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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

On Wednesday, June 18,2025, 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. Board members present were Esther Langston, Linda Holland Browne, Michelle Rubinstein Meadows. Board staff present were Vikki Erickson and Sandy Lowery. Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward was present. Also present was John Nolan, Adam Solinger, Alicia Witherspoon and Sabrina Schaur.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 2. Public Comment**. **Lowery** stated there was nobody on the phone, in the office or via email requesting to make public comment, and provided the Zoom meeting ID and Passcode, available on the Board website, should anyone wish to join in and make public comment. Erickson stated the Meeting ID code for the board meeting was 958 0768 2934 and the Passcode was 480371.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3A**: Review and Discussion of May 21, 2025, Meeting and Minutes (For Possible Action). **Holland Browne** made a motion to approve. **Rubinstein Meadows** provided second. No discussion. Unanimous approval of Meeting Minutes.

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 contacted Mr. DeSio to inquire if he was still represented by counsel, and Mr. DeSio responded with "I don't think so". However, Mr. DeSio's attorney, Adam Solinger, attended the board meeting, introduced himself, and indicated he would be working with Mr. DeSio to resolve this matter. No action taken. This agenda item will continue to the next board meeting.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3C**. Board Election (For Possible Action). **Erickson** requested that this agenda item be moved to the next board meeting since there were 2 board members unable to attend the meeting. **Langston** agreed to move this agenda item to the next board meeting. No action was taken.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3D**. Check Signers (For Possible Action). **Erickson** discussed the need for another board member to sign checks as needed. Michelle **Rubinstein Meadows** agreed to do this since she lives and works locally in Northern Nevada. Langston asked for a motion. **Holland Browne** provided the motion and Langston provided a second. Unanimous approval to allow Michelle **Rubinstein Meadows** to sign on with the bank.

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Executive Director **Erickson** will arrange this with the bank.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3E**. Budget Update (For Possible Action). **Lowery** states that the board is well over a hundred percent of the budgetary income and we continue to budget conservatively. **Lowery** states the board is still waiting to hear what the board's contribution for PEBP will be. **Lowery** discussed that the board is now required to participate in the state workman's comp program instead of the insurance previously held and this will be 3-4 times more expensive so we are going to adjust for that requirement. **Lowery** states the worker's comp insurance will start July 1st. Langston asked for a motion to approve the budget. **Holland Browne** provided a motion and **Rubinstein Meadows** provided a second. Unanimous approval of the budget.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3F**. Office Staff Positions (For Possible Action). **Erickson** stated that the office staff that assists in the compliance department is retiring at the end of June, however filling the position was put on hold until the board knew the outcome of legislation. **Erickson** states that the board office now feels comfortable hiring to fill the position, and has found an individual who has worked as an administrative assistant in the past and has worked towards a criminal justice degree who has agree to board employment. This staff member will start as an Administrative Assistant II July 7 2025 if the board approves. **Langston** asked for a motion. **Holland Browne** provided a motion and **Rubinstein Meadows** provided a second. Unanimous approval to hire an Administrative Assistant II.

Langston moved to item 3G. Legislative Update (For Discussion). **Erickson** discussed that no board bills moved through legislation. She also stated the Social Work Interstate Compact bill SB 68 did not move forward. **Erickson** states the board NRS and NAC seem to be "status quo" at this time. **Erickson** stated SB 165 seemed to go through which created a new behavioral health license which will be under the Board of Psychological Examiners and the MFT Board successfully had a bill passed that allowed for the Counselors Interstate Compact. **Lowery** stated that a bill passed allowing social work field practicum students to do their practicum in a school where they are currently employed. **Langston** thanked **Erickson** and **Lowery** for their "due diligence and the amount of work put in to the legislative session, tracking bills, writing reports and writing white papers as needed".

Langston moved to Agenda Item 3H. Outside Counsel Consideration for Disciplinary Assistance (For Possible Action). **Erickson** stated she has discussed this with **Deputy Attorney General Ward**, and some boards hire in-house counsel to assist with the compliance unit. **Deputy Attorney General Ward** would continue to participate in board meetings and review contracts. **Deputy Attorney General Ward** stated that it is not uncommon for boards to hire in-house counsel to assist in the prosecution of matters. He states he would continue to assist the board. There was no action taken.

Langston moved to Agenda Item 3I. ASWB Leadership Meeting (For Discussion). **Erickson** discussed that she would be attending the ASWB Leadership Meeting as a Member of the ASWB Board and also as a Member of the Education Committee in August. **Langston** states she is also a member of a committee and would be attending the ASWB Leadership Meeting. No action taken.

Langston moved to Agenda Item 3J. Executive Director's Report (Informational). **Erickson** inquired if the next board meeting could be August 20 2025. **Langston** agreed with this date for the next board meeting. **Erickson** invited board members to provide agenda items they would like to discuss for the next board meeting.

Langston moved to Agenda Item 4. Public Comment. **Erickson** indicated there was nobody in the office, on the phone or via email to provide public comment. **Erickson** inquired if others on the call would like to provide comment, however nobody indicated they would like to comment. **Erickson** stated the Meeting ID is 958 0768 2934 and the Passcode is 480371 if anybody would like to call in.

Langston moved to Agenda Item 5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am.