

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS Minutes of the
Legislative Committee Meeting Held virtually (zoom), Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

Committee members participating were: Committee Chair Angelo Spata, PE; Karen Purcell, PE; Brent Wright, PE/SE; and Michael Kidd, PLS. Also connected were: Patty Mamola, Executive Director; Christopher MacKenzie, Board Counsel; Murray Blaney, Operations/Compliance; and Susan Fischer, Board Government Affairs Liaison.

1. Meeting conducted by Committee Chair Angelo Spata, call to order and roll call to determine presence of quorum

Mr Spata declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

2. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of June 9, 2020, Legislative Committee meeting minutes

LGC 20-12 Ms Purcell made a motion, seconded by Mr Spata, to approve the June 9, 2020 Legislative Committee meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss bill draft request for changes to NRS 625.095, licensing exemption for natural gas utilities

Ms Mamola said the language proposed was drafted by the Nevada Public Utilities Commission. She continued to say she had connected with Southwest Gas and Ms Fischer had been in contact with NV Energy to get feedback on the text. Ms Mamola said she was contacted yesterday by Mr Gingerich, who works for NV Energy, who said NV Energy may want to revise the language to clarify that removal of the exemption applies only to natural gas and not electrical design. She added that revised language may be available for the board to consider at tomorrow's board meeting.

Mr Spata suggested that the committee consider moving the proposed language forward to the board for consideration with the understanding that additional edits maybe forthcoming to add clarification.

LGC 20-13 A motion was made by Mr Kidd, seconded by Mr Wright, to move the proposed language forward to the board for consideration, with additional edits possible to clarify the intent. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discuss bill draft request for changes to NRS 625.270, decoupling exams from experience requirements for professional land surveyor applicants**

Ms Mamola said this a housekeeping item, a draft bill request for NRS 625.270, relates to the decoupling of the exam experience requirements for professional land surveyor applicants. She said it had been discussed by the board in the past, and the board indicated support, but the statutory change had not been completed.

LGC 20-14 A motion was made by Mr Kidd, seconded by Mr Wright, to move the proposed language forward to the board for consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Consider results of public workshop held June 30, 2020, for proposed regulation changes and consider recommending to the board that it approves draft Small Business Impact Report**

Mr Spata said the main purpose of this having meeting was to consider the results from the public workshop on June 30th, and any potential impacts on the draft small business impact reports.

Ms Mamola said based on the workshop and no comments being put forward, there were no proposed edits to the small business impact reports as drafted. She added that staff is proposing that we move forward with the small business impact report as they are currently written and ask that this committee recommend approval to the board tomorrow.

LGC 20-14 A motion was made by Mr Spata, seconded by Mr Wright, to move the Small Impact Reports forward to the board for consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Discuss regulatory process timeline and next steps in the process**

Mr Spata summarized the next steps in the regulatory review process following board consideration at the board meeting tomorrow.

8. **Discussion on status of committee and staff assignments**

Ms Mamola reviewed the assignment status as follows:

→ Next print version of NRS/NAC 625 and NRS 329 to have NAC 329 regulations included
(in progress – will wait until the current regulatory review is complete)

→ NRS 625.095 - Information from Nevada PUC and Governor's Office related to the exemption
(complete)

- NRS 625.175 – Discuss with NCEES counterparts at next in-person meeting
(in progress)
- NRS 625.530 – Decided that no proactive action necessary. Will be removed from future agendas
(complete)
- NRS 327 – NGS update has been pushed back to at least 2024. No need to address in the near term –
(on hold)
- NRS 625.270 – Language has been proposed, will move forward pending board approval
(in-progress)

9. Public Comment

Ms Fischer said that Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui was recommended by outgoing Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton as a good candidate to carry the BDR. She added that she (Assemblywoman Jauregui) is a member of the majority party and sits on Commerce and Labor which is who the bills will go before. Ms Fischer said she has been in contact with Assemblywoman Jauregui's office.

10. Adjourn

Mr Spata adjourned the committee meeting at 3:22pm.

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola
Executive Director