



STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING/RETREAT

Friday, October 18, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

**4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite I-204
Conference Room
Reno, Nevada 89502**

Please Note: The Board of Examiners for Social Workers may address agenda items out of sequence, combine the agenda items, pull or remove the agenda items, in order to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting or to accommodate persons appearing before the Board. The Board may continue agenda items to the next meeting as needed. (NRS 241.020)

Public comment is welcomed by the Board and will be heard at the beginning of the Board meeting following the Call to Order and Roll and at the end of the agenda prior to the adjournment of the Board meeting. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per person. The Board meeting Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and at his/her sole discretion. Once all items on the agenda are completed the meeting will adjourn.

Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment. *See NRS 233B.126.*

* Denotes items on which Board may take possible action. Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or pull or remove the item.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll.
2. Public Comment.

Note: No vote 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. (NRS 241.020)

3. *Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Approval of Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Board Operations
 - A. * Review, Discussion and for Possible Action
 1. *Approval of the minutes for the September 20, 2013 Board meeting.
5. Legislative and Regulatory Issues
 - A. *Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, continuation of discussion regarding regulation changes identified by Board members and staff and possible action to accept each of the proposed regulations listed below by: accepting proposed regulation

changes as submitted; accepting proposed regulation changes with recommended changes in language noted during discussion; rejecting proposed regulation changes; or tabling proposed regulation changes. Proposed regulation changes approved or approved with recommended changes will be submitted by the Board at a subsequent Board meeting for final approval prior to submission the Legislative Counsel Bureau in accordance to applicable NRS and NAC, including NRS 439B.225 and NRS 233B.

1. *NAC 641B.105, Examinations

a. *The number of times an applicant for licensure may take the licensing examination under an open application.

2. *NAC 641B.111, Restoration of Expired License:

a. *The addition of "fingerprinting" as a requirement for restoration of an expired license.

3. *NAC 641B.115, Fees

a. *Increase in fees for initial licensing, renewal of license, renewal of delinquent license and restoration of license as allowable pursuant to NRS 641B.300.

4. *NAC 641B.126, Licensure by Endorsement

a. *Consideration to endorse out-of-state applicants for clinical and independent licensure providing:

(i) The applicant meets current licensing criteria pertaining to NRS and NAC, 641B, including licensure that has remained in "good standing";

(ii) The applicant has successfully passed the appropriate licensing examination within the preceding 15 years in the state in which the applicant holds a license;

(iii) If applying for endorsement of a clinical license, provides evidence that while holding a clinical license for a minimum of 10 years, at least 50 percent of the applicant's practice was in direct clinical practice or the supervision of clinical social work;

(iv) If applying for endorsement of an independent social worker license, provided evidence that while holding an independent license for a minimum of 10 years, at least 50 percent of the applicant's practice has been in the direct practice of independent social work or the supervision of independent social work;

b. *Consideration of a new provisional level of licensure for out-of-state licensed clinical and independent social work applicants who do not meet current or the above proposed criteria for endorsement.

5. *NAC 641B.140, Licensed Independent Social Worker: Internship Required for Licensure

a. *Clarification of conditions under which the Board may withdraw approval of an internship program to include:

(i) An investigation or finding by local, State or Federal authorities pertaining to the practices of an internship site; or

(ii) An investigation by the Board of a licensee who allegedly engages in unethical or unsafe practices pursuant to NRS or NAC 641B while providing supervision to interns as either an employee, contractor or owner of the agency.

6. *NAC 641B.150, Licensed Clinical Social Worker: Internship Required for Licensure

a. *Clarification of conditions under which the Board may withdraw approval of an internship program to include:

- (i) An investigation or finding by local, State or Federal authorities pertaining to the unsafe or unethical practices as defined in NRS or NAD 641B of an internship site; or
- (ii) An investigation by the Board of a licensee who allegedly engages in unethical or unsafe practices pursuant to NRS or NAC 641B while providing supervision to interns as either an employee, contractor or owner of the agency.

7. *NAC 641B.140, NAC 641B.150, NAC 641B.160, Internship Required for Licensure and Supervisors of Interns, Duties:

- a. *Withdrawal of Board approval for primary Board approved internship site if the agency fails to demonstrate that it can sustain the minimal number of hours required to complete an internship program pursuant to NAC 641B.140(1)(b) for independent social work interns and NAC 641B.150(1)(b) for clinical social work interns;
- b. *Clarification of the number of internship sites allowable by an intern pursuant to NAC 641B.140 and NAC 641B.150, including a definition of "primary site of internship program";
- c. *NAC 641B.160(7), clarification of withdrawal of a Board approved supervisor may include forfeiture of hours accrued in the Board approved internship program, under conditions already defined by the Board;
- d. *Clarification pertaining to verification of post-graduate supervised hours by out-of-state applicants not already licensed as a clinical social worker or independent social worker, for verification to come from the state where the post-graduate supervised hours were approved, in a manner approved by the Board.

8. *NAC 641B.155, Supervisors of Interns: Generally

- a. *Requiring re-training, at a recommended schedule or under specific conditions, for Board approved intern supervisors with the consequence of possible forfeiture of Board approval to supervise interns due to a failure to complete re-training.

9. *NAC 641B.200, Professional Responsibility

- a. *Including traffic offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or prohibited substance, as noted in Chapter 484C of NRS as cause for mandated self-reporting to the Board by a licensee.

10. *Unprofessional Conduct, NAC 641B.220

- a. *Clarification of retro-active approval of licensure following restoration of an expired license, pursuant to NAC 641B.111, subjects the restored licensee to possible disciplinary action if a violation or other unprofessional conduct occurred during the period of retro-active approval of licensure.

11. *Proposed additional changes to NAC 641B identified and submitted by Board members to date.

6. Deputy Attorney General Report

- A. Review and Discussion, Senior Deputy Attorney General Report.

7. Presiding Officer's Comments

- A. Review and Discussion, Presiding Officer's Comments.

8. Executive Director's Report

- A. Review and Discussion, Board Executive Director's Report.

9. Public Comment

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10. *Adjournment (for possible action).

Anyone desiring additional information regarding the meeting is invited to call the Board office at (775) 688-2555.

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The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person. (NRS 241.030)

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University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Social Work, Las Vegas, Nevada
University of Nevada, Reno, School of Social Work, Anasari Business Building, Reno, Nevada