

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**  
**Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting**  
**Held virtually (zoom), Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 2:00pm**

Committee Chairman Greg DeSart, PE, called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Committee members participating via video conferencing were Matt Gingerich, PLS; Karen Purcell, PE; and Michael Kidd, PLS. Also joining were Patty Mamola, Executive Director; Angelo Spata, PE; Christopher MacKenzie, Board Legal Counsel; and Murray Blaney, Operations/Compliance.

**1. Meeting conducted by Committee Chair Greg DeSart, call to order and roll call to determine presence of quorum—committee members: Michael Kidd, Matt Gingerich, Karen Purcell.**

All committee members were present, and a quorum was determined.

**2. Public comment period.**

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of March 2, 2022, Legislative Committee meeting minutes.**

LGC 22-2 Mr Spata made a motion, seconded by Ms Purcell, to approve the March 2, 2022, Legislative Committee meeting minutes. The motion passed with Mr DeSart abstaining from the vote as he was not present at the meeting.

**4. Discuss legislative matters with board's government liaison, Susan Fisher.**

Ms Mamola said Ms Fisher was unable to participate in the video conference today.

**5. Consider any bill draft requests proposed by the Legislature to amend Nevada Revised Statutes related to regulatory boards and/or changes to Nevada Revised Statutes chapter 625, 329, and 327.**

Ms Mamola said the board does have a bill draft request (BDR # 609) relating to the definition of the practice of engineering in special inspections and testing. She added the BDR has a sponsor, and it is being monitored by Ms Fisher as it moves forward.

Mr DeSart said he had been contacted by ACEC expressing concerns with the proposed language change. Apparently, they interpreted the change to mean that inspectors need to be PEs, but it was explained that that was not the intent, that the intent was that inspections need to be done under the direction of a professional engineer. Mr DeSart added that we should be aware that there are some concerns, and we may need reach out to ACEC or maybe look at further clarification of the language.

Ms Mamola said she would re-address it with the PAL committee and reach out to the lobbyist for ACEC to clarify the intent of the BDR and also better understand ACEC's concerns. (ACTION Item)

## **6. Consider proposed updated regulations from the PLS Regulation Subcommittee.**

Mr Blaney said 15 regulations proposed for amendment have been reviewed and approved by the PLS sub-committee to move forward, 3 have been undergoing further edits and are now ready to go back to the sub-committee for approval, and 2 are still in the editing process and will be in final draft by early next year. He said following PLS sub-committee consideration, the amended regulations would go through outreach to industry associations for comment and feedback – and edits made if deemed necessary – then on to this committee for any recommendations and finally to board for approval to move forward into the public review process.

## **7. Discussion on status of committee and staff assignments.**

Mr Spata reviewed items that are still open on the Legislative Committee action list and gave an update on the status.

Mr DeSart asked that name of the lead person on each open item be added to list so they can give updates on progress at future committee meetings. (ACTION Item)

## **8. Open discussion of items related to the Legislative Committee**

Ms Mamola said staff has keep a list of possible items NRS and NAC for committee consideration.

Mr Blaney gave a brief description of each item.

### **- NAC 625.210**

Relating to initial licensure application fees for active military/active military spouse and military veteran/military veteran spouse

### **- NAC 625.240**

Relating to endorsement licensure application fees for active military/active military spouse and military veteran/military veteran spouse

Requirement of short written exam vs attestation to familiarity with NRS and NAC 625

### **- NAC 625.310**

Clarification of the SE 16-hour exam

### **- NAC 625.410**

Clarification of reinstatement process for an expired license

### **- NAC 625.545**

Clarification of completion date requirement of a contract

### **- NRS 625.183**

Discussion on experience requirement for licensure

### **- NRS 625.193**

Discussion on time period for waiver of the FE

Mr DeSart asked that items be added to a future meeting agenda and that any supporting documentation be included in the meeting materials. (ACTION Item)

Mr DeSart said during the board presentation at the recent APWA conference some items of note were brought up for discussion. He then listed the following: - licensure requirements for a Water Right Surveyor relating to their scope of work; the requirement of a degree for land surveying licensure; and a perceived shortage of licensed land surveyors in the state.

Mr Spata added that those putting the items forward at the APWA meeting were advised to submit a written request on the issue if they wanted board consideration.

**8 Public comment period.**

There was no public comment.

**9. Adjourn.**

Mr DeSart thanked the committee members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 2:40pm.

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola  
Executive Director

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