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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

On Wednesday, April 16, 2025, the board meeting for the State of Nevada Board of Social Work Examiners was called to order by President **Langston** at 9:04 AM.

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order, Roll Call. Present were Esther **Langston**, Linda **Holland Browne**, Abby **Klimas**, Jamie **Vaughn**, Michelle **Rubinstein Meadows** was not present during this meeting. Board Office staff present were Vikki **Erickson**, Executive Director, Sandy **Lowery**, Deputy Director, and Deputy Attorney General Harry **Ward**. Shannon Montez introduced herself as present in the meeting.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.** **Erickson** stated there was nobody on the phone, in the office or via email requesting to make public comment, however if anybody would like to make a public comment they can log in to Zoom with Meeting ID: 99148285180 with Passcode: 596928 with the link on the Board website.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3A:** Review and Discussion of March 19, 2025, Meeting and Hearing Minutes (For Possible Action). **Erickson** stated that she was unable to complete the board meeting minutes due to legislative and Business and Industry tasks, so requested that this agenda item be moved to the next Board of Examiners for Social Workers Board Meeting Agenda. **Langston** agreed to move this agenda item to the May 2025 board meeting. No action taken.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3B.** Board Review of Hearing for Virgilio DeSio, License No. 6200-C (For Possible Action). Deputy Attorney General **Ward** stated that he is still very optimistic that this will be resolved before we are pushed under the authority of B and I. **Ward** states that he is talking to opposing counsel that he would like this resolved before this board is dissolved. No action taken.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3C.** Quarter End Financials (For Possible Action). **Lowery** stated that the financials were looking good. We should be at 75% of our income and we are currently at 86% of income. In this third quarter we have a total number of 5789 individuals licensed, so we are over the 5700 mark. Our expenses should be at 75%, but we are at 58% which is below budget. We have deferred revenue of \$962,659 which include our deferred lease liability, PERS liability, OPEB liability and cash reserve liability. **Lowery** discussed working with the financial analyst at Business and Industry, as they have requested the boards to put our

financial documents into their format to help them understand our budgeting. As this board is required to use GASB accounting methods, this took some effort and time, but it is completed. Financially this board is looking fine with an anticipated increase in the next quarter. No questions were asked, and no action was taken.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3D**. Move reserve funds to Certificates of Deposit (CD) in other financial institutions (For Possible Action). **Lowery** stated that the previous Executive Director had also discussed this, but we would like the board to consider allowing us to move our reserves to CD certificates of deposit, given the FDIC guarantees in case of a banking crisis. **Erickson** stated that the accountant would also be involved in consultation. **Ward** indicated that there are a list of banks that the State of Nevada are able to use and that should be reviewed. Lowey and **Erickson** agreed. **Lowery** stated that funds would be moved to a CD, such as \$50,000 in May, and so on. **Ward** suggested a motion to allow the specific move of \$50,000 in a CD in a bank that was on the State approved list. **Holland Browne** made a motion to approve. **Klimas** provided second. No discussion. Unanimous approval to move forward.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3E**. Mandated purchase of new computers to comply with Windows 11 Update (For Possible Action). **Lowery** stated that our current office computers are 5 years old and OCIO stated that our computers were too old to be compliant with the new Windows update, from a memo from October, 2024. **Lowery** stated that she obtained quotes from CDW and Dell which are 2 of the approved vendors for computer equipment. Board staff would like 5 laptops and docking stations and a desktop computer. With the computers, power cords, and adding Adobe Professional software to each computer, it appears to be \$6107.95. **Holland Browne** provided a motion to make the IT purchase. **Klimas** seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimous vote to replace the IT equipment.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3F**. Legislative Update from Flynn Guidici Government Affairs, LLC (For Discussion). Flynn Guidici were not present, as they are currently involved in meetings at the legislation.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3G**. Legislative Update (for Discussion). **Erickson** stated that SB 68, the bill which would allow Nevada to enter into the Social Work Interstate Compact did not receive a hearing, so is considered dead. **Erickson** stated that SB 78, which combines and eliminates boards, and recommends board restructure and reform, passed through committee and moving to the next step. **Erickson** stated that Business and Industry has scheduled meetings with Board Executive Directors for recommendations, however, will not reconsider board restructure or recommendations against the mergers. **Erickson** stated that currently she doesn't have any recommendations, but if the board has any they would like to put forward, she will accept those. **Erickson** stated that there was a new bill that dropped, SB 425 on the last day. After conversation with President **Langston** will the direction to oppose this bill, **Erickson** stated she and **Lowery** went to legislation and presented an opposition, since this bill recommended a merge of behavior health boards under DHHS with significant restructure. **Erickson** stated after consultation with Senator Donate, he is amending this bill to provide supportive services to the boards instead of merging them. **Erickson** discussed SB 129 which proposed new license endorsement regulation, however this bill was not scheduled for a hearing and is considered dead. **Erickson** stated she had no further updates and inquired if anybody had any questions. **Holland Browne** inquired if the boards merged, when this would take place. **Erickson** stated there was not date or method stated yet. **Langston** stated she has sent information to her representatives, and contacted friends requesting they contact their representatives as well and is hopeful for action to help maintain the autonomy of the boards.

Erickson stated that Senator Donate would like to continue to work with the boards for an amendment to SB 425 to provide support services. **Langston** stated she would like the board to move forward to help support Senator Donate in amending SB 425 as needed. Dr. **Langston** thanked **Erickson** and **Lowery** for working on behalf of the board with the legislators. **Ward** also provided a commendation. No action taken.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3H**. ASWB Administrators Meeting – Update (For Discussion). **Lowery** discussed her attendance at the ASWB Administrators Meeting in Washington DC. She described a couple of intense days of meetings with opportunities to talk with other regulatory administrators from across the United States. **Lowery** discussed talking to administrators from composite boards who discussed the difficulty in finding subject matter experts to help in regulation. She felt she benefited from the meeting and left with some good information. **Lowery** discussed that the other concern with composite boards is not being available to the constituents because of bureaucracy. Currently we are available to our nearly 6000 licensees. **Langston** stated she has made similar points in Board Member meetings at the ASWB Meetings, and it's important for public protection.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3I**. Executive Director's Report (Informational). **Erickson** thanked the board for granting her the authority to speak on behalf of the board at the legislative session. She invited board members to submit agenda items to her for the May 21st Board meeting. No action was taken.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 4**. Public Comment. **Erickson** stated there was nobody in the office, on the phone or online who appears to want to make a public comment but invited anybody who would like to make public comment to join the Zoom link on the board website for this board meeting and enter Meeting ID: 99148285180 with a Passcode: 596928.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 5**. Adjournment. Holland Brown made a motion to adjourn. **Klimas** seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.