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

On Wednesday, September 24, 2025, the board meeting for the State of Nevada Board of Social Work Examiners was called to order by President **Langston** at 1:01 PM.

The morning prior to the meeting, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers Board Members received Open Meeting Law Education from Deputy Attorney General Harry **Ward**.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order, Roll Call. Present were Board President Esther **Langston**, Vice Chair Linda **Holland Browne**, Secretary Treasurer Michelle **Rubinstein Meadows**, Abby **Klimas** and Jamie **Vaughn**. Board staff present were Vikki **Erickson**, Executive Director and Sandy **Lowery**, Deputy Director. Deputy Attorney General Harry **Ward** was present. Sabrina **Schnur** from Cartwright Government Affairs and Alex **Pike** from Flynn Guidici Government Affairs were present.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment. There was nobody present to make public comment in the room, on the phone or via email. Nobody was in the waiting room of the Zoom Call. **Erickson** stated that the public is able to access the meeting by going to the Zoom link on the board website with the meeting ID: 92588345541 and a passcode of 542672.

Agenda Item 3A: Board Operations: Review and Discuss August 20, 2025, Meeting and Hearing Minutes (For Possible Action). **Erickson** stated that the August board meeting minutes were in the shared drive which was impacted by the Cyber Attack that affected all State of Nevada agencies. **Erickson** stated she would continue to try to retrieve them or retype them for the October 2025 Board Meeting. There was no action take on this agenda item, and **Langston** agreed to review the August 2025 Board Meeting Minutes in the next board meeting.

Agenda Item 3B: Board Review of Hearing for Virgilio DeSio, License No. 6200-C (For Possible Action). Deputy Attorney General **Ward** stated, "I ask that this matter be continue to the next meeting. Hopefully we'll get the consent decree in by then". No action was taken on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 3C: Legislative Update (For Possible Action). **Erickson** inquired if Mr. **Pike** was able to provide a legislative report. Mr. **Pike** stated he was not prepared to provide a report at this time. No action was taken on this agenda item. **Erickson** states she will reach out to Flynn Guidici Government Affairs for the final report from the legislative session.

Agenda Item 3D: Statewide IT Outage (For Possible Action). **Erickson** stated that the board office was impacted by the cyber attack that affected state offices, and the Board office still hasn't had their share drive recovered. She states they were without internet connection for about 2 weeks, and recovered their database about 2 weeks ago. **Erickson** stated that the Board found alternate methods to comply with regulation and meet the needs of the public, licensees and applicants, but are still working to recover the share drive. **Erickson** states the Board Office continues to work with state IT to recover the share files. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 3E: Department of Public Safety Audit (For Possible Action). **Lowery** states that every three to five years there is both an FBI audit and a state audit of the way in which the board office manages fingerprinting. In 2021 the Board Office underwent an FBI audit which went well. Last week, the Board Office underwent the Department of Public Safety Audit which went well. The auditors made some suggestions to tighten security, which the Board Office will make, otherwise the Board Office passed the audit. **Lowery** stated that currently, since the state cyber-attack, background checks are taking a longer period of time to process, specifically if the applicant sends fingerprint cards, however Department of Public Safety is working to resolve that issue. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 3F: 2025 Financial Audit (For Possible Action). **Lowery** stated that the Board Office has spent several months preparing all the information required by Casey Nieson, who is completing the Board Office audit. They were onsite at the Board Office Monday and Thursday and there doesn't seem to be any anticipated problems with completing the audit. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 3G: Application Review – Consideration of Applicant Work History (For Possible Action). **Erickson** states that she contacted the Association of Social Work Boards to survey Social Work License Regulators across the United States and Canada to inquire if they ask for work history on initial applications. It appears that about 50% of the boards seem to inquire about work history. **Lowery** stated that prior to applicants completing a background check, the work history of required because if there was a gap, perhaps there was a legal history or incarceration. The Board Office doesn't consider work history when issuing licenses currently. **Langston** asked for a motion. **Holland Browne** made the motion to eliminate the work history from the application. **Klimas** provided the second. Unanimous agreement to eliminate the work history from the application.

Agenda Item 3H: Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions, and Councils Standards Office Regulations. (For Possible Action). **Erickson** stated that she received an email from the Deputy Director of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions, and Councils Standards, who formed a task force to create regulation around NRS 232 which gave this office purview over Nevada Boards and Commissions. **Erickson** stated she included the email and proposed regulations. **Erickson** stated that these regulation proposals will need to go through public workshops and vetted through the LCB and the Attorney General's Office. **Erickson** states some of the proposed regulations already exist in NAC 641B. and some other concerns with the regulations for the board to review. **Lowery** states that the Board Office will "crosswalk" the proposed regulations to the existing Social Work regulation and would be "crosswalked" formally by the LCB across all 34 board regulations. **Langston** stated the board should review recommendations submitted regarding Social Work regulation. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 3I: Executive Director's Report (Informational). **Erickson** reports that she

attended a Contract Manager Training put on by Purchasing specifically for Boards and Commissions. **Erickson** stated that she had submitted contracts that she received 1:1 assistance with from the purchasing department staff and they were rejected by the Governor's Finance Office, and not sure why. **Erickson** stated the training was helpful overall. **Erickson** stated the Board Office staff have been working very hard to work with the public, applicants and licensees during the cyber attack and have a high level of dedication to compliance.

Agenda Item 4. Public Comment: **Erickson** stated that there was nobody in the room, nobody on the Zoom call, no emails or phone calls to join the meeting or make public comments, however people can join the meeting by clicking the Zoom link on the Board website and entering the Meeting ID: 92588345541 with a passcode of 542672.

Agenda Item 5. Adjournment. President **Langston** adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.