

State of Nevada Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting
Held 10:00 am in the Ed and Mary Alice Pine Board Room, Suite 130,
1755 East Plumb Lane, Reno, Nevada 89502

Committee Chairman Michael Kidd, PLS, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, in the Ed and Mary Alice Pine Board Room, Suite 130, 1755 East Plumb Lane, Reno, Nevada 89502. Committee members present were Karen Purcell, PE; Patty Mamola, PE, Executive Director. Committee Chairman Michael Kidd, PLS, and Brent Wright, PE/SE joined via teleconference. Also present were Murray Blaney, Compliance Officer, Susan Fischer; Lobbyist; and via conference, Christopher MacKenzie, Board Counsel.

1. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

2. Discuss potential changes To Nevada Administrative Code chapter 625 (Discussion Only)

Ms Mamola said she had hoped to have the proposed regulations back from the LCB prior to this meeting, but had not yet received anything. She asked Mr MacKenzie if he had any update on the status with the LCB, he said he had inquired but had not heard back. Ms Mamola said that as soon as the LCB provides the proposed changes, another Legislative Committee meeting will be scheduled.

- a. Draft changes to stamping regulation – NAC 625.610
- b. Draft changes to advertising and offering services – NAC 625.630(1)-(3)
- c. Draft changes to structural engineering limits of practice - NAC 625.260
- d. Draft changes to contract requirements to add errors and omissions insurance disclosure - NAC 625.545
- e. Consider other possible changes to NAC 625

3. Discuss potential changes to Nevada Revised Statutes chapter 625 (Discussion Only)

Ms Mamola outlined the proposed changes to NRS 625.

Mr Kidd and Mr MacKenzie suggested edits. Mr Kidd said the word “to” needed to be added to the audible notes of NRS 625.407, and that “(x)” in NRS 625.460 should be replaced with a “(c)”. Mr MacKenzie added that in NRS 625.386 there was no longer a need for subsections and he suggested the “(a)” be removed and minor conjoining text be added for continuity. **Action Item 1.** Ms Mamola stated that those edits would be made. Ms Fisher asked Mr MacKenzie for an opinion on how many bill drafts would be needed for the proposed NRS changes. He suggested grouping changes that would be considered “housekeeping” items together, as opposed to individually, to reduce the bill count needed. **Action Item 2.** Mr MacKenzie said he would contact the LCB to investigate the number of bill drafts allowable and to get a thorough understanding on the rules of the process to maximize the chances of a successful outcome.

A discussion ensued regarding which items would be considered “clean-up/housekeeping”. It was decided that NRS 625.203, NRS 625.285, NRS 625.386, and NRS 625.425 fell into that grouping. Discussion continued about the number

of BDR's that would be required. It was determined that the likely number was four (4), with the "housekeeping" grouping as one, and NRS 625.407, NRS 625.460, and NRS 625.520, each being separate.

Ms Mamola asked if a SBI study and statement was needed for the proposed NRS 625 changes. Ms Fisher said that it wasn't required, as typically they are only done if there are new requirements on licensees, but showing that you have talked to those under your jurisdiction could be helpful with the legislators. Ms Mamola said information from the NAC 625 SBI statements could be used for NRS 625.407 and suggested surveying licensees regarding proposed changes to NRS 625.520 to get feedback.

4. Discuss strategy and schedule for moving forward with potential changes to NRS 625 (Discussion Only)

Ms Mamola said that the committee will need to hear back from Mr MacKenzie after his discussions with the LCB before drafting a schedule.

Ms Mamola asked Ms Fisher and Mr MacKenzie for the thoughts on strategy relating to draft bill sponsors. **Action Item 3.** Ms Fisher said she would give thought to which legislators would be a good fit and would report back to the committee with options. Ms Mamola questioned if arranging in-person meeting with key legislators (with board chair and committee members) would be appropriate? Ms Fisher said it would, and that a meeting (in Las Vegas) could be arranged.

5. Discuss possible changes to NRS/NAC 625 to update land survey to allow mapping and sciences and hydrography as areas of practice (Discussion Only)

Ms Mamola said that this item is on board meeting agenda for July meeting and included it as an item for the committee for comments. **Action Item 4.** There were no comments from the committee, but Mr Kidd asked Ms Mamola to include information sought from the Florida Board to the July board meeting packet.

6. Discuss Governor's Finance Office Department of Internal Audits Audit Report of Nevada's independent regulatory boards that was presented to the Executive Branch Audit Committee on June 14, 2018(Discussion Only)

Ms Mamola gave an overview of the Nevada Boards and Commissions audit report conducted by the Division of Internal Audits, which was presented to the Governor and the Executive Branch Audit Committee. She gave a summary of the Governors comments, and questions asked by Executive Branch Audit Committee at their meeting on June 14, 2018. She continued, saying that she had provided an unofficial response to the preliminary findings, but only as a placeholder until the report could be reviewed by the legislative committee members and the full board.

Action Item 5. Ms Mamola asked that Mr Kidd, together with the board chair, to provide an official response after the board has a chance to review the findings following the July board meeting.

7. Discuss co-sponsoring legislative "meet & greet" (Discussion Only)

Ms Mamola said she had been approached by the architects' board and contractors' board about co-hosting a legislative meet and greet at the beginning of this legislative session. She said she had discussed the possibility with Ms Fisher, and she had agreed it would be worthwhile. **Action Item 6.** Ms Mamola thought it would be useful to develop a one-page collateral piece as a leave behind after meeting with legislators, that summarizes the board's role and highlights what support we are asking – and also mentions possible benefits for constituents.

Ms Fisher suggested setting up a breakfast meet and greet early in the legislative session, and said she would contact the architects' board to make sure a date is secured for the joint effort. Ms Fisher continued to say the committee may also want to consider sponsoring a breakfast for the Nevada Rural Legislators group. **Action Item 7.** The committee agreed and asked that Ms Fisher look to coordinate arranging a date in conjunction with the architect's board executive director, Ms Harrison. Ms Fisher said she would.

Action Item 8. Mr Kidd asked Ms Mamola to add NRS 329.140 to the agenda for the July board meeting. Ms Mamola said she would, and asked if Mr Kidd could provide feedback on the proposed language changes prior to the board meeting.

8. Public Comment Period (Discussion Only)

There was no public comment

9. Adjourn

Mr Kidd adjourned the meeting at 10:39 am

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola
Executive Director