

**Minutes of the State of Nevada
Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists Meeting
(REHS)
November 14, 2012**

Location: Ellis Island Casino
4178 Koval Lane
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109
Wednesday, November 14, 2012
Ellis Island Restaurant, Room "C"
11:00 am

REHS Quorum Present: John Kukulica, FMP, Chair (via telephone)
Tony Macaluso, REHS, Secretary
Karen Dorsey, FMP, Member
Richard Elloyan, REHS, Member
Larry Law, REHS, Member

REHS Absent: None

Other Attendees: Jason Garcia
Dennis Campbell
Henna Rasul (via telephone)

- 1.* Call to Order – John Kukulica, Chair.**
Chairman Kukulica, via telephone attendance, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.
- 2.* Roll Call/Quorum – Tony Macaluso, Secretary.**
Secretary Macaluso called roll as indicated by the "REHS Quorum Present and REHS Absent" as listed above. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed.
- 3.* Public Comment: Please note that no action may be taken on any matter raised during the public comment period, unless such matter itself has been specifically listed above as an action item. Public comment is limited to two minutes per person.**
No comments.
- 4. * Approval of Minutes from the August 1, 2012 Board Meeting.**
Member Dorsey motioned and Member Law seconded the motion to approve the August 1, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.* Closed session pursuant to 241.030(1) to review recent appeal for application for registration, testing, reciprocity, of the following pending application: Jason Garcia.** Mr. Jason Garcia and Mr. Dennis Campbell

remained in Closed Session for the review of Mr. Garcia's appeal for application for registration.

6. * Discussion and possible action regarding appeal submitted under closed session

Member Law stated that looking at Mr. Garcia's transcripts, there would be a total of seven hours the board could give credit towards basic science courses towards the bachelor's degree track to a REHS. Secretary Macaluso agreed. Member Elloyan stated that would drop the required credit hours to 23. Secretary Macaluso suggested Mr. Garcia submit his transcripts to National NEHA to see what they would accept. Member Elloyan confirmed Mr. Garcia is a trainee asking if he has two years from the date of denial or his hire date. The requirement is to take the test within two years. Member Elloyan stated he would have to work for two years in the current trainee position then take the exam sometime within the third year. Member Law stated the NRS requires application to be made within 90 days of the applicants hire date which Mr. Garcia did however, he did not meet the requirements. Secretary Macaluso stated he the board cannot approve the application that would allow him to work as a REHST. Secretary Macaluso motioned that the application for Jason Garcia remain in denial until such time Mr. Garcia shows additional classes or Bachelors in Environmental Science. Member Elloyan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7.* Closed session pursuant to 241.030(1) to review recent applications for registration, testing or reciprocity of the following pending applications for registration:

**Kimberly Israel
Jeremy Harper
Virginia Whitesides**

8. * Discussion and possible action regarding appeal submitted under closed session

Member Law motioned and Member Dorsey seconded the motion to accept and approve applicant Israel as a REHST, applicant Harper as a REHST, and applicant Whitesides as a REHST, the motions carried unanimously.

9. * Discussion and possible action regarding refund of fees paid for registration and testing fee by previously approved REHST Charlene DeMarco

Recording Secretary Schamaun stated she contacted Ms. DeMarco, she is no longer employed in the state of Nevada, and she was previously employed by Southern Nevada Health District. Ms. Demarco was approved by the board and was employed in the state of Nevada however has not taken the exam. The registration fee is \$295.00 and the exam fee is \$100.00, the fees are separate. Secretary Macaluso stated according to the NRS 625A.states the application fee is not refundable. Member Elloyan asked if the registration fee is just to register as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist. Secretary Macaluso confirmed it is. Secretary Macaluso stated applicants pay the registration fee and the exam fee up front however; we are not going to receive a bill for the exam since the

applicant will not be taking the exam. Secretary Macaluso motioned to refund the testing fee, Member Elloyan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10.* Secretary's Report – Tony Macaluso.

Secretary Macaluso stated the Board has a current balance of \$26, 285.13. The beginning of the fiscal years balance was \$17,822.49, expenditures were \$9,487.36, revenue was \$16,725.00 which gave us a grand total of \$25,060.13. Chairman Kukulica stated we seem to be in pretty good shape however, we are losing our office space. Member Elloyan stated there is a conference room at the State Environmental Health Office that would accommodate the board meetings. Member Dorsey commented we will need a secure place to keep the files and suggested keeping them at the Southern Nevada Health District. Ms. Schamaun and Member Law will discuss this option with the Southern Nevada Health District. Member Dorsey stated she is also submitting her resignation. Chairman Kukulica stated Member Dorsey has given the board almost 12 great years.

11.* Public Comment: Please note that no action may be taken on any matter raised during the public comment period, unless such matter itself has been specifically listed above as an action item. Public comment is limited to two minutes per person.

No comments.

12* Set Next Meeting date and location.

Member Law motioned and Member Dorsey seconded to set the next meeting for February 13, 2012 with an alternate date of February 20, 2013 in Reno at 11:00 am at the Washoe County District Health Department. The motion carried unanimously.

13.* Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Schamaun, Recording Secretary