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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

On Wednesday, January 21, 2026, the board meeting for the State of Nevada Board of Social Work Examiners was called to order by President Langston at 9:01 AM.

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order, Roll Call. Present were Esther Langston, President, Linda Holland Browne, Vice Chair, Abigail Klimas, Jamie Vaughn, Michelle Rubinstein Meadows, Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, Sandy Lowery, Deputy Director, Vikki Erickson, Executive Director.

Dr. Langston moved to Agenda Item 2. Public Comment. Erickson stated that the public could click on the Zoom link on the board website under the January 2026 board meeting and join using the Meeting ID: 94628519139 with a Passcode: 377551. Erickson stated there was no additional person waiting to join the meeting, nobody in the office, on the phone or emailing public comments.

Dr. Langston moved to Agenda Item 3A. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of the November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action). Holland Browne made the motion to approve and Klimas seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The board unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

Dr. Langston moved to Agenda Item 3B. Review Discussion and Possible Approval of the application for licensure for Maria Nangob, LSW. Ms. Nangolo was not present on the Zoom meeting, so if she does not sign on, the board asked to have her join the next board meeting. Holland Browne made the motion to move this agenda item to the next board meeting in March 2026. Klimas seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The board unanimously voted for Ms. Nangolo to be notified of the next board meeting in March 2026 if she would like to be placed on the agenda. Erickson states she will reach out to Ms. Nangolo and notify her.

Dr. Langston moved to Agenda Item 3C. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of Consent Decree for Virgilio DeSio, License No 6200-C (For Possible Action). Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward reminded the board that this is a matter where the licensee failed to report an arrest. Eventually the crime was resolved, he went through classes and then was discharged. The licensee had worked with many attorneys, so there has been an issue with the consent decree, but the licensee agreed to sign the consent decree which will become public record. Mr. DeSio will be reimbursing the board for attorney costs and investigative costs and

will pay within 6 months. Holland Browne inquired if the licensee had to be present for this meeting. **Ward** stated he has a right to waive and “he just wants to get on with his life”. **Langston** asked for a motion to approve the consent decree as presented. **Klimas** made a motion to approve the consent decree as presented. **Holland Browne** seconded the motion. No further discussion. The board unanimously voted to approve the consent decree.

Dr. Langston moved to Agenda Item 3D. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of a Policy on licensees who are deceased. (For Possible Action). **Erickson** stated that Rose Tuana passed away in November, who was the first Executive Director of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers. After this announcement, **Holland Browne** discussed the possibility of a policy to make an announcement to licensees when a licensee has passed away. **Holland Browne** stated, “I think we need to acknowledge those people who are part of our profession and to acknowledge the impact that they have had on not just us, but the communities and where they work”. She states she isn’t certain there needs to be a policy but would like to find a way to honor these people. **Ward** states that there is a legal publication that comes out quarterly that mentions people who have passed away if the family notifies the bar. **Lowery** indicated that the board staff is rarely noticed when a licensee passes away. **Lowery** also indicated that when a staff member passed away most recently, the family asked that no announcement be made about the passing of the staff member because they are private. **Holland Browne** stated that she would like to staff to discuss possibilities regarding the notification to licensees about the death of a fellow licensee. **Ward** stated there was no need for a vote, but it is a suggestion to have further conversation.

Dr. Langston moved to Agenda Item 3E. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of Second Quarter Financials (For Possible Action). **Lowery** states that we are at the halfway mark through the fiscal year, so it would be anticipated that we would be looking at 50%. For overall income expenses we are at 57% of income and are ahead of what we predicted. Salaries are coming in at 46%. Overall expenses for the rest of the business is at 31% so we are well below the 50% mark. Overall, we are doing well. The board had decided to increase the number of months from 6 to 8 months for cash reserves. **Dr. Langston** thanked the board staff for their due diligence in the financial department. **Dr. Langston** asked for a vote to approve the 2nd quarter financials. **Holland Browne** made the motion and **Klimas** seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The board unanimously approved the 2nd quarter financials.

Dr. Langston moved to Agenda Item 3F. Exam Pass Rates 2024 (For Discussion). **Lowery** discussed that ASWB posts pass rates nationally and broken down by state and university. She states at the bachelor’s level pass rates are 67% nationally, 73% for LMSW and 75% for LCSW. UNLV first time pass rate on bachelor is 63%, master’s 78% and 65% LCSW. UNR pass rates are 61% bachelors, 73% master’s and 78% clinical. No motion was made for this agenda item.

Dr. Langston moved to Agenda Item 3G. Executive Director’s Report. **Erickson** thanked the staff for coverage while she was out of the office for 3 weeks in November for medical leave. She stated she is scheduled to travel to Virginia for the ASWB Board of Director’s conference in January.

Dr. Langston moved to Agenda Item 4 Public Comment. **Erickson** stated that the public could click on the Zoom link on the board website under the January 2026 board meeting and join the meeting using the Meeting ID: 94628519139 with Passcode: 37751. **Erickson** stated there was no additional person waiting to join the meeting, nobody in the office, on the phone or emailing public comments.

Dr. Langston moved to Agenda Item 5. Adjournment. Holland Browne made a motion to adjourn; **Klimas** seconded the motion. The board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 AM.