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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
May 6, 2019

Members Present: Larry Law, Bob Stulac, James Barnes, Tony Macaluso. Drew Skeen
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Loretta Ponton, Executive Director
Henna Rasul, Sr. Deputy Attorney General
Public Present: Brian Northam, REHS, SNHD

BOARD MEETING

Tony Macaluso called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A voice roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes: Tony Macaluso asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the meeting minutes of February 25, 2019. Hearing none, called for a motion.

Bob Stulac made the motion, seconded by Larry Law to approve the minutes February 25, 2019. The motion passed, with Drew Skeen abstaining.

Registrations: Tony Macaluso asked if there were any comments or questions on the registrations issued by staff.

After discussion, Tony Macaluso called for a motion on New Registrations, agenda item 4 a. and Trainees achieving REHS status, agenda item 4b.

Bob Stulac made the motion to ratify the new registrations issued by staff and trainee registrations achieving REHS status, agenda items 4a and 4b as presented. Larry Law seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tony Macaluso call for a motion on agenda item 4 c., the reinstatement of Fuen-Su Sang-Chiang, REHS.

Bob Stulac made the motion to ratify the reinstatement of REHS registration for Fuen-Su Sang-Chiang, seconded by Jim Barnes. The motion passed.

Tony Macaluso call for a motion on agenda item 4c., the reinstatement of Mark Ports, EHST.

Larry Law made the motion, seconded by Jim Barnes to ratify the reinstatement of EHST registration of Mark Ports. The motion passed with Bob Stulac abstaining.

AB 175 Environmental Health Specialists Bill - Loretta Ponton provided an update on the Board's bill AB 175 reporting Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor passed the bill out of Committee with an amendment that included the Board's revision requested by Washoe County to clarify "local air pollution control boards" and remove duplicate language in Sec 24. In addition, the amendment addressed concerns expressed by the Committee regarding qualifications of a hearing officer and raising the cap on fees. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Ms. Ponton stated the Hearing on the bill was on March 4th, Jim Barnes and Paula Berkley were also in attendance. Brian Northam testified with concerns on the financial impact to new EHST applicants if required to submit application within 30 days of employment.

Ms. Ponton stated the amendment submitted did not address Mr. Northam's concern; that the financial impact to new EHST applicant would be considered during the regulatory process.

Loretta reported she testified at the Senate Committee Hearing on Friday, May 3rd. There were no questions or concerns expressed. A workshop to consider approval will be held in the next few weeks.

Legislative Report - Loretta Ponton stated she and Paula Berkley have been working non-stop on support for the Board's bill, contacting and meeting with legislators and working with the bill sponsor, Assemblywoman Sarah Peters. This legislative session has been chaotic with over 1,000 bills being considered.

A more comprehensive report will be provided upon conclusion of the Legislative Session.

Informal Solicitation for Administrator / Executive Director - Tony Macaluso asked Loretta Ponton to explain.

Loretta Ponton stated that after review of the options, she is recommending the Board issue an informal solicitation in accordance with state purchasing requirements for contracts less than \$25,000. The contract term would be for one (1) year with option for renewal up to four (4) years. The solicitation would be posted on the Board website and state purchasing website, with responses to be submitted to Henna at the Attorney General's Office by June 21st. The Board would then consider the proposals at the July 8th Board meeting for award.

Ms. Ponton reviewed the draft solicitation prepared for Board consideration.

Having discussion of the solicitation process, document and timeline, Tony Macaluso called for a motion.

Bob Stulac made the motion, seconded by Jim Barnes to issue the Informal Solicitation for Administrator/Executive Director as presented. The motion passed.

Executive Director's Report: Ms. Ponton directed the members to the written report and provided a summary of registration statistics for the fiscal year.

Financial Statements - Ms. Ponton provided a review of the Board's FY 19 financial statements ending March 31, 2019, noting revenue is below budget as new registrations and renewals are lower than anticipated. Lower revenue would result in a projected loss of approximately \$4,900 by year-end.

Administrative Office - Ms. Ponton reported that Board of OT has signed a new lease and the administrative office will be relocated sometime in late August or early September. Relocation costs for the Board will be the move of the telephone line.

Tony Macaluso made the motion to approve the Executive Director's Report, seconded by Jim Barnes. The motion passed.

Report for Deputy Attorney General: Henna Rasul stated she had no report.

Report from Board Chair: Tony Macaluso confirmed the next meeting scheduled for the July 8, 2019.

Future agenda items for July will include approval of contract for Executive Director Services, Fiscal Year 202 Budget and Legislative Update. September agenda items will possibly include a public workshop on any new regulation revisions with a possible hearing for adoption at the December meeting.

Public Comment: Tony Macaluso asked if there was any public comments.

Brian Northam stated he was glad to hear his concerns with the financial hardship to new EHST applicants will be addressed by regulation.

Mr. Northam requested that he be provided minutes of meetings in advance. Loretta Ponton responded that the minutes of meetings are posted on the website usually within 30 days of the meeting date.

Adjournment: Tony Macaluso adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.