



State of Nevada
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LORI JUDD – Chairperson
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DAN WAITE, Esq. – Board Member

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, February 10, 2020
Start Time: 5:30pm
End Time: 6:50pm

Location: Lewis Rothgerber Christie, LLP
3993 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 600
Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

Present: Dan Waite Lori Judd Peggy Elias Justin Taruc
 Debbie Uehara

Present Via TelCon: Donna Prather

ITEM #1: Meeting Called to Order:

Without motion, Dan Waite called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Board Members:

Present: Dan Waite
Present: Lori Judd
Present: Peggy Elias
Not Present: Heidi Konsten

ITEM #2: Public Comments: No public comments.

ITEM #3: Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION made by Peggy Elias: That the Board approves the agenda in its entirety.
Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #4: Approve Meeting Minutes:

MOTION made by Peggy Elias: That the Board approves the November 14, 2019 open meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board approves the January 11, 2020 closed meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Lori Judd. Dan Waite and Peggy Elias abstained; motion moves forward.

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ITEM #5: Designate Annual Chair and Vice Chair:

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That pursuant to NRS 656.080(1), the Board will appoint Lori Judd to serve as the 2020 Chairperson for the Board. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That pursuant to NRS 656.080(1), the Board will appoint Peggy Elias as the 2020 Vice Chairperson for the Board. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #6: Appointment of Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair: Debbie Uehara recommended the Board establish subcommittees on a “as needed” basis versus calendar year. Ms. Uehara expressed a yearly committee does not provide ample time to complete an assignment and there were years without committee assignments and a committee did not meet. She also suggested members possess a commitment to serve on the committee and while prior experience is not required, it is helpful. No further comments.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That pursuant to NRS 656.110(2), the Board will appoint Dan Waite as the Chairman and Heidi Konsten as the Vice Chairperson to the Legislative Regulations Committee. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That pursuant to NRS 656.110(2), the Board will appoint Lori Judd as the Chairperson to the Exam Committee. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #7: Bill Draft Requests for the 81st Legislative Session: Peggy Elias read proposed bill draft requests. A copy is attached and will be kept on file. A discussion ensued to revisit BDR 54-235 from the 2019 Legislative session that provides certification and oversight for those making the judicial record. Debbie Uehara was assigned to conduct further research and provide language to give the Board the authority to keep a portion of fines collected from disciplinary proceedings. No further comments.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board approve the proposed bill draft requests for the 81st Legislative Session. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #8: Board to Obtain Sponsor or Lobbyist for the 81st Legislative Session: Without motion, the Board agreed to contact lobbyist Alfredo Alonso of Lewis Rothgerber Christie, LLP and Senator Scott Hammond for their consideration to sponsor the Board’s bill draft requests. Dan Waite will make the contact and inform the Board. No further comments.

ITEM #9: Ratify the January 11, 2020 Certification Exam Test Results: Debbie Uehara reported 1 applicant registered and appeared for the exam. The exam ran smoothly without incident. The exam was graded during closed meeting and it was confirmed the applicant did not pass. No further comments.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board ratify the January 11, 2020 test results. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

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ITEM #10: Review and Approve LCB File R003-19: Peggy Elias presented LCB File R003-19. A copy is attached and will be kept on file.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board approve LCB File R003-19 and schedule a workshop to collect public comments. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #11: Amend FY20 Legal Fees Budget: At the November 14, 2019 open meeting, the Board agreed to table this matter for further review at a future open meeting. Monthly legal fees have increased significantly due to an increase of disciplinary matters. Upon discussion, the Board agreed to be prudent when utilizing the services of the Deputy Attorney General. No further comments.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board increase the monthly allowance for FY20 legal fees from \$500.00 per month to \$1,000.00 per month for the period of January through June 2020. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #12: Executive Secretary's Employment Contract Renewal: Upon discussion, the Board agreed to extend the Executive Secretary's employment for 2 years. A copy of the employment contract is attached and the signed contract will be kept in the employee's file.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board will provide a 1-time bonus of \$1,000.00 immediately and an additional bonus may be considered in January 2021. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #13: Executive Secretary's Report: Debbie Uehara presented a financial report dated January 23, 2020 and the Disciplinary Action Report. Copies of both reports are attached and will be kept on file. No further comments.

ITEM #14: Next Scheduled Meeting and Agenda Items: The next scheduled meeting and agenda items will be determined at a later date. No further comments.

ITEM #13: Public Comments: No public comments.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.