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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
STAKEHOLDER'S MEETING
EO 2026-003

October 1, 2026

Members Present:	James Barnes
Staff Present:	Loretta Ponton, Executive Director
Public Present:	Victoria Rich, REHS – Self Employed Shannon Ernst, Central Nevada Health District Kandis Harvey, REHS, Carson City Health and Human Services

Loretta Ponton, Executive Director opened the public hearing at 2:03 p.m. explaining the purpose of the stakeholder's meeting was to solicit recommendations regarding regulations that could be streamlined, clarified or removed and identify any other regulatory changes pertaining to NAC 625A worthy of consideration by the Board pursuant to EO 2026-003.

Ms. Ponton reviewed NAC 625A, R008-26 and Board identified recommendations, opening each section for comments and recommendations.

Public Comments and Recommendations

Victoria Rich thanked the Board for the opportunity to review the regulations and had no recommendations for changes.

Kandis Harvey stated she had no recommendations for NAC 625A regulations but would like to express the need to clarify the definition of "practice of environmental health" in NRS 625A. The current definition is very broad and general and it's not clear what statutes and codes would require registration. The practice of environmental health is a very niche career path; and from a staffing perspective, it's very challenging to find individuals who meet the REHS requirements for registration. An optional EHS component specific to rural areas would be beneficial.

Ms. Harvey stated she was supportive of the recommendation to change in NAC 625A.017, changing the REHS term to 2-years to coincide with CE requirements and also was supportive of the revision to NAC 625A.0133 to suspend an EHST registration when no longer employed in a position in which he or she received training in environmental health.

Shannon Ernst concurred with Kandis Harvey on her comments regarding future clarification of the NRS definition of the "practice of environmental health" and the recommended changes to NAC 625A.0133 and 625A.017.

Hearing no other comments or recommendations, Ms. Ponton adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.