

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Governmental Outreach Committee Meeting
Held virtually Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 3:00 PM

Participating was Chair Karen Purcell, PE;
Michael Kidd, PLS; Greg DeSart, PE; and Jay Dixon, PE. Also joining were
board member Angelo Spata, PE; Mark Fakler, Executive Director;
Murray Blaney, Operations/Compliance; and Chris MacKenzie, Board Counsel.

1. Meeting conducted by Karen Purcell, call to order and roll call to determine presence of quorum.

Meeting was called to order by Ms Purcell, and a quorum was determined.

2. Public comment period.

There was no public comment virtually or via email.

3. Update on impacts of Senate Bill 78 (SB 78) which revises provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies.

Ms Purcell asked Mr Fakler to lead the update and overview.

a. History leading to SB431 and SB78

Mr Fakler gave an overview of national and Nevada legislative events that lead toward the move to challenges to licensure and licensing boards.

b. Overview of SB 78 provisions

Mr Fakler recapped the key items of SB 78 and gave a narrative of its progression (or lack thereof) during the 83rd legislative session.

c. Business & Industry white paper and NVBPELS response

Mr Fakler and Mr Spata gave an overview of the whitepaper presented by B&I and the response drafted by NVBPELS.

Mr Spata said from the meetings with B&I it was clear that the move to board consolidation was a directive driven by the governor. He added even though the proposed bill was not successful, the pursuit for change would continue. We need to be prepared for the next legislative session.

Mr Spata said he believed B&I is blanketing all boards together without really understanding what a technical board like ours does, and how we are unique. He said it appeared they (B&I) looked at how other states have created mega-boards, but without actually following up to determine if that process

was successful or not.

Mr Spata said as a starting point for outreach we truly need to understand what B&I are trying to achieve – to the know root issue of what we are dealing with. He added researching the outcomes of states that have consolidated – particularly engineering boards – should be done. (ACTION Item).

Mr Spata said we then we need to identify what makes this board unique, compared to other Nevada boards, and determine the best way to articulate to legislators and the governor's office. (ACTION Item)

d. Related legislation: SB425 and SB507

Mr Fakler recapped the late addition (watered down) bills that were submitted, and ultimately unsuccessful, at the end of the legislative session.

4. Discussion of SB431 which brought boards and commissions under Business & Industry.

a. Review of SB 431 enacted during the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session

Mr Fakler gave the legislative background of SB 431 that created the amendment to NRS 232 giving purview over boards to B&I.

b. Consideration of potential regulations drafted by Business & Industry supporting changes to NRS 232.8413 and 232.8415.

Mr Fakler reviewed the response letter drafted to address concerns with the regulations proposed by B&I. He said the regulations were also presented to LegComm and the recommendation was made to add as an agenda item at the November board meeting to get official feedback from the whole board. This would then be presented at the first public workshop scheduled for November 25. Mr Fakler added he would be adding the workshop on the board's behalf.

Ms Purcell said we will reserve comment until the November meeting.

5. Discuss educational outreach strategy.

a. Discussion of outreach approach

Mr Fakler said first item would be address the proposed regulations, and work with B&I to get regulations that are not burdensome. He added that engaging with other stakeholders, in this instance other Nevada boards, to be heard in unison. (ACTION Item)

Mr Fakler said in relation to the next legislative session, and following on from Mr Spata's earlier comments, we will research states that have been consolidated, and the outcomes. (ACTION ITEM).

Mr Fakler added we will also need to clearly identify our points of differentiation as a technical board, then develop an effective way to communicate that to stakeholders – particularly the governor's office and legislators. (ACTION Item)

b. Consideration of creating collateral materials for public education

Mr Fakler said following on from the previous item, a key part of outreach is actually meeting with senate and assembly members and have a collateral “leave behind” which highlights the importance of licensure and the board. He said staff will draft a collateral and present it to the committee for review and edit. (ACTION Item)

Mr Spata said that would be a good start, but as the committee continues to meet and generate other ideas, we can develop a plan to really gain momentum.

6. Open discussion of items related to the Government Outreach Committee.

Mr Kidd suggested that expanding the scope or level of service from our Government Affairs Liaison. He added they have valuable in helping the Board navigate the recent legislative session, and as the committee has noted, the challenges during that session are not going away.

Mr Fakler said the current contract is good through June 2026, and he would work to develop an expanded scope when the RFP for a new Government Affairs Liaison is drafted. He added that the budget for the FY 2026/2027 would also need to be adjusted accordingly. (ACTION Item)

7. Public Comment.

There was no public comment virtually or via email.

8. Adjournment.

Ms Purcell thanked the committee and those attending for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Respectfully,

Mark J Fakler
Executive Director