

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR
STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MEETING MINUTES**

October 24, 2025

1. Call To Order/Roll Call to Determine the Presence of a Quorum.

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners was called to order by President Lorraine Benuto, PhD, at 8:08 a.m. on October 24, 2025, online via "Zoom" and physically at the office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 3080 S. Durango Drive, Suite 102, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117.

Roll Call: Board President, Lorraine Benuto, PhD, members, Soseh Esmaeili, PsyD, Monique Abarca, LCSW, Stephanie Holland, PsyD, Robert Moering, PsyD and Catherine Pearson, PhD were present at roll call. Stephanie Woodard, PsyD was absent. There was a quorum of the Board members.

Also present were Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Harry Ward; Board Consultant Gary Lenkeit; Executive Director Laura Arnold, Administrative Director Sarah Restori; members of the public: Jodi Thomas, Lauren Wecker, Kacie Jones, Brian Lech, Tatsiana Razzhavaikina, Ian Haynes, Donald Hoier, Kelly Robertson, Sabrina Schnur, Lindsey Bondiek, David Hines, Tara Raines, and Becky Savio.

2. Public Comment. Note: Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Board President. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Board President may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020).

President Benuto wanted to remind any members of the public who may be here to comment on a pending complaint that our Deputy Attorney General has requested that no public comment be made on pending complaints.

There was no public comment.

3. (For Possible Action) Public Hearing to Solicit Comments on a Regulation (Legislative Counsel Bureau File Number R001-25) Proposed for Adoption; Possible Action to Make Revisions to and/or Forward the Proposed Regulation(s) to the Legislative Counsel Bureau in Accordance with NRS Chapter 233B.

President Benuto shared that during the December 6, 2024, and January 10, 2025, Regulation Workshops on proposed revisions to the Board's continuing education regulation, the Board made a determination as to the language regarding continuing professional development it would forward to the LCB for a regulation draft. That proposed language was forwarded to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for an LCB file number and a regulation draft, which the LCB provided on July 28, 2025, as R001-25.

There was a question from the Board if all professional development continuing education credits should count as live credits (section 1(d)). Dr. Benuto did not believe all 15 professional development credits should automatically count as the 15 required live credits. It was unclear if any of the 15 professional development CEs must be live.

Dr. Razzhavaikina had a question about section 3(b)(3) only allowing courses accredited by the APA and not other accrediting bodies. She also asked about section 4 as it states the course must be submitted to the Board for approval unless the Board has previously approved the course.

This agenda item was tabled for a future Board meeting to be able to answer the questions and provide clarifications regarding the language of the LCB draft.

4. Minutes. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners' August 22, 2025, Meeting.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Robert Moering, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on August 22, 2025. Catherine Pearson approved the minutes as to form, but not content. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

5. Financials

- (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Final Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025).

The Executive Director presented the Board financials. She shared as of September 30, 2025, Board had just under a combined total of \$435,000 in checking and savings. The Board is currently at 29% of its budgeted expenses, and about 54% of its budgeted income, most of which is from the deferred income allocated to this second 2025-26 biennium quarter (and the first half of FY26).

The Board's bookkeeper, Michelle Fox, has verified and validated the information being provided in this Treasurer's report for both August and September.

On motion by Catherine Pearson, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved the Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2025. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

6. Legislative/Regulation Update

No updates provided.

7. Report from the Nevada Psychological Association.

There were no updates from NPA.

8. Board Office Operations.

A. Report From the Board Office on Operations.

The Executive Director stated that in August and September, the Board licensed 12 psychologists, registered 6 psychological assistants and 12 psychological trainees, received 16 licensure applications, and administered 20 state exams. As of October 17, the Board has 732 licensees and has 146 licensure applicants. For those the Board registers – the psychological assistants, psychological interns, and psychological trainees – there are a total of 30 applicants and 77 who are registered.

B. Board Officer Voting.

- i. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Select Officers for the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners for a One-Year Term from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, from the Current Board Membership:

Monique Abarca
Lorraine Benuto
Soseh Esmaeili
Stephanie Holland

Robert Moering
Catherine Pearson
Stephanie Woodard

Officers to be selected may include:

- Board President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Continuing Education Review Officer
- Non-Resident Consultant Application Review Officer
- Exam Officer

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Robert Moering, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved Lorraine Benuto as Board President July 1, 2025 – June 20, 2026. Lorraine Benuto abstained from the vote. (Yea: Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Robert Moering, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved Stephanie Woodard as Secretary/Treasurer for July 1, 2025 – June 20, 2026. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 6-0.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Robert Moering, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved Monique Abarca as Continuing Education Officer for July 1, 2025 – June 20, 2026. Monique Abarca abstained from the vote. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

On motion by Monique Abarca, second by Catherine Pearson, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved Soseh Esmaeili as the Non-Resident Consultant Officer for July 1, 2025 – June 20, 2026. Soseh Esmaeili abstained from the vote. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

On motion by Catherine Pearson, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved Stephanie Holland as the Exam Officer for July 1, 2025 – June 20, 2026. Stephanie Holland abstained from the vote. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

- ii. For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Select the Membership of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee for a One year Term from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, from the Current Board Membership:

Monique Abarca
Lorraine Benuto
Soseh Esmaeili
Stephanie Holland

Robert Moering
Catherine Pearson
Stephanie Woodard

Current Members of the ATEAM Committee are Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Catherine Pearson.

On motion by Catherine Pearson, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili, and Robert Moering as the ATEAM committee members for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 6-0.

9. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Pending Consumer Complaints:

A. Complaint #19-0626

DAG Ward shared that the hearing for both cases is scheduled for November 12-14, 2025. All pretrial motions have been submitted and decided.

B. Complaint #23-0918

DAG Ward shared that the complaint alleged various claims of improper conduct. Respondent is represented by counsel, with whom a resolution has been discussed. A proposed disciplinary consent decree is being finalized with counsel for the respondent and, once finalized and signed, will come before the Board for approval.

C. Complaint #24-0103

DAG Ward shared that the hearing for both cases is scheduled for November 12-14, 2025. All pretrial motions have been submitted and decided.

D. Complaint #24-0312(1)

DAG Ward shared that a cease and desist letter regarding certain language on the respondent's websites was sent and to which a response was received. The Cease and desist letter and response were also forwarded to the NY and CA Boards. A follow up cease and desist has been prepared and will be sent to respondent requesting the removal of additional language from all online presences.

E. Complaint #24-0607

DAG Ward shared that this complaint resulted from a licensee's self-report of 2 misdemeanor convictions and for which subsequent efforts were made to pursue disciplinary action due to the concern about the nature of the incidents underlying those convictions. The Board has since been advised by Senior Deputy Attorney General Todd M. Weiss, who is the Board's legal counsel for this case, that the Board does not have the statutory or regulatory authority to initiate formal discipline for those incidents because the incidents underlying the misdemeanor convictions did not occur during or within the scope of the respondent's professional practice. As a result, it is recommended that this case be closed at this time. He shared that as a result of this complaint and the inability of the Board to pursue disciplinary action against a licensee who is convicted of crimes not related to the practice of psychology, the Board will be considering regulation revisions to align with the statutory and regulatory provisions of other licensing boards that do provide for disciplinary action for criminal conduct that is beyond that which is related only to professional practice. It is requested that the Board close this case at this time.

On motion by Robert Moering, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved closing Complaint #24-0607. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

- F. Complaints #24-0711
- #24-0719
- #24-0726
- #24-0823

DAG Ward shared that these are four complaints against same psychologist. The respondent, though counsel, has responded to the complaints, and all complaints have been forwarded to appropriate federal agencies. Witness interviews have taken place, The AG's office has received information from a federal agency that is involved, and continues to work with certain federal agencies to obtain additional information. The complaints team continues to review and consider these complaints.

- G. Complaint #24-0730

DAG Ward shared that this is a complaint for unlicensed practice, in response to which the DAG sent and served several Cease and Desist letters. The respondent has not responded to any of them. As a result, the respondent's non-response to repeated cease and desist letters has been forwarded in a formal complaint to the MFT Board, which licenses respondent. Further civil action is being considered.

- H. Complaint #24-0903

DAG Ward shared that this is a complaint regarding an individual advertising unlicensed activity. A Cease and Desist letter was served on the respondent and answered. The Board Investigator continued to monitor respondent's social media and had it interpreted into English. A follow up cease and desist was served based on the information in the English translation, and respondent has responded. Further review and interpretation into English of the respondent's online presence were undertaken and resulted in a follow up cease and desist letter. Based on the Respondent's response, closure is recommended and requested at this time.

On motion by Catherine Pearson, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved closing Complaint #24-0903. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

- I. Complaint #25-0110

DAG Ward shared that this is a complaint for unlicensed practice, which was forwarded to the respondent, and to which the respondent answered. Based on the information in the respondent's answer, DAG has prepared draft consent decree to forward to respondent. Service on the respondent is pending.

J. Complaint #25-0331

DAG Ward shared that this is a complaint regarding court ordered evaluation. Complainant was asked to provide the additional documentation required for a complaint regarding a court ordered evaluation before the complaint could be further processed. Complainant provided some, but not all, of what was required to process the complaint. Dismissal is required and requested due to non-compliance with Board policy regarding court-ordered evaluations.

On motion by Robert Moering, second by Catherine Pearson, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #25-0331. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

K. Complaint #25-0410

DAG Ward shared that this is a complaint for ethical violations. The complaint was forwarded to the respondent for response, which has been received. The investigator has conducted a witness interview, and the complainant provided additional information, which was forwarded to the respondent for response. Based upon the results of the investigation, a formal complaint and notice of hearing has been drafted and is pending review and service on counsel for the respondent.

L. Complaint #25-0414

DAG Ward shared that this is an anonymous complaint regarding unethical conduct. A request to was made to the complainant for evidence or corroborating information regarding the basis for the complaint, to which a response was received. The complaint was forwarded to the respondent for a response. Respondent has retained counsel and a response is to be forthcoming.

M. Complaint #25-0715

DAG Ward shared that this is a complaint alleging negligence, which was forwarded to the respondent for response; respondent has submitted an answer to the complaint and relevant records, which were forwarded to the investigator for review and consideration. The Investigator has made a recommendation for a stipulated consent agreement, which has been drafted and is pending review and service on counsel for the respondent.

N. Complaint #25-0721

DAG Ward shared that this is a complaint by a social worker against a psychologist for inappropriate and unethical conduct with complainant's client (who was previously respondent's client). The complainant provided authorization to forward complaint to the respondent for response, which has been received. The investigator has made recommendations for a stipulated consent agreement, which has been drafted and is pending review and service on counsel for respondent.

O. Complaint #25-0728

DAG Ward shared that this was a complaint forwarded from the MFT Board. The investigator requested that the complainant complete and submit the Board's complaint forms in order to further review and consider the complaint. To date, the complainant has not provided the complaint on the Board's forms, and has not responded to follow up communications regarding the same. At this time, it is requested that the Board close this complaint. It can be reopened at another time if the complainant submits the appropriate complaint forms.

On motion by Monique Abarca, second by Catherine Pearson, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved closing Complaint #25-0728.

(Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

P. Complaint #25-0812(1)

DAG Ward shared that an email complaint alleging unlicensed conduct was received and forwarded to an investigator for review. The investigator requested that the complainant complete the Board's complaint forms for further consideration. Despite repeated follow up communications to the complainant with the investigator's request, the complainant has not provided the complaint on the Board's forms. At this time, it is requested that the Board close this complaint. It can be reopened at another time if the complainant submits the appropriate complaint forms.

On motion by Robert Moering, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved closing Complaint #25-0812(1).

(Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

Q. Complaint #25-0812(2)

DAG Ward shared that this complaint alleges negligence related to an assessment. It was forwarded to the respondents, who provided a response. The Investigator has made recommendations for a stipulated consent decree, which has been drafted and is pending service on the respondents.

R. Complaint #25-0818(1)

DAG Ward shared that this is a complaint that concerns charges for services not provided. A response to the complaint has been received, and based on the respondent's response follow up inquiries, the investigator is requesting additional information, which may have to be obtained via a subpoena. A draft subpoena for that information is pending.

S. Complaint #25-0818(2)

DAG Ward shared that the complaint received in this case concerned a court ordered evaluation. The complainant was asked to provide the additional documentation required for a complaint regarding a court ordered evaluation before the complaint

could be further processed. Complainant is unable to provide that information. Dismissal is required and requested due to non-compliance with Board policy regarding court-ordered evaluations.

On motion by Monique Abarca, second by Catherine Pearson, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #25-0818(2). (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

T. Complaint #25-0909

DAG Ward shared that this complaint concerned the misrepresentation of credentials. The investigator requested evidence to support the allegations in the complaint, which the complainant says they do not have at this time. It is requested that the Board close this complaint. It can be reopened at another time if the complainant is able to provide evidence to support the allegations.

On motion by Robert Moering, second by Catherine Pearson, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved closing Complaint #25-0909. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

U. Complaint #25-0925(1)

DAG Ward shared that this complaint alleges unethical conduct that occurred 16 years ago. After review of the complaint and consultation with Board counsel, it was determined that too much time has elapsed from when the alleged conduct occurred to be able to proceed further. As a result, dismissal of this case is requested.

On motion by Soseh Esmaeili, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #25-0925(1). (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

V. Complaint #25-0925(2)

DAG Ward shared that this is a complaint regarding improper billing. The complaint has been forwarded to the respondent for a response, which is due at the end of October.

W. Complaint #25-1001

DAG Ward shared that this is a complaint regarding improper conduct that occurred in 2017. Because the statute of limitations in NRS 641.250 went into effect prior to the receipt of the complaint, the complainant was advised that the statute of limitations precluded further consideration of the complaint. Dismissal of this case based on the 3 year statute of limitations is requested.

On motion by Monique Abarca, second by Robert Moering, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #25-1001. (Yea:

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Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

10. (For Possible Action) Review and Possible Action on Applications for Licensure as a Psychologist or Registration as a Psychological Assistant, Intern, or Trainee. The Board May Convene in Closed Session to Receive Information Regarding Applicants, Which May Involve Considering the Character, Alleged Misconduct, Professional Competence or Physical or Mental Health of the Applicant (NRS 241.030). All Deliberation and Action Will Occur in an Open Session.

The following applicants are recommended for approval of licensure contingent upon completion of licensure requirements: **Thalia Sullivan Nicholson, David Bridgett, Shengtian Wu, Marilyn Harris, Amy Prescott, Missi Nadeau, Michelle Strong, Mili Parikh, Danine Dean, Andrew Cecil, Laura Sheridan, Ross Flowers, Jennifer Harrison, Sara Arad, and Rachel Ballard.**

On motion by Monique Abarca, second by Robert Moering the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the following applicants for licensure contingent upon completion of licensure requirements: Thalia Sullivan Nicholson, David Bridgett, Shengtian Wu, Marilyn Harris, Amy Prescott, Missi Nadeau, Michelle Strong, Mili Parikh, Danine Dean, Andrew Cecil, Laura Sheridan, Ross Flowers, Jennifer Harrison, Sara Arad, and Rachel Ballard. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

- A. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Candis Mitchell's EPPP efforts Update.

Tabled for a future Board meeting – Dr. Mitchell did not show to provide her update.

The Board notes that Dr. Mitchell still has not taken the EPPP, for which she had requested the extension. The Board requested that Dr. Mitchell attend the December meeting to provide her updates.

- B. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Dr. Eric Prince's request to extend his registration as a Psychological Assistant for a fourth year and to retake the EPPP a fourth time.

President Benuto shared that Dr. Eric Prince has submitted his application to retake the EPPP a fourth time and to extend his Psychological Assistant registration for a fourth year so that he can retake the EPPP. Dr. Prince's EPPP retake application and letter in

support of his Psychological Assistant registration extension was been provided to the Board.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Robert Moering, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved Dr. Eric Prince retaking the EPPP a fourth time. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

On motion by Robert Moering, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved extending Dr. Eric Prince's Psychological Assistant registration for a fourth year. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

- C. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Dr. Akiko Hinds' request to extend her registration as a Psychological Assistant for a fourth year.

President Benuto shared that Dr. Akiko Hinds has submitted her request to extend her Psychological Assistant registration for a fourth year so that she can retake the EPPP. Dr. Hinds's explanation in support of her request was provided to the Board.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Robert Moering, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved extending Dr. Akiko Hinds Psychological Assistant registration for a fourth year. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

11. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint the Members of and Identify the Scope of Work for the 2025 SB165 Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner Advisory Group.

President Benuto stated that, during its 2025 session, the Nevada legislature passed SB165, which creates a new licensure designation that is to be housed in and regulated by the Board of Psychological Examiners. That new licensure designation is the Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioners. Dr. Benuto explained that, at its last meeting, the Board approved establishing an SB165 Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner Advisory Group of 4 members to take on the work that has been proposed and discussed. Those four members are: One Regulatory expert, One National expert, One Board representative and One Educational representative.

Dr. Michelle Paul and Dr. Tara Raines, who were at the forefront of this legislation, advised the Board that they would like to take on the regulatory expert and national expert roles, respectively, and Dr. Whitney Owens volunteered to take on the Board representative role. Dr. Raines had nominated Dr. Eugenia Weiss from UNR to take on

the educational representative role, and Dr. Weiss's information was provided to the Board for consideration.

On motion by Robert Moering, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved Dr. Michelle Paul, Dr. Tara Raines, Dr. Whitney Owens, and Dr. Weiss as the initial members of the SB165 Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner Advisory Group. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 6-0.

President Benuto went on to explain that the Board needs to identify and determine the scope of work for the Advisory Group, and noted that Dr. Paul had provided some recommendations for that, which were included in the meeting materials.

Dr. Lenkeit shared that SB165 gives the Board the ability to obtain grants and funds to assist with the project. He believes the Ballmer institute has provided funds in the past and it should be one of the tasks of the group. Dr. Raines stated she would work to find funds for this effort as a part of the scope of work.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved the scope of work that has been recommended for the SB165 Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner Advisory Group. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 6-0.

12. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Audit Report for FY2025.

David Hines presented the audit report update for Fiscal Year 2025. He stated that they are still working on the draft report, so they do not have one to present at this time. He also stated that they have received all documents needed for the audit and there are currently "no findings." Documents for the audit are still being evaluated, but they do not anticipate any findings.

13. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Moving Forward with Regulatory Language that Provides for Criminal and Other Conduct as a Basis for Disciplinary Action and the Duty of Licensees to Report Such Conduct.

The Executive Director reported on a disciplinary matter involving whether criminal conduct unrelated to professional practice can serve as grounds for discipline. Board counsel advised that, under NRS 641.230, the Board may discipline only for felony convictions related to the practice of psychology or for crimes demonstrating an inability to practice, unlike other boards that allow broader bases such as moral turpitude. The

Executive Director provided comparative information to the Board, including a survey of other boards' statutes and regulations, to assist the Board in determining whether it wishes to expand its disciplinary authority.

The Executive Director stated that the goal is to gauge Board consensus on pursuing such changes. If the Board is interested, staff will work with Board counsel and the Complaints team to draft proposed regulatory language for consideration at a future meeting.

Dr. Lenkeit stated he would be in support of adding this to the Board's regulations such as any violation of state, local, or criminal law such as misdemeanors as the cause of action for a complaint that happens outside of the practice of psychology.

President Benuto shared concerns about having to come before the Board for actions they did outside the practice of psychology. Board members shared concern about unfair criminal convictions within the justice system and had suggested it be limited to just substance abuse.

Public member Donald Hoier shared support of the regulation change, and public member Dr. Jodi Thomas shared concern about there being checks and balances for unfair convictions.

The discussion was tabled for a future Board meeting.

14. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Revisions to the Psychological Assistant and Psychological Intern Policies to Align with 2025 SB251 and to reflect current practices.

The Executive Director reported that, following the passage of SB251, Psychological Assistants and Psychological Interns will transition from registration to provisional licensure as of January 1. Accordingly, the Executive Director updated the PA and PI policies to reflect the new provisional licensure process. Additional minor clarifications were made, and the supervision handbook was added as an addendum.

On motion by Robert Moering, second by Catherine Pearson, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved revisions to the Psychological Assistant and Psychological Intern Policies to align with SB251. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.

15. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Proposed Changes to the Board Office Structure.

The Executive Director reported a proposed restructuring of the Board office to meet new legislative mandates from the 2025 session, including the requirement that the Board create a new licensure designation without accompanying funding. After discussions with Dr. Lenkeit, the current Executive Director proposed transitioning into a project-focused role while promoting Sarah Restori (current Administrative Director) to Executive Director to manage daily operations and plan for future staffing. The Executive Director noted that this would be a natural shift based on existing duties, with both positions operating in parallel and reporting directly to the Board. The Executive Director expressed full confidence in Ms. Restori's qualifications for the role and stated that that would continue to support Ms. Restori during the transition. The Executive Director also introduced revisions to the Employment Policy to add the flexible project-based role at her current salary initially, but with an intent to gradually reduce hours and salary proportionally over the next one to two years to create budget capacity for additional staff, requesting discretion to make those adjustments based on workload.

Dr. Lenkeit supported this change especially with the added demands on the Board and its office. Dr. Benuto and Dr. Moering shared their support for the structure change.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved the proposed changes to the Board office structure effective January 1, 2026. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Holland, Soseh Esmaeili, Monique Abarca, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 6-0.

16. (For Possible Action) Schedule of Future Board Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops. The Board May Discuss and Decide Future Meeting Dates, Hearing Dates, and Workshop Dates.

The next regular meeting of the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners is currently scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

17. Requests for Future Board Meeting Agenda Items (No Discussion Among the Members will Take Place on this Item)

There were no requests for future Board Meeting agenda items.

18. Public Comment - Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Board President. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Board President may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020).

Members of the public were reminded that they were not permitted to comment on pending complaints before the Board.

There was no public comment.

19. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, President Dr. Benuto adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.