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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OFFICE OF NEVADA BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS STANDARDS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

9:00 AM on Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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.

Topic: BESW June 18 2025 Board Meeting Meeting

Time: Jun 18, 2025 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Public comment is welcome 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 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 233B126.

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.

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 and Discuss May 21, 2025, Meeting and Hearing Minutes (For Possible Action).
- B. Board Review of Hearing for Virgilio DeSio, License No. 6200-C (For Possible Action).
- C. Board Election (For Possible Action).
- D. Check Signers (For Possible Action).
- E. Budget Update (For Possible Action).
- F. Office Staff Position (For Possible Action).
- G. Legislative Update (For Discussion)
- H. Outside Counsel Consideration for Disciplinary Assistance (For Possible Action).
- I. ASWB Leadership Meeting (For Discussion).

J. Executive Director's Report (Informational).

i. Inquiry about future agenda items.

4. 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 will be limited to three (3) minutes.

5. Adjournment.

Please contact Vikki Erickson, LCSW 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//.

This notice has been posted at the Office of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers; the Board's Web Site www.socwork.nv.gov and the State of Nevada's Public Notice Website http://notice.nv.gov

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Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2025

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On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, the board meeting for the State of Nevada Board of Social Work Examiners was called to order by President Langston at 9:00 AM.

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order, Roll Call. Present were Esther Langston, Linda Holland-Browne, Abby Klimas, Jamie Vaughn, and Michelle Rubinstein Meadows. Board Office staff present were Sandy Lowery, Deputy Director, and Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward. Hisani Brewer and Larissa Morfin introduced themselves as present in the meeting. Lowery notified the Board that Vikki Erickson, Executive Director, was presently in Carson City at the Nevada Legislature.

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.

Langston moved to **Agenda Item 3A**: Review and Discussion of March 19, 2025, Meeting and Hearing Minutes (For Possible Action). **Holland Browne** made a motion to approve. **Klimas** provided second. No discussion. Unanimous approval of Meeting Minutes.

Langston moved to Agenda Item 3B: Review and Discussion of April 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action). Holland Browne made a motion to approve. Klimas provided second. No discussion. Unanimous approval of Meeting Minutes.

Langston moved to Agenda Item 3C. 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. 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 3D. Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Budget (For Possible Action). Lowery reviewed the preliminary budget for FY2026. She discussed the anticipated income projections that are based on a review of income to date. She proposes a 6% overall increase in projected revenue. Lowery reviewed the anticipated expenses in payroll, contracted services and operating costs. Two items were identified as unconfirmed because the new fiscal year rates have not been provided by the State. Three other items were identified as unconfirmed based on not having end-of-year figures. These numbers may be adjusted up or down based on

final figures. The projected FY 26 budget is based on the anticipated income and expenses within that year. This budget anticipates a net income of approximately \$75,000.00. **Holland Browne** made a motion to approve. **Rubinstein Meadows** provided second. No discussion. Unanimous approval of Proposed FY 2026 Budget.

Langston moved to Agenda Item 3E. Worker's Compensation Policy changes. Lowery reviewed the memo received by the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions, and Councils Standards that specified that because Occupational Boards are now under Business and Industry, they must use the State of Nevada, Risk Management Division for their Worker's Compensation policy and must comply with Risk Management Division training requirements. The Board has used Employers Preferred Insurance Company for over ten years and will now be required to change. Lowery is working with the Risk Management Division on this transition. The Risk Management Division has already notified us that the costs for Worker's Compensation will be much higher than the current vendor the Board uses. Additionally, the Board office staff are now required to complete all the Mandatory Training Requirements of the State of Nevada Executive Branch. Lowery is working with the Risk Management Division to gain access to the computer systems necessary to complete the trainings. Access is complicated by the fact that Occupational Boards are not part of the Department of Human Resource Management so special access will have to be granted. No action taken.

Langston moved to Agenda Item 3F. Legislative Update (for Discussion). Lowery provided the following update on bills that are relevant to the Board. Lowery stated that SB 78, which combines and eliminates boards, and recommends board restructuring and reform, did not receive the budgetary funding requested. In the April 30, 2025 budgetary meeting, 70 FTE were requested and only 9 positions were funded. After that news, a revision to SB 78 was presented that reduced the scope of what SB 78 would enact. This amendment removed all language around consolidating Occupational Boards and removed the list of services that B&I was proposing to provide for the Occupational Boards. While SB 78 was passed by the Senate, to date it has not been heard in the Assembly, if it is not heard in the Assembly, then it will be considered dead. SB 425 is being presented today. It offers an alternative path to Board reform. Lowery reports that at this point, there is a waiting game to see if SB 78 is heard and if SB 425 is heard. 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 3G. ASWB Education Meeting – Update (For Discussion). Langston provided an overview of what was covered at the Education Meeting, held in Portland, Oregon. No action taken.

Langston moved to Agenda Item 3H. Executive Director's Report (Informational). Lowery requested to defer this item since Erickson is not present. Lowery invited board members to submit agenda items for the June 18th Board meeting. Langston requested the Board office to coordinate another in-person meeting for the Board in the fall. Langston requested the drafting of a Letter of Commendation for Caroline Rhuys, as she is retiring on June 30th. No action was taken.

Langston moved to Agenda Item 4. 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.

Langston moved to A Holland-Browne sec	Agenda Item 5. Adjournment on ded the motion. Meeting	ent. Klimas made g adjourned at 9:40	a motion to adjo AM.	urn.
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Consent Decree for Virgilio DeSio

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Revised FY2026 Budget

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			560,000,00		500.000.00		
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	00 · APPLICATION FEE		50,000.00		53,000.00	6%	
	00 · INITIAL LICENSE FEE		115,000.00		121,900.00	6%	
	00 · ENDORSEMENT FEE		35,000.00		36,750.00	5%	
	00 · PROVISIONAL LICENSE FEES		1,000.00		1,000.00	0%	
4500	00 · RENEWAL LATE FEE		6,000.00		6,900.00	15%	
4600	00 · RESTORATION OF LICENSE		1,600.00		1,840.00	15%	
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	50104 · Medicare		5,000.00		5,000.00		
	50105 · PERS-Employer paid		76,000.00		83,000.00		
	50106 · Unemployment Ins.		3,500.00		3,500.00		
	50100 · Employer Payroll Expenses -	Other					
-	Total 50100 · Employer Payroll Expenses		126,500.00		137,000.00		
	50300 · Workman's Comp.		2,000.00		2,500.00		
Tota	l 50000 · Payroll	\$	463,500.00	\$	460,950.00		
6100	00 · Contract Services						
	61050 · Contract-Labor		70,000.00		60,000.00		
	Contract - Board Reimbursement		3,000.00		2,000.00		
	61100 · Contract-Auditor		25,000.00		25,000.00		
	61150 · Contract-Legal	0	30,000.00		30,000.00		
	61200 · Contract-Legislative Consultant		35,000.00		35,000.00		
	61250 · Contract-Payroll/Accountant		5,000.00		5,000.00		
	61300 · Court Reporting		•				
	61350 · Investigations		-		•		
	61400 · LCB		4,000.00		10,000.00	New NACs	
	61000 · Contract Services - Other		,				
	l 61000 · Contract Services	\$	172,000.00	\$	167,000.00		

Net Income	\$	6,640.00	\$	72,440.00	
al Expense	\$	773,660.00	\$	761,110.00	
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68100 · Computers		3,000.00		3,000.00	
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67000 · Training					
Total 66000 · Travel					
	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00	
66000 · Travel - Other		7,500.00	_	7,500.00	
66100 · Out of State Travel					
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65000 · Host Fund					
64100 · Credit Card Processing		17,500.00		17,500.00	
64050 · Bank Charges				No.	
Total 63000 · Professional Dues					
	\$	8,500.00	\$	5,500.00	
63000 · Professional Training / Dues		8,000.00		5,000.00	
63100 · Professional Dues		500.00		500.00	
630 63050 · Dues & Registration					
Total 62000 · Operating Costs	-				
	\$	100,660.00	\$	98,660.00	
62000 · Operating Costs - Other		12,000.00		10,000.00	
62650 ·Equipment Leases		3,500.00		3,500.00	
62550 · Transcription (TEMI)		2,000.00		2,000.00	
62500 · Computer Software		25,000.00		25,000.00	
62450 · Internet (Spectrum)		2,160.00		2,160.00	
62400 · EITS and ATT		15,000.00		15,000.00	
62350 · Postage		7,500.00		7,500.00	
62300 · Records Storage		3,500.00		3,500.00	
62250 · B and G Assessment		500.00		500.00	
62200 · Rent		23,000.00		23,000.00	
62150 · TORT Claim Fund		1,500.00		1,500.00	
62100 · Copying		5,000.00		5,000.00	
62000 · Operating Costs 62050 · Printing		5,000.00		5,000.00	

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Legislative Update

2025 BESW Legislature Tracker

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snoH	# 11!8	Sponsor	Topic	Notes	Last Update	Link to Bill
AB	49	Revises provisions rela Assembly Committee on Education educational personnel	Revises provisions relating to educational personnel	Endorsement pathway for school nurses and schoolsocial workers	Enrolled into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilU/11841/Text
AB	09	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	Revises provisions relating to certain behavioral health services	Related to prevention specialists.	Enrolled into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/11860/Text
AB	163	Assembly Gregory Hafen	Enters into the Counseling Compact	CPC Counseling compact	Enrolled into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/12113/Text
AB	207	Assembly Lisa Cole	Revises provisions governing the submission of certain information to the Commissioner of Insurance relating to mental health parity and addiction equity.	Similar to SB 47	Enrolled into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilU12177/Overview
AB	264	Assembly Brittney Miller	Revises provisions relating to the issuance of professional and occupational licenses	Provides pathway for judicial review when applicants have been denied a license due to "moral character" issue or criminal history.	Bill dead	AB264 Text
AB	339	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services	Creates the Office of Children's Mental and Behavioral Health	Creating the Office of Children's Mental and Behavioral Health within DHHS	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilU.12431/Text
AB	374	Assembly Nadeem	Revises provisions relating to mental health	Promotion of the mental health of pupils at least monthly	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/12506/Text
AB	467	Assembly Roth	Revises provisions relating to mental health.	Mental Health Tx/Defendents and detention centers	Enrolled into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilV12712/Text
AB	483	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services	Establishes priority review for certain applicants for licensure to practice health professions	Requiring boards to prioritize applications for licensure for individuals who will be serving historically underserved communities.	Enrolled into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilU12743/Text
AB	601	Assembly man Hafen	Revises provisions related to boards, commissions and councits and similar bodies	Representing original SB 78 bill	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilU/12969/Text
SB	47	Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor		Evaluating compliance with parity laws Similar to AB 207	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilU11824/Text
SB	89	Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor	Revises provisions relating to behavioral health.	Social Work Interstate Compact	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilU11.868/Text

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House	# 11!8	Sponsor	Topic	Notes	Last Update	Link to Bill
SB	78	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	Senate Committee on Revenue and boards, commissions, councils and Consolidation of occupational Economic Development similar bodies.	Consolidation of occupational boards, commissions, etc.	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/11891/Text
SB	129	Senator Jeff Stone	Revises provisions governing occupational and professional licensing	Residency requirement and experience requirements for endorsements	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/12064/Overview
SB	165	Senator Rochelle Nguyen	Establishes provisions relating to behavioral health	Behavioral health and wellness practition under Psychology Board.	Enrolled into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/12183/Text
SB	274	Legislative Commission	Revises provisions governing state boards and commissions	Requires Boards to provide a list of qualified candidates for vacancies.	Enrolled into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/12460/Text
S	772	Senator Michelle Cruz-Crawford, Senator Fabian Donate, Assembly Jovan Jackson, Assembly Natha Anderson, Assembly Reuben D'Silva	An ACT relating to education; requiring each public school to employ a social worker to the extent that money is available for that purpose; requiring the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations relating to the licensure of school counselors and school social workers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto	Requires pubic schools to employee social workers; sets standards for school counselors and school social workers; allows district employees to do school field practicums in their job setting.	Enrolled into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bilt/12477/Overview
SB	300	Senatory Dondero Loop	Revises provisions relating to mental health	Requiring Medicaid to cover certain mental health services provided at a federally-qualified health center.	Enrolled into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilV,125,13/Text
SB	306	Senator Cruz-Crawford	Revises provisions relating to mental health care for adolescents	Revising provisions relating to the admission of a child with an emotional disturbance to certain inpatient psych tx facilities	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/12528/Text
SB	409	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services	Revises provisions coincerning the investigation of child abuse or neglect	Changing selected laws related to investigations of child abuse and neglect.	Signed into law	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilV12732/Text
80	425	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Heatth and Human Services	Makes revisions relating to health professions	Proposing combining the Behavioral Health Boards under DPBH	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/12772/Overview

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SB	429	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services	Revises provisions relating to social Provide funding for social work field work	Provide funding for social work field practicums	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/12776/Text
SB	507	Senate Committee on Finance	Revises provisions related to governmental admisitration	Mechanism for charging Boards and Commission for services to be provided by B &I	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/Bill/12968/Text
SB	601	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services	Revises provisions relating to social Provide funding for social work field work	Provide funding for social work field practicums	Bill dead	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL /83rd2025/BilV,12776/Text