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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021 at 12:00PM**

**Teleconference Location
Nevada Board of Examiners
For Marriage & Family Therapists and Clinical Professional
Counselors 7324 W. Cheyenne Avenue, Suite 10
Las Vegas, NV 89129**

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1. Call to Order, roll call, Confirmation of Quorum.
 - Meeting called to order at 12:01pm
 - Board members present: Lauri Perdue, Sara Pelton, Marta Wilson, John Nixon, Steve Nicholas
 - Board members not present: Sheldon Jacobs, Eric Schoen, Jennifer Ross, Hal Taylor
 - Staff present: Joelle McNutt, Stephanie Steinhiser, SDAG Henna Rasul
 - Public Members: No public members

2. Public comment

No vote may be taken upon a matter raised during a period devoted to public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)

No public comment.

3. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the designation of Joelle McNutt as Interim Executive Director (For possible action).

Steve: I will give a little bit of brief background and I will keep it discreet. The Executive Director resigned last Friday, and therefore the details of her evaluation and the resignation will not be part of an open meeting because she chose to resign. So I'm going to respect that discretion. Also, I want to really voice my gratitude for the professionalism of all the people that were involved with that and picking this back up and making this emergency meeting six days after that occurrence. With that being said, I would like to have a discussion about Joelle being the interim executive director until our July formal full board meeting, where we can evaluate the full position, whether that's Joelle or anybody else, that that we want to move into the full position. Any discussion about this?

Sara: Well, I would just like to say I went over to the board office on Monday and I have every confidence in Joelle, I liked everything I saw, her dedication was outstanding, and it made me sleep better at night.

Steve: I echo that big time. In the last...

Laurie: I have a very long...Oops. Sorry.

Steve: Please Laurie, go ahead.

Laurie: I was just going to say I have a very long history with Joel to the tune of 15, 20 years, and she's been very dedicated to any position she's ever held and goes above and beyond without being called to.

Marta: I've worked with Joelle over at University of Phoenix, and she's always presented as very professional, just a very calming sense of temperament and being able to handle high conflict around her and yet being able to just keep that good temperament and professionalism going strong. So I am absolutely accepting of Joelle being the Interim Executive Director.

John: This this is John, I would echo Marta's sentiments, mirroring my own experiences in working with Joelle previously at UOP, et cetera, and seeing how she has been as steady and even-tempered and professional here as she has been before, I think it's clear we know what we're getting with Joelle. So, she certainly has my vote of confidence as well.

Steve: Thanks, everybody. Mine too. I know that the last... Sorry. Go ahead, Steph.

Stephanie: As someone who has occupied the chair and has worked with Joelle here every day this past week and most days previously, she absolutely has all my support, all my faith, and my confidence. She is amazing.

Steve: And I echo all of the sentiments that have been said. This last week Joelle and I have communicated many times. I am so comforted with this transition, with her professionalism, and her orientation to detail. And customer service is top notch. So, without further ado, I would like somebody to make a motion to approve Joelle McNutt as the Interim Executive Director for our board.

Motion to approve Joelle McNutt as Interim Executive Director made by Sara; Lauri 2nd. Motion approved unanimously, no abstentions.

Steve: Joelle, thank you, thank you, Thank you for your continued service and leadership for us. It really helps our profession be safe.

Joelle: Well, thank you all. It's an honor to serve in any capacity here and especially this one. Thank you.

Steve: We will work out after this formal meeting we will work out the details so that obviously all the financials and things are put in place. Piece of cake. We can just fly through what is left of the stated agenda.

4. Report from President (Advisement)

Steve: No report.

5. Report from Treasurer (Advisement)

Sara: I'm just available to help Joelle transition things as much as possible

6. Report from Senior Deputy Attorney General Henna Rasul (Advisement)

Henna: No report.

7. Discussion regarding future agenda items and possible future meeting dates:

- **Monday and Tuesday, June 21st and June 22nd @ 9:00am (Hearing)**
- **Friday, July 16th, 2021 @ 9:00am (Public Meeting)**

8. Public comment.

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No public present, no comment.

9. Board member comments

Marta: Well, I just I guess the AAMFT review board is doing a forty-five minute survey. It does take longer than forty-five minutes. But the good news about this is that you can get three use for completing this, I think 90 percent of the survey. So if you know any MFT that need three seat use at no cost, it's wonderful.

Steve: Yeah. Great point. Is this the same one that asks for feedback about the national exam?

Marta: No, that was with the NBCC board or the NCE board. But this one is talking about job analysis and tasks that we do. It's they're asking us to look at the frequency that we provide. Each of these items, there's like eight or nine domains that they're talking about. And then the second part is how critical do you think this is? So it's two-part.

John: It sounds like it sounds like an attempt to be, I think is doing what NBCC did or C, C, E did a few years ago that gave rise to the clinical exam because a clinical exam is kind of reflective of workplace behaviors as opposed to the National Counseling Exam that did not have that data. So it sounds like we'll be seeing some changes informed by workplace behaviors in the in the meeting. Sounds good.

Marta: I think you're right, and you have until May 11th If you want to participate in this survey.

John: I would encourage all licensees to do that, not just academic, because what happens is if it's all the academic people, it gets circulated on your university emails. But if licensees don't give their input they're not really getting the data they need.

Marta: I have interns that received it and it looks like it's interns who have already passed the test, the exam itself.

Sara: I have an intern who took the exam. Doesn't know the results yet, but she did receive the survey.

Steve: Are there any other member comments today? I am super, super grateful for the generous offering of your time on such short notice, we were in a bind, a terrible bind, and we just worked our way through it. So my thanks to everybody.

Joelle: I thank you everyone for all your help.

10. Adjournment (For possible action)

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

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