

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR
STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 9, 2025

1. Call To Order/Roll Call to Determine the Presence of a Quorum.

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners was called to order by President Lorraine Benuto, PhD, at 8:08 a.m. on May 9, 2025, online via "Zoom" and physically at the office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 3080 S. Durango Drive, Suite 102, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117.

Roll Call: Board President, Lorraine Benuto, Ph.D., Secretary/Treasurer, Stephanie Woodard, Psy.D., members, Stephanie Holland, Psy.D.; and Monique Abarca, LCSW were present at roll call. Members Soseh Esmaili, Psy.D., Robert Moering, Psy.D., and Catherine Pearson, Ph.D. were absent. There was a quorum of the Board members.

Also present were Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Harry Ward; Board Investigators Dr. Sheila Young, and Dr. Whitney Owens; Board Consultant Gary Lenkeit, Executive Director Laura Arnold; Administrative Director Sarah Restori; members of the public: Brian Lech, Yvonna Fritz, Jodi Thomas, Stephen Benning, Althea Cook, Laurie Drucker, Ashley Wilkins, caller CCSD Teacher, Mary Marcu, Sara Hunt, Donald Hoier, Kelly Robertson, and Becky Savio.

2. Public Comment. The Board wants to remind those who participate in public comment that you are limited to three minutes per person, and that public comment is reserved for comment only. It will not be used as a platform for questions and answers. If you have a statement that is longer than three minutes, please submit your statement in writing and the Board will include it in the written materials that are posted. If you have questions for which you would like answers, please email the Board office at nbop@govmail.state.nv.us.

DAG Ward wanted to remind any members of the public who may be here to comment on a pending complaint that our Deputy Attorney General has requested that no public comment be made on pending complaints.

There was no public comment.

3. Minutes. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners' March 7, 2025, Meeting.

There were no comments or changes suggested for the minutes of the March 7, 2025, meeting.

On motion by Monique Abarca, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on March 7, 2024. Stephanie Holland approved the minutes as to form, but not content. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

4. Financials

- A. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025).

The Executive Director presented the Treasurer's report. She shared that as of April 30, 2025, the checking account balance was \$465,435.82. The Board is currently operating on \$182,055.52 in deferred revenue from licensure renewals, which includes those received prior to December 31, 2024, for the 2025-26 biennium and that is distributed to the first 2025-26 biennium quarter. She went on to share that the Board is also operating on a little more than \$58,000 that was received in late renewals in the first quarter of the 2023-24 biennium and distributed to the fourth 2023-24 biennium quarter, late renewals received in the first quarter of the 2025-26 biennium and distributed to the first 2025-26 biennium quarter, and new licensures, registrations, and reinstatements during the 1st half of fiscal year 25 and what it has received so far in the 2nd half of fiscal year 25. She shared that the savings account balance was \$105,125.90

The Board's bookkeeper, Michelle Fox, verified and validated the information being provided in the Treasurer's report.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2025. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

- B. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to approve a Cost of Living Adjustment for the Full-Time Board Office Staff.

The Executive Director shared that when she first applied for the role, she was seeking a career shift and expected a relatively low-demand position based on the offered salary. However, she shared that over the past two and a half years, the role has proven to be highly demanding, with increasing pressures and responsibilities. This workload led to the creation of a second full-time position, now held by Sarah, to help

meet the growing needs of the Board office. Both positions are fully engaged, particularly as the number of licensees and applicants in Nevada continues to rise.

She went on to share that last summer, the Executive Director and Sarah attended a collaborative meeting where other Boards shared how they structure salaries, often using the state's compensation schedule and cost-of-living adjustments which were 12% in fiscal year 24 and 11% in fiscal year 25. She stated that in contrast, the Board's executive compensation has remained largely static for years. She added that they are not requesting parity with higher-paid state agencies, they are proposing a more modest, phased adjustment. The request is for an immediate 12% cost of living adjustment, in line with the state's fiscal year 24 adjustment, with a potential second adjustment up to 11% to be considered after the fiscal year 26 budget is finalized. She shared that the impact on the fiscal year 25 budget would be minimal due to stronger-than-expected revenues and cost savings, and projected growth may support future increases.

The Executive Director went on to share that Sarah recently received an outstanding performance review, and the Executive Director's upcoming review is expected to be similarly positive. These proposed adjustments aim to better reflect the demands of both roles, bring compensation more in line with similar agencies, and ensure the Board remains competitive in attracting and retaining executive-level talent. She stated that if needed, structural changes will be considered to maintain budget flexibility.

Dr. Woodard wanted to check if the Executive Director drew out projections to see what the potential budget would look like. The Executive Director confirmed that she has done these projections and they are supported by the budget. She stated she will be waiting to take the next step approach until fiscal year 26.

On motion by Monique Abarca, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the 12% Cost of Living Adjustment for the Board's full time staff effective immediately. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

- C. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to approve an additional salary increase for Board Office Staff in the amount of 1.625% to offset the increase in the PERS contribution rate.

The Executive Director shared that the PERS contribution rate will increase from 17.5% to 19.25%, effective July 1, 2025. According to the February 27, 2025 memo from PERS, the Board must decide whether to increase full-time board staff salaries by 1.625% to offset this change.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the 1.625% salary increase for the Board Office staff to offset the increase in the PERS contribution rate. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

- D. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Salary Schedule Updates in Addendum A to the Board's Employment, Compensation, and Evaluation Policy to Align with any Approvals Provided in Agenda Items 4B and 4C.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the salary schedules in Addendum A to the Board's Employment, Compensation, and Evaluation Policy to align with the Board's decisions regarding Agenda Items 4B and 4C. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

5. Legislative/Regulation Update

The Executive Director shared that there are no regulatory updates at this time. The Board is still awaiting LCB drafts of R192-24 and R001-25 before those items can move forward to a hearing and they will follow up with LCB once the legislative session concludes.

She shared that on the legislative side, they are closely monitoring six key bills. SB78 initially proposed board oversight and consolidation. Following budget committee amendments, the consolidation portion was removed, but oversight efforts through the Department of Business and Industry remain. She shared that while consolidation is off the table for now, it may return in future sessions. SB165 would establish a new licensure category, Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioners, under this Board. An amended version passed the Senate Commerce and Labor work session on March 24, and staff will continue to monitor its progress.

She went on to share that SB251 seeks to replace registration for Psychological Assistants, Interns, and Trainees with provisional licensure. After the Board raised concerns, the bill was amended and passed out of Senate Commerce and Labor on March 21. She shared that it is scheduled for a hearing in Assembly Commerce and Labor on May 9. SB425, originally a board consolidation bill from the Department of Health and Human Services, is being amended to create a support office within the Department of Administration to assist Boards and Commissions. She shared that they are watching for the amended version as it moves through the Assembly.

Lastly, she shared that AB196, the Board's own bill to clarify and update statutory language, passed the Assembly Commerce and Labor Committee on March 19 and was presented to the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on April 30.

6. Report from the Nevada Psychological Association.

Dr. Laurie Drucker stated there were no legislative updates. She shared that NPA has also been following the Board Consolidation bill.

7. Report from the Board Office on Operations.

The Administrative Director presented the Board office statistics. She shared that in March and April 2025, the Board licensed 10 new psychologists, took in 20 applications for licensure, and administered 11 state exams. She shared that as of the end of April, the Board has 693 active licensees and 156 applicants for licensure. She went on to share that for those they register, the psychological assistants, psychological interns, and psychological trainees, there were a total of 66 that are registered and 26 active applications.

8. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Pending Consumer Complaints:

A. Complaint #19-0626

DAG Ward informed there is ongoing litigation. The hearing is set for November 12th-14th, 2025.

B. Complaint #23-0918

DAG Ward informed formal Complaint and Notice of Hearing was served on Respondent. Respondent is represented by counsel, who has answered the complaint. DAG Ward is in the process of trying to resolve this matter via consent decree with opposing counsel.

C. Complaint #24-0103

DAG Ward informed there is ongoing litigation. The hearing is set for November 12th-14th, 2025.

D. Complaint #24-0312(1)

DAG Ward informed this matter has been referred to the MFT Board. The cease-and-desist letter has been sent to the respondent to which the respondent has provided a response. DAG Ward to send follow up cease and desist to remove additional language from all online presence.

E. Complaint #24-0312(2)

DAG Ward informed this is a complaint regarding timely reporting. Complaint and notice of hearing served on respondent. The respondent, through counsel, answered the complaint. DAG Ward will forward the proposed consent decree to the respondent.

F. Complaint #24-0605

DAG Ward informed this complaint was received regarding misrepresentation of credentials and practicing without a license. Cease and desist letter was served and has been answered. DAG Ward is in the process of monitoring online information for the next few months

G. Complaint #24-0607

DAG Ward informed this was a self-report from a licensee regarding two misdemeanor convictions. Draft consent decree forwarded to counsel for respondent and respondent has sought further negotiation on one point.

H. Complaints #24-0711

#24-0719

#24-0726

#24-0823

DAG Ward informed these four complaints are against the same psychologist. He shared that all complaints were forwarded to respondent for response and to appropriate federal agencies. Respondent has responded to the complaints, and DAG Ward has been in communication with counsel for respondent. Investigation continues, including meetings with witnesses.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the 90-day investigation deadline extension for Complaints #24-0711, 24-0719, 24-0726, and 24-0823. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

I. Complaint #24-0730

DAG Ward informed Cease and Dease letter was sent from DAG Ward regarding unlicensed practice, but no response from respondent. DAG Ward resent cease and desist with restricted delivery specific to respondent and cease and desist delivered but signed for by someone other than respondent despite restricted delivery. DAG Ward will resend again with restricted delivery and to consider personal service.

J. Complaint #24-0829

DAG Ward informed that this complaint is regarding documentation and the investigation is complete. DAG Ward has prepared a draft consent decree and forwarded to respondent.

K. Complaint #24-0903

DAG Ward informed this complaint was received regarding advertising unlicensed activity and forwarded to investigator for review. He shared that the Cease and Desist letter was served and answered. Investigator will continue to monitor respondent's social media.

L. Complaint #24-0924

DAG Ward informed this complaint was received and forwarded to the investigator for review. The Cease and Desist letter was sent to the respondent but returned without being delivered. Follow up Cease and desist letters sent to PO box and physical address and both returned as undeliverable. DAG Ward will attempt service by other means and the investigator to continue to monitor website.

M. Complaint #24-1202

DAG Ward informed complaint received and forwarded to and reviewed by investigator. Complaint forwarded to respondent for response. DAG Ward stated cease-and-desist letter is pending.

N. Complaint #25-0110

DAG Ward informed this is a complaint for unlicensed practice. The complaint was forwarded to the respondent for response and response received. DAG has prepared draft consent decree to forward to respondent.

O. Complaint #25-0128

DAG Ward informed this is a complaint for unlicensed practice. The complaint was forwarded to respondent for response and response received. Investigator recommends requesting dismissal.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #25-0128. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

P. Complaint #25-0218

DAG Ward informed the complaint was received and reviewed. Request sent to complainant to provide the additional information required for complaints regarding court-ordered evaluations before complaint can be further considered and no response received. Investigator recommends requesting dismissal.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #25-0218. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

Q. Complaint #25-0317

DAG Ward informed complaint regarding unprofessional conduct related to a podcast. Complaint forwarded to respondent, who requested and was granted an extension of time until May 19, 2025, to respond. Response is pending.

R. Complaint #25-0321

DAG Ward informed complaint regarding unprofessional conduct. Complaint forwarded to respondent and response received via counsel for respondent. Response forwarded to investigator for review and consideration. Investigator recommends requesting dismissal.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #25-0321. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

S. Complaint #25-0324

DAG Ward informed this is a complaint regarding unethical conduct in a professional setting. Complaint forwarded to respondent, who has retained counsel. Counsel for respondent requested an extension of time until June 17, 2025, to respond to the complaint.

T. Complaint #25-0326

DAG Ward informed this is a complaint for unlicensed practice. Complaint forwarded to respondent and letter of representation by counsel received. Response to complaint received and forwarded to the investigator assigned to case.

U. Complaint #25-0331

DAG Ward informed this is a complaint regarding court ordered evaluation. Complainant was asked to provide the additional documentation required for a complaint regarding a court ordered evaluation before the complaint can be further considered. Required additional information not yet received.

V. Complaint #25-0410

DAG Ward informed this is a complaint for ethical violations. Complaint forwarded to respondent for response with response due May 15, 2025.

W. Complaint #25-0414

DAG Ward informed this is an anonymous complaint regarding unethical conduct. Request to complainant for evidence or corroborating information regarding the basis for the complaint which has not yet received. DAG Ward to assist in obtaining information from agency identified in complaint.

X. Complaint #25-0422

DAG Ward informed this is an anonymous complaint regarding inappropriate behavior by a psychologist toward former employer. Complaint forwarded to investigator for

review and consideration and complainant has been advised that the request to be an anonymous complainant makes it difficult to authenticate information on which complaint is based and to prosecute the case. Complainant does not wish to be named or identified. Investigator recommends dismissal on that basis.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #25-0422. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

Y. Complaint #25-0425

DAG Ward informed this is a complaint regarding unprofessional behavior and other claims. Complaint forwarded to investigator for review and consideration. Request made to complainant for evidence of certain allegations and further explanations provided by complainant and forwarded to investigator for consideration. Investigator recommending dismissal as not sufficient evidence for unprofessional conduct to be able to investigate and remaining claims concern a family situation. The complainant can reopen the investigation if they can provide the additional evidence.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #25-0425. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

9. (For Possible Action) Review and Possible Action on Applications for Licensure as a Psychologist or Registration as a Psychological Assistant, Intern, or Trainee. The Board May Convene in Closed Session to Receive Information Regarding Applicants, Which May Involve Considering the Character, Alleged Misconduct, Professional Competence or Physical or Mental Health of the Applicant (NRS 241.030). All Deliberation and Action Will Occur in an Open Session.

The following applicants are recommended for approval of licensure contingent upon completion of licensure requirements: **Wendy Raskey, Christine Winter, Mindia Gabichvadze, Hae Kyung Park, Kylie Gelin, Brian Clemente, Tasman Cleaver, Charalambos Kyriacou, Keri Brown, Elizabeth Kidd, Maxwell Rappoport, Katia Arroyo Carrion, Hunter Brown, Carina Grandison, Meredith Avedon, Brittany Voelker, Wanda Crews, Natalie Jones, Jessica Torrecillas, Brandi Chew, Erica Hanna, and Veronica King.**

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the following applicants for licensure contingent upon completion of licensure requirements: Wendy

Raskey, Christine Winter, Mindia Gabichvadze, Hae Kyung Park, Kylie Gelin, Brian Clemente, Tasman Cleaver, Charalambos Kyriacou, Keri Brown, Elizabeth Kidd, Maxwell Rappoport, Katia Arroyo Carrion, Hunter Brown, Carina Grandison, Meredith Avedon, Brittany Voelker, Wanda Crews, Natalie Jones, Jessica Torrecillas, Brandi Chew, Erica Hanna, and Veronica King. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

- A. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Dr. Jennifer Grimes-Vawters' Request for an Exemption from the requirements of NAC 641.154.

Dr. Benuto shared that Dr. Jennifer Grimes-Vawters, who is approved as a Psychological Assistant, has requested Board approval for an exception from the compensation requirements of NAC 641.154 for Psychological Assistants. She shared that NAC 641.154 states, in relevant part, that a Psychological Assistant is entitled to compensation paid in equal amounts on a fixed schedule over the course of his or her training; however, an employment agreement that does not provide for the payment of a salary or stipend may be approved by the Board if the Board determines that the agreement is in the best interest of the Psychological Assistant.

Dr. Benuto went on to share that Dr. Grimes-Vawters' request came before this Board during the January 10, 2025, and February 14, 2025, meetings. The Board, however, continued to have questions regarding Dr. Grimes-Vawters' request, and asked for additional information for further consideration. She shared that Dr. Grimes-Vawters has submitted additional clarification of the exception that she is requesting, which is included in the materials for this meeting for the Board's consideration. In her most recent letter of explanation, Dr. Grimes-Vawters requests that she not be compensated in reference to the 875 hours of non face-to-face training, which Dr. Grimes-Vawters describes as "...training in consultation, improvement in psychological services that can be provided with a psychology license such as therapist retreats, administration, creating a business model for increasing revenue by working with interns, etc., teaching workshops or at the university level and working on becoming a primary supervisor for psychological interns", and be compensated as an independent contractor for the 875 hours of face-to-face requirements and use 15-20 of her current cash pay clients that will pay her proposed supervisor (Dr. Berg) directly, who will then pay Dr. Grimes-Vawters 50% of each client hour.

Dr. Benuto wanted to remind those that the reason this exists in the NAC is to ensure those who are working in their position be compensated, and being mindful of setting a precedent for this kind of exception.

Dr. Woodard shared that the NAC is very clear that this type of arrangement runs contrary to the regulation and this would be setting a precedent.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners denied Dr. Grimes-Vawters' request for an exemption from the compensation requirements of NAC 641.154. (Yeas: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

B. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Dr. Jacquelyn Rinaldi's Request for Exemption from the requirements of NAC 641.154.

Dr. Benuto shared that Dr. Jacquelyn Rinaldi, who is an applicant for registration as a Psychological Assistant, has requested Board approval for an exception to the compensation requirements of NAC 641.154 for Psychological Assistants. She shared that to repeat from the previous request what NAC 641.154 requires, a Psychological Assistant is entitled to compensation paid in equal amounts on a fixed schedule over the course of his or her training; however, an employment agreement that does not provide for the payment of a salary or stipend may be approved by the Board if the Board determines that the agreement is in the best interest of the Psychological Assistant.

Dr. Benuto went on to share that Dr. Rinaldi has submitted a letter of explanation in support of her request. In it, Dr. Rinaldi requests approval to be paid at 50% of the fee billed to the client rather than a fixed stipend or salary because the Psychological Assistant position for which she is seeking the exception will be a supplemental post-doctoral position in addition to her formal, full-time position at Montana State University. She shared that Dr. Rinaldi explains that being paid per session in her supplemental Psychological Assistant position will allow her the flexibility to take on a small number of clients at her discretion so as not to be overloaded with clinical work between her two jobs as opposed to having to commit to a certain number of clients, which being on a stipend or salary would require.

Dr. Benuto added that it should be noted that, if her request is approved, Dr. Rinaldi would be seeing those clients via telehealth, as she would be physically located in Montana.

Dr. Benuto stated that this request also runs contrary to the NAC.

Dr. Young added that if they don't have a license in Nevada or PsyPact authorization, she is not allowed to do telehealth from one state to another. Dr. Lenkeit confirmed this.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners denied Dr. Rinaldi's request for an exemption from the compensation requirements of NAC 641.154. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

- C. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Dr. Althea Cook's Request to Extend her Registration as a Psychological Assistant for a Fourth Year.

Dr. Benuto shared that Dr. Althea Cook, who is registered with the Board as a Psychological Assistant, has requested Board approval to extend her registration for an additional year. Dr. Cook has been registered as a Psychological Assistant with the Board since May 31, 2022. She shared that her registration was subsequently extended for two additional years thereafter. Because her request to extend her registration would take her into a fourth year, she requires Board approval pursuant to NAC 641.151(3).

Dr. Benuto shared that Dr. Cook has submitted a letter of explanation in support of her request. In it, Dr. Cook explains that, while she has completed the number of supervised training hours required for licensure while under her PA registration, she wants to continue providing supervised clinical services while she studies for the licensure exams, which have been delayed due to medical issues.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved Dr. Cook's request to extend her registration as a Psychological Assistant for a fourth Year. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

- D. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Dr. Ashley Wilkins' Application to Reinstate her Psychologist License.

Dr. Benuto shared that Dr. Ashley Wilkins has applied to reinstate her Psychologist license. Dr. Wilkins was licensed in Nevada in May 2023 as PY1127. She shared that as of March 2, 2025, Dr. Wilkins' license became expired due to non-renewal during the regular and late renewal periods for the 2025-26 biennium. Included in and with her application for reinstatement of her license is an explanation for her non-renewal and the CE certificates that align with the CE courses she lists.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved Dr. Wilkin's request to reinstate her expired license contingent on providing her CE's. (Yea: Lorraine

Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

10. (For Possible Action) Update from BeHERE NV on Funding Opportunities for Licensure Examination Study Materials and Registration Fees, and Licensing Board Fees.

Dr. Sara Hunt provided updates on BeHERE NV financial support. She stated they launched the BeHERE Training Fund to offer reimbursement for those who are about to graduate from their doctoral program, or those that are on internship or postdoc. She stated these funds can go towards the EPPP or other licensing fees. She shared that five postdocs have applied for this relief so far. They have a cap of \$1000 and will do this through multiple cycles throughout the year. She shared that students can apply by going to the BeHERE NV website.

11. (For Possible Action) Update on the Efforts to Determine the Feasibility of Reinstating the Board's Previous Skills-Based Exam for Certain Applicants for Licensure.

Dr. Stephen Benning provided an update on the feasibility of preparing a skills-based exam. He shared that he administered two parallel forms of 14 items each from the pool of items that were previously administered by the Board in their former State Exam. He shared that when he administered these two forms to two groups of licensed professionals who were randomly assigned, form A had a 70% pass rate with no preparation. He shared that form B had a challenging question for most test takers. He stated based on the feedback and results, there are potentially two forms of the test that can be used. He stated each could use minor wording changes. He added that the tests were completed in about fifteen minutes.

The Executive Director added that knowing there is some feasibility with two versions of the tests being available, the Administrative Director and herself would next look into the logistics of what it would entail to administer the exam.

12. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Whether a Licensee's Criminal Conduct not related to the Practice of Psychology Should be a Basis for Discipline.

This agenda item was tabled for a future Board meeting.

13. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Update Revisions to the Application and Registration Policies and Procedures for Psychological Assistants, Psychological Interns, and Psychological Trainees.

The Executive Director shared that During the its December 6, 2024, meeting, the Board approved its Clinical Supervisor Handbook, which provides guidance to clinical supervisors of Psychological Assistants, Psychological Interns, and Psychological Trainees based upon the Board's supervision regulations, including the revisions in [R002-24](#). She shared that because the Board's policies governing Psychological Assistants, Psychological Interns, and Psychological Trainees were outdated based upon the regulation revisions that are in effect as a result of R002-24, the Board office has updated those policies to bring the information in them current.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the updated revisions to the Application and Registration Policies for Psychological Assistants, Psychological Interns, and Psychological Trainees. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Monique Abarca, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 4-0.

14. (For Possible Action) Schedule of Future Board Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops. The Board May Discuss and Decide Future Meeting Dates, Hearing Dates, and Workshop Dates.

The next regular meeting of the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners is currently scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

15. Requests for Future Board Meeting Agenda Items (No Discussion Among the Members will Take Place on this Item)

There were no requests for future Board meeting agenda items.

16. Public Comment. The Board wants to remind those who participate in public comment that you are limited to three minutes per person, and that public comment is reserved for comment only. It will not be used as a platform for questions and answers. If you have a statement that is longer than three minutes, please submit your statement in writing and the Board will include it in the written materials that are posted. If you have questions for which you would like answers, please email the Board office at nbop@govmail.state.nv.us.

Dr. Benuto reminded that any members of the public who may be here to comment on a pending complaint that our Deputy Attorney General has requested that no public comment be made on pending complaints.

There was no public comment.

17. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, President Dr. Benuto adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.