



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

9:00 am on Wednesday, September 21, 2022

BESW strives to maintain government transparency and protect public safety. We are offering a virtual option for attendance via Zoom conference. Cameras will be on for the duration of the meeting. Supporting materials will be available electronically at the BESW website: <http://socwork.nv.gov/board/Mtgs/>.

The Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Date and Time: September 21, 2022, 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada).

Topic: BESW September Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

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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

Items may be taken out of order; Items may be combined for consideration by the public body; Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time; the public body may place reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of public comments, but may not restrict comments based upon viewpoint. ***NOTE: Per Open Meeting Law, before speaking, please state your full name for the record.**

Pursuant to NRS 241.030 the Board may conduct a closed session to consider the character, allegations of misconduct, professional competence, or physical and mental health of a person.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call.

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 Litigation Matter - United States District Court for the District of Nevada - Case No. 3:20-cv-571-MMD-WG -- Director Asheesh S. Bhalla (Previously served as BESW Deputy Attorney General for Office of NV Attorney General). **(Information Only).**

B. Review and Discuss August 17th, 2022, Board Minutes. (For Possible Action).

C. Review and Discuss BESW Strategic Plan July 1, 2023— June 30, 2026. (For Possible Action).

D. Board Review of Hearing for Virgilio DeSio, License No. 6200-C. (For Possible Action).

E. Board Review of License Renewal for Eyob Ayele, License No. LMSW #6592-M (For Possible Action).

F. Review and Discuss BESW Licensure Processes and Other Items Regarding Workforce Shortages in Mental Health Professions. (For Discussion Only).

- i. "Understanding the Challenge of Significant Shortages in All Mental Health Professions" – Updated Report.
- ii. Nevada Current Report – School Social Worker Guidelines.
- iii. BDR # 351 submitted by State of Nevada Committee on Commerce and Labor provides for the issuance of temporary licenses by certain occupational licensing boards to members of the military and their spouses.
- iv. Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board BDR Concept Paper, Submission.

G. Review and Discuss Post-Graduate Internship Program - Issues for Consideration (For Possible Action).

- i. Amend requirement for onsite licensed mental health professional when the clinical supervisor is offsite.
- ii. Reconsideration of policy for closing an internship site when the site appears on a Medicaid sanction / exclusion list; and reconsideration of expanded policy that includes sanctions made by any payor source; also, consideration of how a site may reopen as a teaching location for post-graduate interns.
- iii. Consideration of allowing post-graduate clinical internship to be completed solely with remote practice; and Board is being asked to weigh in on whether this will constitute a comprehensive internship.

H. Review and Discuss Association of Social Work Boards 2022 Exam Pass Rate Analysis of Findings in Nevada – Deputy Director Sandra Lowery. (For Discussion Only).

I. Executive Director's Report (Informational).

- i. Recap of NASW – NV Meeting on September 19th, 2022; and
- ii. Amended Contract with Albertson's Consulting Inc. (ACI) for its Big Picture™ licensure management database January 1 – December 31, 2023; and
- iii. Future Agenda Items: 1) Address items outlined by previous auditor; 2) Revisiting relinquishments (if requested); 3) NRS and NAC changes; 4) Financial Management of Board's Reserves (Checking accounts, Savings accounts, Money market deposit accounts, Certificate of deposit accounts); and etcetera; 5) Upcoming Strategic Planning Workshop; and 6) Look at bill draft requests that are being developed.
- iv. Next Board Meeting is 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

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/>.

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