



STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS (BESW)  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING**

**Friday, July 10, 2020 9:00 AM**

To maintain government transparency & protect public safety, Governor Steve Sisolak signed an emergency directive related to the suspension of the requirement that there must be a physical location designated for meetings of a public body where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate in-person. BESW, pursuant to this Executive Order, has found an alternative via teleconference for the public to participate without having to be physically present. Supporting materials are available electronically at the BESW website: <http://socwork.nv.gov/board/Mtgs/>

Some members of the Board may be attending the meeting and other persons may listen to the meeting and provide testimony, through a simultaneous telephonic conference call that will be conducted utilizing Zoom.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlkCmbvAHQQ#action=share>.

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 may be limited to three (3) 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.

## **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). Public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes.*

### **3. Board Operations:**

#### **A. Review and Discussion of Board Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2020. (For Possible Action).**

#### **B. Review and Discussion of Financials through May 31, 2020. (For Possible Action).**

#### **C. Review and Discussion of Continuity Planning for 2020-2021 Budget. (For Possible Action).**

- i. Brief Review of Approved Budget for FY 2020-2021.
  - a) Includes 14% Reductions Based on Governor's Guidelines for General Fund Agencies e.g. Curtailed Expenditures, Freeze on Pay Increases, Hiring Freeze;
  - b) Deferred Implementation of Applications and Disciplinary Software Modules;
  - c) Includes Contract for New Five Year Lease; and
  - d) Continues to Build BESW Reserves.
- ii. Adjustments to Approved Budget Due to Changes Since May Board Meeting:
  - a) Handout re: Annual Funding and One Time Costs for Data Migration to a Different Infrastructure/ Network;
  - b) Potential 90 Day Contract with Lobbyist/ Consultant:
    - 1. Sacrificed 2021 Legislative Session Plans, Did Not Extend Contract;
    - 2. Reconsideration for Assistance;
  - c) If Directed by State, Implement Further Spending Cuts e.g. Furloughs; and
  - d) Consideration of Funding for COVID19 UNK Line Item.

#### **D. Review and Discussion re: Nomination of Board Officers. (For Possible Action).**

#### **E. Review and Discussion re: Selection of Board Member Designee to Represent Board During Interim Session, 2021 Legislative Session, Related Meetings. (For Possible Action).**

#### **F. Increased Use of Telehealth Presentation by Sandra Lowery. (For Discussion Only).**

#### **G. Executive Director's (ED) Report (For Discussion Only).**

- i. May 26<sup>th</sup> – ED Attended an Occupational Roundtable Hosted by the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation in Collaboration with the American Institute of Research; Identifying Barriers and Challenges Faced by Potential Licensees; Discussion On the Processes for Determining Licensing Requirements and Policies;

- ii. June 2<sup>nd</sup> NASW NV Town Hall with President Tom Durante, Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson and BESW ED; Primarily to Discuss State of Nevada Budget Shortfall;
- iii. June 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunset Committee -- Business and Industry Presentation re: Boards and Commissions Occupational and Professional Licensing Boards Governance;
- iv. June 30<sup>th</sup> Sunset Committee Presentation of the Responses to the Subcommittee's Special Survey of Certain Regulatory Bodies Related to their Operations;
- v. Handout: Two June 2020 Wall Street Journal Articles Re: Social Workers and Law Enforcement;
- vi. Handout: Updated BESW "Safe and Healthy Workplace Policy" Phase Two;
- vii. Strategic Plan Goal 4B – "BESW Will Clear 75% of Backlogged Disciplinary Cases Prior to January 1 2018 by December 31 2019"; Actual Results: 76% Cases were Cleared by June 30 2020;
- viii. Expensed Items Related to Nevada's Reopening Plan:
  - a) Plexiglas Sneeze Guards: \$1946.65
  - b) Rewiring/ Move of Copier for Social Distancing: \$768.60
  - c) Handout: Xerox Master Service Agreement
  - d) Other: \$222.79;
- ix. Future Agenda Items/ Ideas; and
- x. Next Board Meeting September 11, 2020.

#### **4. Public Comment.**

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#### **5. Adjournment.**

Please contact Karen Oppenlander, LISW at (775) 688-2555 for information regarding the meeting. Supporting materials can be accessed electronically at the BESW website: <http://socwork.nv.gov/board/Mtgs//>.

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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