

## **Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

The February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Board Meeting was called to order by Dr. Esther **Langston** at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was taken. Board Members in attendance: Esther **Langston**, Linda **Holland Browne**, Abby **Klimas**, Michelle **Rubinstein Meadows**, Jamie **Vaughn**. Board staff in attendance was Vikki **Erickson** and Sandy **Lowery**. In attendance was Board Counsel/Deputy Attorney General Harry **Ward**. Guests in attendance via Zoom were: Linda Anderson from Nevada Public Health Foundation, Landon Truesdale from Ferrato Company, Josie Vaughn from Ferrato Company, Ashley Hall, Tawney Simpson, and Carrie Gene. **Erickson** welcomed the attendants to the meeting and indicated that the meeting was on Zoom and the meeting ID number is 95186470955 and the passcode is 709803. Invited people for public comment on the phone, on Zoom, via email, phone call or they are welcome to be present in the board office.

**Langston** moved to **Agenda Item 2. Public Comment**. **Erickson** indicated that there was nobody in the office, nobody on the phone and no emails indicating public comment.

**Langston** moved to **Agenda Item 3. Review and Discuss January 17, 2024 Meeting minutes (For Possible Action)**. Dr. **Langston** asked for a motion to approve the January 17<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. **Holland Browne** made a motion to approve the January 17<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. **Klimas** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Unanimous vote to approve.

**Langston** moved to **Agenda Item 3B. NAC Workshop Minutes (For Possible Action)**. **Erickson** states that **Lowery** led two workshops on November 14<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. **Lowery** states that the meeting minutes from the two workshops are in the board packet for review and inquired if there were any questions regarding the meeting meetings from the workshops. **Langston** asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the two NAC workshops. **Holland Browne** made a motion to approve. **Klimas** seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve Agenda Item 3B. **Langston** thanked **Lowery** for holding the workshops.

**Langston** moved to **Agenda Item 3C. NAC Updates (For Possible Action).**

**Lowery** states that the BESW Website is updated to allow people to track the NAC process. **Lowery** stated that the BESW was slated to be on the Commission for Behavioral Health February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, and we submitted our request to be agendaized but unfortunately overlooked our agenda item, so we were not agendaized. **Lowery** states the BESW will be on the agenda of the April meeting. **Lowery** states that on February 16<sup>th</sup>, **Erickson** and **Lowery** went to Carson City and the BESW NACS were presented along with several other boards' NACS for review by the Interim Committee on Health and Human Services. The NACS were approved unanimously by the committee without reservation. The next step is the hearing during the March 20, 2024, board meeting. The Notice of Intent to Act Upon Regulation has also been posted on the BESW website. It has also been posted with the Legislature Council Bureau and with Libraries and Archives. **Lowery** describes that during the hearing on March 20<sup>th</sup>, individuals will have the opportunity to present final comments about any of the NAC changes they like or don't like. The Board will take a vote to accept the NACS as written or with revision. If there are substantial changes, then we redo some of the steps of this process, make changes and continue to move forward. No action was needed, as this was informational.

**Langston** moved to **Agenda Item 3D. ASWB New Board Member Training. (For Possible Action).** **Erickson** discussed that there is an ASWB New Board Member Training in San Antonio, TX March 21, 2024, and Michelle **Rubinstein Meadows** and Jamie Vaughn are scheduled to attend. This was an update, so no action was needed.

**Langston** moved to **Agenda Item 3E. ASWB Education Meeting. (For Possible Action).** **Erickson** states there is an ASWB Education Meeting May 2-4, 2024, with a request to attend. **Erickson** states if the board approves of her attendance, she would apply for the ASWB scholarship to attend, but if she was not awarded the scholarship, she would like Board funding to attend.

**Holland Browne** moved that she would like to see **Erickson** attend the conference stating that Nevada is beginning to be more recognized on a national level and it would serve us well to try and stay a little ahead on this.

**Holland Browne** states that the educational piece will also address some of the concerns that people have about testing and some of the other issues so she would move to approve this. **Rubinstein Meadows** states she also approves, but inquired to the cost if the scholarship was not approved. **Erickson** states she does not know the amount, but it would be the cost of airfare and hotel accommodation using the ASWB rate. **Rubinstein Meadows** seconded the motion. **Lowery** states there is funding available in the budget if **Erickson** doesn't get awarded the scholarship. Unanimous vote to approve **Erickson** participation in the ASWB Education Meeting.

**Langston** moves to **Agenda Item F. Board Review for Virgilio DeSio, License Number 6200-C (For Possible Action)**. Deputy Attorney Harry **Ward** states that he has been talking to the paralegal again and she has not found the language change that he recommended in regard to the consent decree. **Ward** states that they have changed attorneys. **Ward** reminded the Board that this case is in regard to a failure to report to the board within 30 days of a hearing date and the matter was dismissed so he doesn't feel the licensee is a threat to the public. **Ward** asked that the board be patient so he can resolve this consent decree and get it approved by the board. **Ward** requests that the matter be put on next month's agenda.

**Langston** moved to **Agenda Item G. Executive Director's Report (Informational)**. **Erickson** reminded the Board that if they had any future agenda items, they would like added to please reach out to her to include the item. **Erickson** states that she and **Lowery** have a meeting with the ASWB tomorrow regarding legislative matters. The Board Lobbyist will also be in attendance. Discussed with the Board that an interim committee has inquired about licensure testing in the State of Nevada and ASWB has agreed to assist in this presentation to the committee in April. **Erickson** states that the next scheduled Board Meeting is March 20<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 9am and notification has gone out to the licensees. They can participate if they'd like so we invited them and encouraged their participation.

**Langston** moved to **Agenda Item 4. Public Comment**. **Erickson** states there is nobody on the phone or in the office and there are no emails indicating that there is any public comment.

**Langston** moved to **Agenda Item 5. Adjournment.** **Klimas** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Rubinstein Meadows** seconded the motion. Unanimous approval to adjourn the meeting.