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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
September 16, 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: Teresa Hayes, Eric Anderson

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

Public Workshop - Proposed Regulations: Loretta Ponton opened the public workshop stating the purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the draft proposed regulations that address new and revised requirements contained in AB 175 approved at the 2019 Legislative Session.

Ms. Ponton reviewed each section highlighting new sections and revisions to existing sections. No public comments were made during the review.

Ms. Ponton stated two (2) written comments were received. The first written comment was requesting revision to the new section Program of Training: general requirements; direct supervision to allow credit for prior work experience toward the 2-year training requirement; revision to the new section Duties of Supervisor to remove the reporting requirement for termination of employment; and revision to new section Examination for Registration to remove the minimum 18 month training program requirement. The second written comment related to new section Examination for Registration to remove the 18 month training program requirement and questioned why an applicant should have to go through the Board to take the NEHA exam.

Ms. Ponton stated consideration of the comments would be conducted under agenda item 4.

Public Comment: There were no comments.

Ms. Ponton closed the public workshop.

Consideration of Proposed Regulations - Tony Macaluso called for discussion of the public comments received on the proposed regulations. The Board members agreed that work experience should be an option for credit toward the 2-year training requirement. The Board members agreed to remove the language relating to the duties of the supervisor to report

terminating employment. The Board members agreed to remove the participation time limit for eligibility to request authorization to test and to add language to allow a registrant to have direct access to the NEHA examination.

There were no further revisions to the proposed regulations as presented.

Tony Macaluso called for a motion.

Larry Law made the motion to approve the draft proposed regulations as presented with the revisions as discussed. Bob Stulac seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes: Tony Macaluso asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the meeting minutes of July 9, 2019. Hearing none, called for a motion.

Larry Law made the motion, seconded by Jim Barnes to approve the minutes July 8, 2019. The motion passed.

Registrations: Tony Macaluso asked if there were any comments or questions on the registrations issued by staff. Hearing none, Tony Macaluso called for a motion.

Bob Stulac made the motion, seconded by Larry Law to ratify the registration actions taken by staff as listed in agenda item 6 a, new registrations and 6 b, EHST achieving REHS status as presented. The motion passed.

List of Jurisdictions with Substantially Similar Requirement for Registration: Tony Macaluso asked Loretta Ponton to present. Ms. Ponton stated NRS 625A.110 and NAC 625A.015 as proposed for revision establishes the authority for the Board to establish a list of jurisdiction having substantially similar requirements for registration. Individual applying for registration for endorsement coming from one of the authorized jurisdictions would not be required to provide additional documentation of their qualifications.

The listed jurisdictions were identified by NEHA as states that utilize the NEHA examination, states that require NEHA registration and states that have their own state examinations.

After discussion, the Board consensus was that additional research and information is necessary in order to make an informed decision.

Tony Macaluso tabled the item for consideration at a future meeting date.

Executive Director's Report: Ms. Ponton directed the members to the written report and provided a summary of registration statistics, stating that the registration of individuals employed by the Department of Taxation marijuana enforcement has increased the new registrations for the fiscal year.

Financial Statements - Ms. Ponton provided a review of the Board's FY 20 financial statements as of August 31, 2019. Revenue is reported at \$3,650 and Expenses at \$5,669. Net income/loss for the two-month period is at (\$2,019). Cash balance as of August 31, 2019 is \$ 40,858.25.

The FY 2019 State Balance Sheet Report and supporting documentation was provided for Board review. Ms. Ponton reported that the reports are the final FY 19 reports incorporating all revenue and expenses for the fiscal year.

Tony Macaluso made the motion to accept and approve the Executive Director's report as presented. Bob Stulac seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Report by Board Chair - Tony Macaluso confirmed the next meeting date of December 16, 2019. Mr. Macaluso asked if there were any comments or items from Board members.

Bob Stulac informed the members that he was retiring from state service and this would be his last meeting. Mr. Stulac stated that Teresa Hayes will be replacing him as the representative of the State Medical Director and that a letter will be forthcoming.

Members expressed their appreciation for his service and welcomed Ms. Hayes.

Ms. Ponton stated that the Governor's Office has not yet made an appointment to the SNHD board position currently filled by Larry Law.

Public Comment: Tony Macaluso asked if there was any public comments. There were no further comments.

Adjournment: Tony Macaluso adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.