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MINUTES OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026, at 9:00AM

Teleconference

Nevada Board of Examiners
For Marriage & Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors
500 N. Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 201
Las Vegas, NV 89107

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

The Public Workshop is being held prior to the scheduled Board Meeting, which will begin immediately following the conclusion of the Workshop discussion.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP – PROPOSED NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHANGES

1. Introduction – Open Public Workshop. Workshop discussion opened at 9:02 AM.

The purpose of the Workshop is to solicit comments on the proposed revisions to NAC 641A. The proposed regulation may include the following and other matters properly relating thereto.

- Board members present: Jennifer Ross, Jenny Stepp, Lauri Perdue, Marta Wilson, John Nixon, Sheldon Jacobs, Sara Pelton
- Board Members not present: Steve Nicholas
- Staff present: Joelle McNutt, Stephanie Steinhiser
- Board Counsel present: Senior Deputy Attorney General Henna Rasul
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2. Open Discussion Items

- NAC 641A.182 paragraph 3, new subsection – addition that an approved supervisor must complete the supervisory continuing education requirements to maintain approval.
 - No public comment.
- NAC 641A.182 paragraph 4, subsection (a), number 1 – modifies that a potential primary supervisor must complete at least 100 hours of mentored supervision, which is an increase.
 - No public comment.
- NAC 641A.182 paragraph 4, subsection (a), number 2 – removes that a potential primary supervisor can complete a professional training program and obtain at least 25 hours of mentored supervision.
 - No public comment.

3. Open Public Comments: Proposed Regulations

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)

4. Close Public Comments: Proposed Regulations. Workshop discussion closed at 9:08 AM.

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Confirmation of Quorum. Meeting called to order at 9:08 AM following the adjournment of the Workshop to Solicit Public Comments on Proposed Regulation.

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The Board welcomes public comment. Persons wishing to provide public comments remotely may access the meeting by telephone at (253) 215-8782 or through the electronic link posted on the agenda. Public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per person, and comments based on viewpoint will not be restricted. A public comment time will be available prior to any action items on the agenda and on any matter not specifically included on the agenda prior to adjournment of the meeting. At the discretion of the President, additional public comment may be heard when that item is reached. The President may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and at his/her sole discretion. (NRS 241.020, NRS 241.030) Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment. (NRS 233B.126)

2. Public comment.

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- No public comment.

3. Board consideration of Consent Decree in the matter of Ashley Viney, Case Nos. NV26CPC001 & NV26CPC002 (For discussion/possible action)

- Motion to amend the Consent Decree in the matter of Ashley Viney, Case Nos. NV26CPC001 & NV26CPC002 to include adding six CEUs in ethical decision-making models, which would include critical thinking in terms of ethical dilemmas and scenarios; six CEUs relating to the ethics of working with minors and family systems, and six CEUs related to the legal and ethical use of technology in clinical work and communicating with clients. We then would be specifying that regular review of sessions, either through live supervision or recorded sessions, be built into the supervision plan: 1st John, 2nd Sara; Lauri opposes, No abstentions; Motion approved.

4. Consideration of Proposed Regulations Based Upon Comments Received at Public Workshop (For Possible Action)

- *The Board will consider additions, amendments, and/or repeal of regulations, taking into consideration comments from the public.*

- Jenny: Since the workshop went well and we didn't get any new feedback. The written feedback we got was a little unrelated to these particular items.
- Motion to approve proposed language as written: 1st Jenny, 2nd Lauri; No abstentions; Motion approved.

5. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review and approval of minutes from the February 20, 2026, meeting (For possible action)

- Motion to approve minutes from the February 20th meeting: 1st Lauri, 2nd Sheldon; No abstentions; Motion approved.

6. Disciplinary Matter – Recommendation for Dismissal (For possible action)

- Case No. NV24MFT003
- Case No. NV24MFT004

- Motion to dismiss Case Nos. NV24MFT003 & NV24MFT004: 1st Jennifer, 2nd Marta; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.

7. Review/Decision regarding the following applicants who have petitioned the Board for approval of prior experience hours: (For possible action)

Applicant	Total Number of Hours	Prior Experience Form	State Verified Hours	Letter from Previous Supervisor
Stephanie Andrews	451	Yes	Yes	Yes

- Motion to approve prior experience hours for Stephanie Andrews: 1st Sara, 2nd Jenny; No abstentions; Motion approved unanimously.

8. Review, discussion, and possible action for the approval of the revised Board Budget for the fiscal year-end June 30, 2026 (For discussion/possible action) – Joelle McNutt

- Joelle: This budget includes the increases from the Attorney General’s office, the Governor’s Technology office and the legal fees for the Supreme Court appeal. For next year’s budget, I will incorporate some of the costs from Lauri’s list.
- Motion to approve the updated Board Budget for FY26 ending 06/30/2026: 1st Lauri, 2nd Sara; No abstentions; Motion approved.

9. Report from President (Advisement)

- Jennifer: We were able to meet with Dr. Hunt and Dr. Miranda-Alfonso and their team from BeHere to talk through some of the concerns that we've repeatedly talked about as a Board with regard to length of internship and exam pass rates and anecdotally knowing where some of the barriers are. It is a really great opportunity because of their statewide reach and their ability to work with Allie, their data management team to survey our licensees, to find out what's helping people get through internship, what's helping them pass the test, and what is not helping them, and what the barriers might be.
- Sheldon: I feel like there's positive implications for our state, which is huge, but I think there could potentially be implications nationwide as it pertains to the data that may get uncovered from this. My hope, my prayer, my wish is that some of these gaps in our system of care are addressed.

10. Report from Treasurer (Advisement)

- Lauri: Everything is in check. Joelle and I did meet to discuss how to reinvest some of our funds back into the community and the licensure process.

11. Report from Executive Director (Advisement)

- Joelle: I updated the phone system to include an option for questions about the compact, and I updated the website to include a project timeline to launch. The annual business meeting for the Compact was in February. I met with CCE recently and they have chosen to decrease the cost of their testing for jurisprudence. The fee for that now is \$25. I'm working with Certemy to construct the report that I need to send to the Compact for eligible applicants.

I am part of the Healthcare Workforce Working Group. It was formed to figure out a way to collect certain data points about our healthcare workforce. At this point, we've really solidified a data collection tool, and then now we're trying to figure out where there is money in the state budget to pay for a database because somebody has to house the data securely and what IT solution is going to do that. I will be sending out a survey link to our licensees so that the Working Group can gather information to eventually roll it out to all healthcare workers.

The Department of Business and Industry have sent the Boards a Fiscal Health report to complete and I have worked with Carol to complete that. They have scheduled a second regulation workshop for March 31st. I am working with BeHERE NV to gather data regarding intern licensees. I am speaking with CCE regarding the final draft of our jurisprudence exam and the possibility of composing an exam for supervisors.

Lauri and I talked about succession planning and the possibility of reinstating the Office Manager position, which was my position previously. I have to run numbers on what that would look like.

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

- Henna: Just want to make sure that everyone is aware that we have a hearing scheduled for May 22nd, so please be there.

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

- May 22, 2026: Board meeting and disciplinary hearing
- June 26, 2026: Board meeting, Board officer appointments, Executive Director performance review

14. Board member comments

- John: I heard a comment earlier in the meeting regarding the MFT scope of practice as compared to the required training of CPCs. Let's remember we have come so far, and I just felt the need to say that now.
- Marta: I have taken about 10 CEUs recently on AI and ethics, not only from the perspective as a therapist but also from the perspective as a supervisor. They were so helpful to me. AAMFT has some great offerings related to this as well as the Mental Health Academy. Just wanted to share this and encourage people to get continuing education about AI.

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- Lori Kearse: I know you were talking earlier about survey questions for interns, and I want to encourage you to have the interns be involved in that process too.

16. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.