 50 years. She has four children and 10 grandchildren. In August 2006, the Tarkanian Middle School, named in her honor, was opened by the Clark County School District.

For more information on the Commission on Nuclear Projects or to access the agenda for the Nov. 10 meeting, visit www.state.nv.us/nucwaste.

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