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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

March 30, 2023

Members Present: Brian Northam, Drew Skeen, James Barnes, Teresa Hayes
Members Absent: Amber English
Staff Present: Loretta Ponton, Executive Director
Henna Rasul, Sr. Deputy Attorney General
Public Present: Gerlman; Park – first names unidentified

Chair Northam called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. A voice roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Comment: There were no comments.

Approval of the Minutes: Chair Northam called for a motion.

Theresa Hayes made the motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2023; Brian Northam seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Hearing for the Review of Regulations Pursuant to EO 2023-003

Chair Northam turned the hearing over to Loretta Ponton to facilitate.

Loretta Ponton stated: As set forth in **Executive Order 2023-003**, the Board has been directed to review its regulations (NAC 625A) and identify at least ten (10) regulations for removal. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to: (1) vet the Board's proposed recommended changes; (2) solicit input as to the merits of those changes; and (3) identify other regulatory changes stakeholders feel are worthy of consideration regarding the potential to streamline, clarify, reduced or otherwise improved regulations that pertain to the Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 625A. Stakeholder input received as a result of this Hearing will be reflected in the Report to the Governor.

Ms. Ponton asked any stakeholders to identify themselves for the record. There was no response; no individuals were on the video/conference link at this time.

Ms. Ponton stated a review of current regulations was conducted with one regulation identified for possible revision, NAC 625A.010 to remove the definition of "Board" as it was defined in NRS 625A.020; and one regulation was identified for possible elimination, NAC 625A.120 witness fees and reimbursement as the authority to expend funds for expenses of the Board is authorized in NRS 625A.055.

Ms. Ponton reviewed each regulatory section by number and title, calling for comments after each section. There were no comments.

Ms. Ponton closed the Hearing for Review of Regulations.

Ms. Ponton directed the members to the draft of the written report to the Governor pursuant to EO-2023-003, due May 1, 2023. Ms. Ponton stated the report will be finalized incorporating the information from the Hearing just concluded.

Chair Northam called for a motion.

Teresa Hayes made the motion to approve the submittal of the EO 2023-003 Report to the Governor. Brian Northam seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of EO 2023-004 Report to the Governor – Chair Northam asked if there were any comments or revisions to the report.

Loretta Ponton stated a revised report was emailed as supplemental to the Board Packet. The revision adds references to temporary license.

Theresa Hayes commented that a lot of work goes into preparing these reports and recognized the work having been done to meet the requirements.

The members were in consensus that the report accurately reflects the Board's intent and processes.

Brian Northam called for a motion.

Teresa Hayes made the motion, seconded by Brian Northam, to approve the EO 2023-004 Report to the Governor for submittal. The motion passed.

Ratification of Registrations Issued by Staff – Chair Northam called for a motion.

Teresa Hayes made the motion, seconded by Brian Northam, to approve the registrations as listed. The motion passed.

Executive Director's Report – Chair Northam called upon Ms. Ponton.

Loretta Ponton directed the members to the written report. Ms. Ponton reported on registration statistics as of March 31, 2023; and the status of the new database and website development previewing the website for members. The website and database are planned to go Live April 11, 2023; all registrants will be notified of the new website and process for renewal of registrations. Ms. Ponton asked if the Board would like to add employment opportunities to the website; if so, a link to any job listing sites should be provided.

Ms. Ponton reported on pending legislation, specifically SB 423 which is the Governor's bill to re-organize state government; a new Office of Boards, Commissions and Counsel Standards is proposed under Business and Industry and all professional and occupational regulatory boards

would be under that Office's purview. Also proposed are two reciprocity bills, one by Senator Haffen under NRS 622 and the other a universal licensure bill.

Teresa Hayes commented that BDR 40-748 and 54-740 are also being watched for impacts to environmental health.

The 3rd Quarter financial statements will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Report from Deputy Attorney General – Ms. Rasul stated she had no report.

Reports from Chair and Board Members –

Chair Northam stated the scheduled April 20th meeting could be cancelled if there was not a need to meet.

Public Comment: Chair Northam asked if there were any public comments. There were no public in attendance.

Adjournment: Chair Northam adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.