



STATE OF NEVADA  
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**  
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**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
May 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers was called to order by Sandy Lowery, Board Vice President, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services, 745 W. Moana Lane, Suite 100, in Reno, Nevada. There was a simultaneous video conference conducted at Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services, 4000 E. Charleston Blvd., Suite B-230, Las Vegas, Nevada. Vice President Lowery noted that the meeting had been noticed properly and the members present constituted a quorum for the purposes of the Board meeting. Roll call was initiated by Vice President Lowery, with the following individuals present at the following location(s):

**Members Present:**

Sandy Lowery, LCSW, Vice President, Reno  
James Bertone, LCSW, Secretary/Treasurer, Reno  
Tracy Cassity, LCSW, Reno  
Annie Wilson, LSW, Las Vegas  
Rod Smith, Public Member, Reno

**Staff Present**

Kim Frakes, LCSW, Executive Director, Reno  
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Reno

**Public Attendees**

Randy Reinoso, LSW, Las Vegas  
CJ Yao, LCSW, Las Vegas  
George Colton, A Brighter Day, Las Vegas

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Randy Reinoso indicated that he was present at this Board meeting as a member of the public. As noted in agenda item 12-C, Mr. Reinoso indicated that he was not reappointed for an additional term. He stated that he was present at this meeting to assist in incoming Board members in Las Vegas with Board meeting procedures. Each Board member expressed their gratitude for Mr. Reinoso's service to the Board and that he would be missed. Annie Wilson, LSW and CJ Yao, LCSW were introduced to the Board by Kim Frakes. Ms. Frakes indicated that Ms. Wilson is replacing Mr. Reinoso and that Ms. Yao will be starting her term on July 1, 2013, as Tracy Cassity's term would end on June 30, 2013. The Board expressed their gratitude for Mr. Cassity's service to the Board and welcomed Ms. Wilson and Ms. Yao to the Board. No one else from the public offered comments at the Las Vegas location.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

A motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by James Bertone to approve the Agenda as submitted. This motion was carried without objection.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by James Bertone and seconded by Rod Smith to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. This motion was carried without objection.

## **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

### **Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Recommendation to Dismiss Case G12-05.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board by providing a redacted report regarding the above case with recommendations to dismiss this case. Following presentation of this case by Ms. Frakes, a motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by Tracy Cassity to dismiss disciplinary case G12-05 as presented. This motion was carried without objection.

### **Review and Discussion, Redacted Disciplinary Report.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board via the redacted Disciplinary Report. She noted that during the February 15, 2013 Board meeting, there were ninety-six (96) open cases compared to ninety-three (93) during this Board meeting. Ms. Frakes indicated that she was continuing to be diligent in addressing the cases on the disciplinary list. Ms. Frakes noted that it was anticipated that at least one (1) disciplinary case would be presented as a settlement next month (June, 2013) and that she and Henna Rasul, Board Counsel, had been negotiating a possible settlement related to different licensee. During discussion, Sandy Lowery inquired whether Ms. Frakes would be sending an accusation letter to the licensee in case G12-33 since this particular case, as noted on the redacted report was opened on November 26, 2012. Ms. Frakes indicated that this was the next case she would be notifying. Rod Smith wanted clarification regarding how this list is developed. Ms. Frakes indicated that the development of the disciplinary list is an ongoing process, with cases, following review, being brought to the Board either for dismissal or brought to the Board for disciplinary action via consent decree (settlement) or hearing. Ms. Frakes clarified that as a result, even though a number of cases are brought before the Board either for dismissal or disciplinary action, the ongoing list does not usually decrease by these number of cases as other cases continue to arrive in the Board office.

## **LICENSURE, INTERN AND APPLICATION ISSUES**

### **Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, appeal by applicant who has been denied endorsement of their out-of-state license clinical social worker license via endorsement, based upon information as submitted in the application, an inability to meet the Board's "substantially equivalent" standards pursuant to NAC 641B.150(3).**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. Ms. Frakes stated that the Applicant referenced in this agenda item, had telephoned the Board office requesting to have this agenda item tabled as she (Applicant) was not able to attend this meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Ms. Frakes indicated that although a written request from the Applicant to table this agenda item would have been preferable, following discussion with Board Counsel, Henna Rasul, the Board could either move forward to review, discuss and take action upon this agenda item or table it. Ms. Rasul added that normally, it would not be inconsistent to table an item once if the individual requesting the item on the agenda is unable to be present. She (Ms. Rasul) added, however, that if this item was tabled, addressed at a subsequent meeting and the individual was unable to attend the subsequent meeting, the Board would be within its right to move forward and take action following review and discussion of the agenda item. A motion was made by James Bertone and seconded by Rod Smith to table this agenda item until the next Board meeting. This motion was carried without objection.

## **LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES**

**Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, including ratification of testimony provided by the Board's Executive Director before the following Legislative committees pertaining proposed bills, and any strategic plans/actions regarding bills as noted below:**

1. \*Senate Committee on Government Affairs on March 20, 2013, pertaining SB236, a bill which would require State agencies, "...to make available on an Internet website maintained by the state agency certain forms..." with additional specified requirements, if passed.  
<http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB236>

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. On March 20, 2013, the Board's Executive Director provided testimony regarding concerns about how this bill may impact the Board following discussions with an employee from the State's Information Technology Services who assist the Board with IT issues. Ms. Frakes noted that her testimony on this matter is on page 19 of the Senate meeting minutes. Included in each Board member's packet for review and possible ratification of this agenda item were copies of:

1. Senate Committee on Government Affairs agenda for March 20, 2013;
2. Minutes of the Senate Committee on Government Affairs for March 20, 2013, with copies of testimony regarding SB 236;
3. Summary of activity pertaining SB 236 during the 77<sup>th</sup>/2013 Legislative Session; and
4. SB 236 following 1<sup>st</sup> Reprint, which includes amendments from Amendment Number 197.

Following presentation and review and discussion, the Board did not take action on this agenda item.

2. \*Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor on March 29, 2013, pertaining AB349, a bill which would authorize licensure by endorsement, of a substantially equivalent level of licensure, for individuals who are an active member, spouse of an active member, or veteran of the Armed Forces, with specifications as noted in the bill, if passed.  
<http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/AB/AB349>.

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. On March 29, 2013, the Executive Director provided testimony to the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor. Her testimony was following a request from one of the bill's sponsors. Ms. Frakes explained that her testimony included the potential impact of this bill upon the Board as well as the Board's ability to comply following the possible passage and subsequent amendment of NRS 622, pertaining to "General Provisions Governing Regulatory Bodies." Ms. Frakes indicated that a copy of her testimony is on page 40 of the Assembly meeting minutes. To assist the Board in determining whether to ratify this agenda item, copies of the following were included in each Board member's meeting packet:

1. Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor agenda for March 29, 2013;
2. Minutes of the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor for March 29, 2013, with copies of testimony regarding AB 349 with inserts pertaining to testimony of other individuals (between pg. 34 and 35);
3. Executive Order 2012-11, issued by the Governor which provides reciprocity for military spouses seeking licensure in Nevada;
4. Summary of activity pertaining AB 349 during the 77<sup>th</sup>/2013 Legislative Session; and
5. AB 349 following 1<sup>st</sup> Reprint, which includes amendments from Amendment Number 433.

Following presentation and review and discussion, the Board did not take action on this agenda item.

**Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, additional bills tracked by the Board's Executive Director during the 77<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Legislative Session, including any strategic plans/actions regarding these bill as noted below:**

1. AB 251, which, "Requires a public body to make available to the public certain contact information for its members." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/AB/AB251>.
2. AB 252, which, "Makes various changes to the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act." <http://leg.state.nv.us?Session/77th2013/Bills/AB/AB252>.
3. AB 266, which, "Revises provisions relating to veterans." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/AB/AB266>.
4. AB 383, which, "Revises provisions governing the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/AB/AB383>.
5. AB 386, which, "Establishes a pilot program for the administration of mental health screenings to pupils enrolled in selected secondary schools in the Clark County School District." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/AB386>.
6. SB 21, which, "Revises provisions governing state financial administration." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB21>.
7. SB 25, which, "Makes various changes relation to technological crimes." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB25>.
8. SB 86, which, "Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to allocate money for certain programs relating to persons with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB86>.
9. SB 205, which, "Makes various changes concerning the collection of information relating to the treatment of trauma." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB205>.
10. SB 319, which, "Revises provision governing certain professions." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB319>.
11. SB 324, which, "Revises provisions governing professions." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB324>.
12. SB 370, which, "Makes various changes regarding administrative regulations." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB370>.
13. SB 395, which, "Requires the Attorney General to prepare and publish certain information." <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB395>.

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. She indicated that during the course of each Legislative session, she tracks bills that have the potential to either directly impact Board operations or impact the practice of social work. Ms. Frakes noted that this year, the process of tracking bill drafts and bills were simplified tremendously with the introducing of a "Personalized Legislative Tracking" list. The list above is a summary of bills tracked during the 77<sup>th</sup>/2013 Legislative Session. During the meeting, Ms. Frakes provided a brief status of each bill and apparent relevance of each bill upon initial introduction during the Legislative session. In addition to the list of bills above, each Board member received copies of the following items in their Board member meeting packet:

1. Copy of the Executive Director's Nevada Legislature Personalized Legislative Tracking list; and
2. Copies of corresponding Legislative Senate and Assembly bills which appears to have relevance, based upon the Tracking list and appears to be moving towards passage during the 77<sup>th</sup>/2013 Legislative session.

During the course of reviewing and providing a summary of each bill, Tracy Cassity expressed concern regarding AB 386, the bill listed as number 5 from Ms. Frakes' tracked bill list. AB 386, if passed, would, "Establish a pilot program for the administration of mental health screenings to pupils enrolled in selected

secondary schools in the Clark County School District and Washoe County School District. Ms. Frakes indicated that this particular bill had come to her attention following a telephone call from a licensee who provides social work services in the Clark County School District. This licensee expressed concerns regarding the implementation of the screening and whether these screenings would be provided by a licensed mental health practitioner or a non-licensed individual who would be provided minimal training regarding these screenings. Ms. Frakes noted that based upon the current content of the bill, it appeared that the assessments would be conducted by a licensed mental health practitioner. Mr. Cassity's cause of concern was how the information obtained from the screenings would be appropriately interpreted and managed. He expressed concerns that the information does not appear to have limitations and restrictions on how this information might be shared by school district personnel. Ms. Frakes suggested that the Board members who expressed interest in obtaining additional information (i.e. Tracy Cassity, Rod Smith and Annie Wilson) would receive an emailed copy of this bill from her following the Board meeting.

Following presentation and review and discussion, the Board did not take action on this agenda item.

(Following review and discussion of this agenda item, the Board took a break from 10:15 a.m. until 10:25 a.m.)

#### **LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES—CONT.**

##### **Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, additional bills from the 77<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Legislative Session of interest to Board members, not already noted in this agenda, including any strategic plans/actions regarding these additionally identified bills.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. She noted that this section of the agenda affords the Board to discuss any additional bills from the 77<sup>th</sup>/2013 Legislative session that may be of interest to Board members which does not appear on the agenda. Following review and discussion, the Board may take action regarding strategic action/planning on any bill brought to the attention of the Board by Board members and/or staff.

Following presentation and review and discussion, the Board did not take action on this agenda item.

##### **Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, proposed regulation changes, identification of interested Board members to assist in drafting regulation changes and review of the required process, in accordance with State laws and regulations, pertaining changes.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. Since Board membership has changed following new appointments, reappointment and non-reappointment of individuals to the Board (to be discussed further in Agenda Item 12-C), this agenda item provides an opportunity for the Executive Director to remind the Board that following the closure of the 77<sup>th</sup>/2013 Legislative Session, the Board's next step is to focus on proposing regulation changes contained in NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 641B. During this agenda item, the Board may take action upon strategic planning and action regarding steps to initiate this process, which should include: (a) interested Board members to assist the Executive Director in writing regulation changes to be brought to the Board at a subsequent Board meeting; (b) interest Board members to assist the Executive Director in preparing public workshops, hearings and testimony before the Interim Legislative Committee on Health Care; and (c) any additional steps required by State law. Ms. Frakes expressed that she is anticipating beginning the process of regulation changes in the next regularly scheduled Board meeting with public workshops and hearings being conducted as early as July or August of this year.

Following presentation and review and discussion, the Board did not take action on this agenda item.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, enforcement by Board staff requiring, "...proof of enrollment or graduation within the past 2 years..." for licensees requesting exemption from continuing education requirements pursuant to NAC 641B.187(5)(a)(b).**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. Ms. Frakes explained that NAC 641B.187 pertains to the, "Prerequisites and requirements for renewal of license; grounds for disciplinary action," as it pertains to continuing education requirements for licensees. Pursuant to subsection 5, an exemption exists for individuals who are, "...enrolled in a program leading to: (a) A baccalaureate or master's degree in social work in an accredited school; and (b) A doctoral degree in social work. This exemption shall exist for one renewal period after graduation from the program. Although subsection 5b requires a licensee to furnish proof to the Board of enrollment or graduation within the past 2 years for license renewal if they are requesting continuing education exemption cycle, the Board has opted to enforce this requirement only if the licensee is audited. During review of this regulation by a Board staff member, it occurred that this regulation could be enforced more rigorously by requiring each licensee who indicates that they are exempt from continuing education requirements pursuant to this regulation, to provide proof to substantiate this exemption, to the satisfaction of the Board. This agenda item provides the Board an opportunity to discuss the benefits in enforcing this section of regulation and to possibly take action regarding enforcement. A copy of NAC 641B.187, with section 5(a) and (b) highlighted was provided in each Board member's meeting packet for review.

During discussion, the Board determined that it would be beneficial, from a public protection perspective, to enforce this regulation. A motion was made by Tracy Cassity and seconded by James Bertone to have licensees requesting exemption from continuing education requirements pursuant to NAC 641B.187 to provide proof of enrollment in a program leading to a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree in social work via an unofficial transcript or a letter typed on the school's/program's official letterhead indicating that the licensee is enrolled in a program leading to a social work degree (as noted above) and the dates of enrollment. Once this information is received by the Board, the licensee would be exempted from continuing education requirements that coincide with the continuing education renewal cycle.

This motion was carried without objection.

### **Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, NAC 641B.189(3)(a)(b), pertaining to awarding continuing education ethics hours to licensees serving, "...as a member of a committee or board of review..." with stipulations noted in subsection 3a and 3b, and applicability, if any, to licensees serving in the capacity as Board members and/or Board staff.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. This item was placed on the agenda per request by Board Member, Tracy Cassity. NAC 641B.189 pertains to continuing education and the approval of continuing education programs by the Board. Subsection 3 provides continuing education ethics credits, with the amount of continuing education hours stipulated in this section, to licensees who serve, "...as a member of a committee or board of review..." that considers, "...issues or applies any policy, law or regulation relating to ethics..." and is, "...approved by the Board." The Board may wish to discuss this item and its applicability to licensees serving on the Board and whether this also applies to Board staff. Following discussion, the Board may wish to take action, if this particular NAC is deemed applicable, on whether licensees who serve on this Board may be eligible to apply for continuing education ethics hours and whether this also applies to Board staff. A copy of NAC 641B.189, with section 3(a) and (b) highlighted was submitted in each Board member's meeting packet for review.

During discussion, Ms. Frakes noted that she had questioned the previous Board Executive Director about this and was informed that receiving continuing education credit for serving on the Board may appear "self-

servicing". There was discussion regarding how receiving continuing education credits for Board service may appear self-serving. Mr. Cassity noted, however, that Board members had received credit for presenting continuing education ethics programs at NASW (National Association of Social Workers) conferences. He believed this served to support why continuing education credit should be offered as credit was offered to Board members who presented a continuing education course. Following review and discussion, a motion was made by James Bertone and seconded by Rod Smith to have Ms. Frakes post on the ASWB Administrator's Forum whether other states provide continuing education ethics approval for board members and staff who serve on their board of directors. In researching this matter further, Ms. Frakes would also contact other State boards to see if they allow continuing education ethics credits or general continuing education credits to licensees and staff who serve their boards. This motion was carried without objection.

### **SENIOR DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT.**

*(This agenda item was taken out-of sequence in order to aid the efficacy of the meeting and to accommodate persons appearing before the Boards, pursuant to NRS 241.020).*

Henna Rasul presented this agenda item to the Board. Although this agenda item is viewed as information only Ms. Rasul may use this time to bring the Board up-to-date on legal issues of concern to the Board or make recommendations for future agenda items. This time may be used to ask questions of counsel.

Ms. Rasul further indicated that she and Ms. Frakes continue to work diligently on addressing the Board's disciplinary list. She also added that following this Legislative session there may be changes to the Boards and Commissions Manual. Ms. Frakes offered to email an updates to all Board members.

Kim Frakes indicated that it may be best if Ms. Rasul excused herself from the Board meeting once agenda item 12-B was presented. Ms. Rasul agreed to remain at the Board meeting until agenda item 12-B was presented to the Board.

### **BOARD OPERATIONS**

#### **Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, the approval of Minutes for the February 15, 2013 Board meeting.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. The meeting minutes for the February 15, 2013 Board meeting was prepared by the Executive Director for the Board's review, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes. Following final approval by the Board, the final version of the minutes will be posted on the Board's website. A copy of the minutes from the February 15, 2013 Board meeting was enclosed in each Board member's meeting packet. Annie Wilson abstained from voting on this matter as she was not a Board member and therefore did not attend the February 15, 2013 Board meeting. A motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by Tracy Cassity to approve the February 15, 2013 Board meeting minutes as submitted. This motion was carried without objection.

#### **Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, the Year-to-Date Board Cash Flow Statement Covering July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013, in comparison to the fiscal 2012/2013 Budget.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. The 2012/2013 Board fiscal year began on July 1, 2012. This agenda item served to update the Board regarding total revenue, Board costs and expenditures. Ms. Frakes noted that percentages at "83.33%" are on target for the past ten months. A copy of the Year-to-Date Board Cash Flow Statement, Covering July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 in comparison to the 2012/2013 Budget was included in each Board member's meeting packet. The Board expressed being comfortable with this report as submitted and did not take any further action on this agenda item.

**Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, changes to Board membership following appointment, reappointment and non-reappointment of Board members by the Office of the Governor.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. As of May 2, 2013, the Office of the Governor appointed two new Board members. Annie Wilson, LSW, term became effective immediately on May 2, 2013, in order to fill the vacancy following the expiration of former Board President, Randy Reinoso's term on June 30, 2011. The other newly appointed Board member is C.J. Yao, LCSW, whose term will begin on July 1, 2013. Ms. Yao will be replacing Tracy Cassity, LCSW, whose term will expire June 30, 2013. Sandy Lowery, LCSW, was reappointed. Her new term will begin on July 1, 2013. A summary table of each Board member's date of appointment and expiration was included in each Board member's meeting packet for review. Ms. Frakes used this agenda item as an opportunity to express her heartfelt appreciation for all of the outgoing, reappointed and newly appointed Board members. Ms. Frakes further expressed to Randy Reinoso and Tracy Cassity, her appreciation for their years of dedication and service to the Board. The nomination of an interim Board President would be addressed during the presentation of agenda Item 9 D. The outgoing Board members and re-appointed Board members welcomed Annie Wilson and CJ Yao to the Board. Aside from this, the Board did not take action on this agenda item.

**Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, election of an interim Board President until official election of Board Officers during the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. Pursuant to NRS 641B.120(1), "*The Board shall elect from its members a President, a Vice President and a Secretary – Treasurer, who hold their respective office at its pleasure*". Pursuant to NRS 641B.120(2), "*An election of officers must be held annually*". This official election took place during the February 15, 2013 Board meeting with the understanding that another election may be required following the Office of the Governor's appointments, re-appointments and possible non-reappointments of Board members. Since Board membership is in transition and will not be stable until July 1, 2013, Ms. Frakes is recommended that the Board elect an "interim" Board President to replace outgoing President Randy Reinoso and to hold it's formal elections after C.J. Yao's official appointment to the Board after July 1, 2013. A motion was made by James Bertone and seconded by Rod Smith to have Sandy Lowery act as interim Board President until another election of Board officers is conducted at a Board meeting after July 1, 2013. This motion was carried without objection. Sandy Lowery abstained from voting on this matter.

*(After the presentation of this agenda item, Henna Rasul excused herself at 11:30 a.m. from the remainder of the meeting).*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. Much of this report is Information only. Ms. Frakes typically uses this time to bring the Board up-to-date on items of concern (items of interest that do not require action or do not need a full agenda position) or to make recommendations for future agenda items. This time may also be used to ask about any issues relating to the day to day operations of the Board. Ms. Frakes indicated that the items of interest to her had already been covered during this Board meeting and that she did not have anything else to add.

**ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORK BOARDS—CONTINUED**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. She noted that this agenda item had been taken out of sequence.



**Review and Discussion, 2012 ASWB Examination Pass/Fail Rates for:**

1. All levels of licensure examinations for North America for 2012 (Pass rates only); and
2. All levels of licensure examinations for each social work education program in Nevada (i.e. University of Nevada, Reno and University of Nevada, Las Vegas) for 2012.

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. Annually, ASWB distributes the 2012 ASWB Examination Pass Rates for North America and comparison of how each member board's jurisdiction compares with the overall North America 2012 Pass rates. As noted in the cover letter for this particular comparison, the best indication of a true pass rate for both the jurisdiction (State of Nevada) and overall is the "first-time rate" rather than the total group. This agenda item is a non-action item and is informational only. Furthermore, on an annual basis, ASWB also distributes the pass/fail rate for graduates of each social work education program in Nevada (i.e. UNR and UNLV) for the 2012 year. Both of these items are for discussion and information only. Copies of the ASWB 2012 Examination Pass Rates for North America for 2012 and ASWB 2012 licensure examination for each social work education program in Nevada were included in each Board member's meeting packet. It was noted that the overall examination pass rate for North America in 2012 was 69.5%. Overall in Nevada, the 2012 pass rate was 82.3%. The 2012 pass rate in the State of Nevada for all levels of exam continued to surpass the averages in North America.

When comparing examination 2012 pass/fail rates between UNLV (University of Nevada Las Vegas) and UNR (University of Nevada Reno), UNLV graduates and last semester students scored above the North American pass rates on the Bachelors and Masters exams. UNLV graduates scored above the North American 2012 pass rates on the Advanced Generalist and Clinical exam. Likewise, UNR graduates and last semester students scored above the North American pass rates on the Bachelors and Masters. UNR graduates also scored above the North American 2012 pass rates for the Clinical exam. A comparison score for UNR graduates pertaining the Advanced Generalist exam compared to the North American 2012 pass rate as no one from UNR had taken the Advanced Generalist exam. Ms. Frakes noted that both UNLV and UNR students appeared to be scoring well on all levels of exam when compared to their North American counterparts.

The Board concluded their discussion by indicating that they were pleased to see how well both Nevada Schools of Social Work were faring in the area of ASWB'S competency examinations.

**Review and Discussion, the Board's Executive Director's attendance of the Spring Education Meeting, April 11 through 14, 2013, in Austin, Texas, via ASWB sponsorship.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. During the February 15, 2013 Board meeting, the Board's Executive Director discussed the ASWB 2013 Spring Education Meeting as an agenda item (Agenda Item 8B) and a limited number of ASWB sponsorships for individuals serving on member boards. During the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Board members did not express immediate interest in applying for the sponsorship but agreed that the Board's Executive Director could follow up and apply if she desired. Although ASWB informed the Executive Director that the sponsorship was only applicable to individuals serving on member boards and not board staff, there did appear to be two (2) sponsorships available to individuals serving as board staff of member boards. Ms Frakes informed the Board that she was awarded this sponsorship based upon the fact that during her ongoing attendance at ASWB'S Annual Meetings, she has attended as a "delegate" in lieu of attending as board staff. During this agenda item, Ms. Frakes shared her experiences during this education conference forum. A copy of the ASWB Spring Education Meeting summary of presentations was included in each Board member's meeting packet for their review during Ms. Frakes' presentation. Ms. Frakes summarized her presentation by expressing what a wonderful educational opportunity attending the Spring Education Meeting was.

**Review and Discussion, the Board's Executive Director's nomination by ASWB, the Executive Director's acceptance of nomination to the ASWB Finance Committee and attendance of the ASWB Finance Committee meeting on May 4, 2013, in Culpeper, Virginia.**

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. Ms. Frakes informed the Board that she was recently nominated to ASWB'S Finance Committee as a committee member. This Committee requires a one-time face-to-face committee meeting on May 4, 2013, with a few ongoing teleconference meetings throughout the year. Ms. Frakes indicated that she graciously accepted the nomination and attended the Committee meeting on May 4, 2013. Ms. Frakes believed that her involvement in the ongoing financial operations of a large non-profit organization such as ASWB would afford her the opportunity to better hone her financial skills and apply this towards her involvement in the Board's financial matters.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

Sandy Lowery presented this agenda item to the Board. This agenda has typically provided an informal platform to bring the Board up-to-date on items of concern (items of interest that do not require action or do not need a full agenda position) or to make recommendations for future agenda items. Ms. Lowery welcomed the new Board members. Aside from this, Ms. Lowery did not have anything to add to this Board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the notice of meeting must include: *A period devoted to comment by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken....*

None of the public attendees wished to offer public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by Tracy Cassity to adjourn the Board meeting. This motion was carried without objection. This Board meeting concluded at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Frakes  
Executive Director