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MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Teleconference

**Nevada Board of Examiners
For Marriage & Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors
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Las Vegas, NV 89107**

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Action by the Board on any item may be to approve, deny, amend, or table

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Confirmation of Quorum. Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM.
 - Board members present: Sara Pelton, Marta Wilson, Sheldon Jacobs (arrived at 9:02 AM), Jenny Stepp, Steve Nicholas
 - Board members not present: Jennifer Ross
 - Staff present: Joelle McNutt, Stephanie Steinhiser
 - Board Counsel present: Senior Deputy Attorney General Henna Rasul
 - Members of the public: Daniel Giudici (Flynn Giudici Government Affairs), Brandon Eddy, Jinan Barghouti, Karen Hernandez-Quiroz, Riley Brown, Norma Kea

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2. Public Comment

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- No public comment.
3. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review and approval of minutes from the September 26, 2025, meeting (For possible action)
 - Motion to approve minutes from the September 26th meeting: 1st Steve, 2nd Lauri; John abstains; Motion approved.
 4. Board consideration of Consent Decree in the matter of Cherie Chronis, Case No. NV22MFT005. (For discussion/possible action)
 - Jenny: This document is the facts and the evidence that we get to read and review today. What we are determining is whether we are going to approve or deny this consent decree.
 - Motion to accept the proposed consent decree as written: 1st Lauri, 2nd Sheldon: No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
 5. Disciplinary Matter – Recommendation for Dismissal (For possible action)
 - a. Case No. NV25MFT002
 - Stephanie: There is a summary document for your review in your packet.
 - Motion to dismiss Case No. NV25MFT002: 1st Steve, 2nd Lauri; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
 6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding approval of revised Board budget for FY26 ending 06/30/2026 (For discussion/possible action) – Joelle McNutt
 - Joelle: I made two changes. Our rent increased, and I adjusted the amount budgeted for Certemy since I renegotiated that contract.
 - Motion to approve the revised Board Budget for FY26 ending 06/30/2026: 1st Sara, 2nd Lauri; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.
 7. Review, discussion, and possible action for approval of the Casey Neilon, Inc. auditing contract extension (For discussion/possible action) – Joelle McNutt
 - Joelle: Since our contract with Casey Neilon is still active, I can do an extension with purchasing. I always budget for \$21,000 for the audit, and it is always below that amount. They have been good to work with, and we haven't had any issues.
 - Motion to approve the Casey Neilon contract extension: 1st Sheldon, 2nd John: No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.

8. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding regulation change language, including, but not limited to: (For discussion/possible action)

a. NAC 641A.178

- John: I do have a question. So, what's the issue that prompted this language refinement for this one?
- Joelle: What we talked about last meeting was that, with the way the language is currently, without the word "or" is that most supervision may be happening with case presentation versus having actual eyes on what is happening.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.178: 1st John, 2nd Marta; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.

b. NAC 641A.182

- John: I always thought it made sense that we have the certificate from AAMFT or CCE, then it makes sense to accept that as is. Does this take out the alternative path?
- Jenny: Yes. We had quite a discussion about it and just taking that out entirely.
- Joelle: I had a note that the Board wanted me to pull data regarding how most of our supervisors were approved. I do have that, if that would be helpful.
- Jenny: That would be great.
- Joelle: Just for clarity's sake, we have a total of 392 primary supervisors and 237 secondary supervisors for the entire state of Nevada. So, this pertains. In Northern Nevada, we have 112 primary supervisors and 80 secondary supervisors. Of the primary supervisors, 42 have national certifications, 34 have done a course, and the remaining have been grandfathered. In Southern Nevada, we have 280 primary supervisors and 157 secondary supervisors. Of the primary supervisors, 149 have national certifications, 55 have done a course, and the remaining have been grandfathered.
- Marta: So, would we just then allow if the individuals that have not gone through that certification, it would just continue to be grandfathered in, and it would be from this date forward, this is where we start this regulation?
- Joelle: Normally, what happens is we make it effective from the date that the regulations were approved by the legislature and sent to the Secretary of State. So, anybody, and like I said, that probably isn't going to happen until next year sometime. So, it would impact everybody after that date. Does that help?
- Marta: Yes, it does.

- John: Is there a possibility that some may be caught in the transition where they're in the process of completing their course, and then the door closes on them? Or would they be captured in a grandfather thing that you already started the process with the Board?
- Jenny: I would say we could absolutely consider those on a case-by-case basis. If Joelle, you get a call that someone is concerned or up in arms, we're reasonable people, you could bring it to the Board, and we could review it.
- Sara: When would these changes take effect?
- Joelle: Sometime next year.
- Jenny: Does anyone want to make a motion, or do we need some more discussion?
- Marta: I just noticed in the regulation that it shows ACS under NBCC, and I think the credentialing body is CCE.
- John: I'm looking at the language. I would spell it out, Center for Credentialing and Education.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.182: 1st John, 2nd Sheldon; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.

c. NAC 641A.105

- Jenny: So, we're talking about fees. We've got some new language for the compact, and then we lowered the renewal of an intern's license and then added section three with the military reduced fee. So how does this look to everybody?
- Joelle: We also increased reciprocity applications to be equivalent to what an intern pays.
- Sara: That's an intern extension, right? Not for reapplication after six years. Correct?
- Joelle: Correct.
- Marta: That's a good point that Sara's bringing up, because when it says renewal. What's the language when you have to apply for a brand-new internship license? Is it different? It's not called a renewal, is it?
- Joelle: It is an application.
- Sara: I'm looking at the website. When you look under the intern forms, it says extension. So, I guess I don't want them to be confused between renewal and extension language.
- Jenny: How would you put that here in the language?

- Sara: I don't care which one it's called, but I want them to be consistent between the website and the regulations.
- John: I would agree with Sara, now that you've pointed that out. I'm thinking of a renewal as an ongoing thing. In fact, for an intern is a set period with the option to extend, usually for extenuating circumstances, for an additional three years. So that would be consistent to use the term extension.
- Joelle: We could change it to an extension. What does everybody think about that? So, then what we do is in NAC 641A.105, we change it to reflect extension, and then in 641A.146, we change the word renewal to extension.
- Jenny: There's one other spot. NAC641A.146, number 1(C), and then number four.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.105: 1st Sheldon, 2nd John; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.

d. NAC 641A.131

- Jenny: This is the cultural competency CEUs to make NRS and NAC match. Then we also talked about interactive CEU requirements.
- Joelle: I did make the changes from four to six because that's what NRS says, but NAC 641A.131, (6). We already had an option in the language to waive CEUs. I just took out "who has been licensed for less than a full licensing period". So, it would say, upon the request of a licensee, the Board may waive or prorate continuing education requirements prescribed by subsection one or two.
- Jenny: That's great.
- Joelle: This gives licensees the option of contacting the Board, should there be extenuating circumstances or do they have a need for accommodation? We already have that ability to grant that or prorate. The removal of that language would open it up to everyone.
- Jenny: Any comments or discussion?
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.131: 1st Sheldon, 2nd Lauri; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.

e. NAC 641A.146

- Jenny: This added the required training in ethics, suicide prevention, cultural competency, or confidentiality in the first 12 months. We will now add, replacing renewal with extension.
- Joelle: Those are all the required areas I had from the previous meeting. This will be consistent with what licensees need for license renewal but then adding that confidentiality piece. Does that sound like what everybody wanted?

- John: Yes, since we have had those problems.
- Jenny: We are using the “or” language so people can choose. Here's a selection of CEUs that we would recommend and require you to consider.
- Steve: I think this is an illustration that we've really been paying attention to our work over the past decade. This describes so many things that we've encountered, and then adapting this living document so that our profession keeps getting better and better.
- Motion to approve proposed language in NAC 641A.146: 1st Steve, 2nd John; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.

- Steve: What's the timeframe? 30-day notice for a workshop?
- Joelle: It's 15 15-day notice for a workshop, 30-day notice for a hearing.

9. Report from President (Advisement)

- Jenny: No report today. I hope Dr. Ross is having a great meeting.

10. Report from Treasurer (Advisement)

- Lauri: Everything is in order.

11. Report from Executive Director (Advisement)

- Joelle: We have a guest who would like to update the Board on a couple of matters.
- Daniel Giudici: Good morning to everybody. So just a couple of quick updates. There was supposed to be a workshop for Business and Industry on new regulations that affect Boards and Commissions, which was moved from last Friday to November 25th. So that has reopened the comment period. We're probably also going to see another draft of regulations. So, once we get those, I'll send them over to Joelle to review and comment, and then we'll get them back over to Business and Industry. We'll also be available on the 25th at the hearing to provide any kind of testimony if the Board chooses, they want to testify in one way or the other.

The next thing is a special session. So, the Governor has said he is going to call a special session. He has not officially named a date, and he has not officially named the agenda. So, a couple of quick points that I know you all know, but I'll just review them really quickly. So, for a special session, by law can only be a 20-day special session. The Governor sets the agenda, so there's nothing outside of what the Governor says he wants to do that takes place. So that's why getting the agenda from him is going to be crucial. One thing that we think will be in a special session is the crime bill that didn't pass at the end of the regular session. The two potentials would be film tax credits and then Medicare, Medicaid kind of funding, with all the uncertainty that's going on with the federal government, the shutdown, are those payments going to go out on the 30th?

From what we're hearing back east, neither side is ready to cave at the moment. So, we're probably going to go into the longest shutdown in US history. To the extent we hear anything that does affect this Board, we'll definitely bring it to Joelle's attention. But as of right now, we're not hearing that it's going to be anything that affects either Boards and Commissions overall, or you all in your

professional capacity, through any kind of medical or regulatory changes that affect how you guys do your day-to-day practice.

- Joelle: Thank you for that. That was really, really helpful. Our bookkeeping contract was approved. I renegotiated the Certemy contract, and that has been sent down to the Governor's Finance Office already for approval. Our auditing contract is eligible for an extension. License renewals have started coming in, so we are processing those. I am going to update the phone system and website as we get closer to the launch of the Counseling Compact. The Compact went live on September 30th for Arizona and Minnesota. I was in a meeting with the Executive Director from Arizona, and she said that most of the inquiries for them were regarding fees.
- Steve: I was watching a presentation of the folks who were organizing and implementing the Compact, and almost all the questions were about those fees. Nearly everyone was under the impression that one fee meant I get to practice everywhere, and that's so far from reality.
- Jenny: I see that the American Counseling Association has also started rolling out a section in their updates and newsletters to the Counseling Compact. So, I've been keeping my eye on those and reading. They're trying to help educate people, and hopefully that makes a difference. But this will be an interesting experience.

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

- Henna: No report.

13. Discussion regarding future agenda items and possible future meeting dates

- Jenny: I am also going to throw out the suggestion of getting one or two more meetings on the calendar. If there's no need to meet, I'm sure we can do a cancellation, but that way we can get ahead of some things, too, because we'll need to have a hearing on the language changes.
 - February 20, 2026
 - March 27, 2026

14. Board member comments

- Sheldon: You ran a great meeting, Jenny.
- Marta: I agree.
- Lauri: Well done.

15. Public comment

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- No public comment.

16. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.