



STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS
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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
February 21, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers was called to order by Sandy Lowery, Board President at 9:07 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 videoconference conducted at Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services, 4000 E. Charleston Blvd., Suite B-230, Las Vegas, Nevada. Chairperson 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 President Lowery, with the following individuals present at the following location(s):

Members Present:

Sandy Lowery, LCSW, Board President, Reno
Rod Smith, Secretary/Treasurer, Reno
C.J. Yao, LCSW, Board Member, Las Vegas
Annie Wilson, LSW, Board Member, Las Vegas

Staff Present

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

Public Attendees

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public attendees at both location and accordingly, no one from the public to offer comment.

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REGULAR AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES

Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, Draft of Proposed Regulation Changes, Formatted Pursuant to the State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General's Rulemaking Manual guidelines.

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. Ms. Frakes indicated that following discussion of proposed regulation changes to NAC 641B during the October 18, 2013 Board Retreat and subsequent Board meetings, she has been working on formatting these proposed changes to comply with requirements as noted in the Attorney General's Rulemaking Manual. Included in each Board member's Board meeting packet was a final draft of the proposed regulation changes, formatted accordingly. In order to assist with the efficacy of the meeting, President Lowery requested Ms. Frakes to provide an oral overview of the proposed regulation

changes the Board had agreed to during the October 18, 2013 Board retreat. Ms. Frakes' overview of each proposed regulation change were as follows:

1. NAC 641B.105 This proposed change addresses the number of times an applicant is allowed to attempt a Board approved licensing examination under an open application;
2. NAC 641B.111 This proposed change allows the Board to comply with Senate Bill 21, which was passed during the 2013 / 77th Legislative Session and is now codified as NRS 353C.1965 and NRS 622.240. Senate Bill 21 prohibits a State occupational or licensing board to renew the license of an individual who owes money to the State. This proposed change also requires the applicant for license restoration to submit to fingerprinting;
3. NAC 641B.115 This proposed change allows the Board to increase fees where presently allowable under NRS 641B.300;
4. NAC 641B.126 This proposed change allows the Board to revise endorsement criteria for licensure as it pertains to out-of-state applicants who hold a similar level of licensure and meet criteria as specified in the proposed regulation change;
5. NAC 641B.140 This proposed change limits the number of years a licensee, who terminates a Board approved independent social worker internship which does not lead towards licensure, from applying hours accrued in the terminated internship towards a subsequent Board approved internship program;
6. NAC 641B.150 This proposed change limits the number of years a licensee, who terminates a Board approved clinical internship which does not lead towards licensure, from applying hours accrued in the terminated internship towards a subsequent Board approved internship program;
7. NAC 641B.155 This proposed change supports the Board requiring mandatory training or periodic re-trainings of Board approved internship program supervisors;
8. NAC 641B.160 This proposed change provides clarification and fortifies support pertaining to the Board's authority to withdraw approval of a licensee to provide supervision in a Board approved internship program.
9. NAC 641B.200 This proposed change clarifies when a licensee is required to report to the Board in writing within 21 days of an arrest to include traffic offenses related to impaired driving as defined in Chapter 484C of NRS; and
10. NAC 641B.220 This proposed change authorizes the Board to take action against a licensee who has restored his/her license during a period of lapsed licensure.

Following Ms. Frakes' review of the drafted and formatted regulation change, a motion was made by Rod Smith and seconded by C.J. Yao to accept the proposed drafted and formatted regulation change. This motion was carried without objection. Ms. Frakes indicate that she would be submitting the drafted and formatted regulation change to the Legislative Counsel Bureau. She indicated that this appeared to be the next step in the rulemaking process as noted in the Attorney General's Rulemaking Manual.

Deputy Attorney General Report

Ms. Rasul indicated that she did not have anything to add to today's Board meeting.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

President Lowery requested to have an in depth discussion during the next regularly scheduled Board meeting regarding the Board's present process and procedures as it related to the approval of continuing education programs. The purpose of this discussion would be to determine ways continuing education courses/ programs may be approved in a more expeditious manner such as encouraging programs who regularly submit continuing education applications to consider going through application the process of becoming a Board approved provider of continuing education courses. Aside from this, President Lowery indicated that she did not have anything further to add to today's Board meeting.

BOARD OPERATIONS

Review, Discussion and for Possible Action, the approval of Minutes for the January 17, 2014 Board Meeting.

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. The meeting minutes for the January 17, 2014 Board minutes was prepared by Ms. Frakes for the Board's review, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes. A copy of the minutes from the January 17, 2014 Board meeting was enclosed in each Board member's meeting packet. A few minor mistakes were noted by C.J. Yao which Ms. Frakes agreed to correct prior to posting the minutes on the Board's website. A motion was made by C.J. Yao and seconded by Rod Smith to approve the January 14, 2014 Board meeting minutes with corrections as noted. This motion was carried without objection.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kim Frakes presented this agenda item to the Board. She indicated that there would be a Board meeting scheduled next month on Friday, March 21, 2014. Ms. Frakes thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting. Aside from this, Ms. Frakes stated she did not have anything further to add to today's 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....)

Rod Smith wanted to use the public comment period to express his appreciation of Board staff and hard work. Kim Frakes thanked Mr. Smith for his comment and indicated that she would pass this along to Board staff. Aside from Mr. Smith's comment, there was not anyone from the public who wished to offer comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. J. Yao and seconded by Annie Wilson to adjourn the Board meeting. This motion was carried without objection. This Board meeting was concluded at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Frakes
Executive Director