

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

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, March 6, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m.

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The meeting of the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners (Board) will be conducted and may be attended through a remote technology system (video- or teleconference). To participate remotely, individuals are invited to enter the meeting from the Zoom website at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81533256176>. To access the meeting via audio only, dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: **815 3325 6176**. (The Board office recommends that individuals unfamiliar with ZOOM visit the website in advance to familiarize themselves with the format by viewing the online tutorials and reading the FAQs. To learn more about Zoom, go to <https://zoom.us>.) The meeting may also be attended at the Board office, located at 3080 South Durango Drive, Suite 102, Las Vegas, NV 89117.

The Board will accept public comment via email. Those wishing to make public comment should email their public comments to the Board office at [nbop@govmail.state.nv.us](mailto:nbop@govmail.state.nv.us). Written public comments must be received prior to the start of the meeting and will be forwarded to the Board for their consideration. Public comments will be included in the public record (meeting minutes) but will not necessarily be read aloud during the meeting. In compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 241 (Open Meeting Law), the Board is precluded from taking action on items raised by public comment which are not already on the agenda.

The Board may take items out of order, combine items for consideration, and items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. Public comment will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting. The public may provide comment on any matter whether or not that matter is a specific topic on the agenda. However, prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment on that item. (NRS 233B.126). Public comment that is willfully disruptive is prohibited, and individuals who willfully disrupt the meeting may be removed from the meeting. (NRS 241.030(5)(b)). The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person (NRS 241.030). Once all items on the agenda are completed, the meeting will adjourn.

**AGENDA**

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

**2. Public Comment.** Note: The Board welcomes public comment, which may be limited to three (3) minutes per person at the Board President's discretion. 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; however, public comment will not be taken on complaints that are pending before the Board. No action will 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).

**3. (For Possible Action) Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations to Align with 2025 SB165 (Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioners and the Practice of Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention) (See Public Notice – Attachment A) and Possible Action to Forward the Proposed Regulation Revisions to a Hearing at a Future Meeting of the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners in Accordance with NRS Chapter 233B.**

NOTE: Public comment specific to the SB165 Regulations will be limited to two (2) minutes per person at the Board President's discretion. The Board President may allow additional time to be given to a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion.

**4. Minutes. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners' January 23, 2026, Meeting.**

**5. Financials**

- (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Final Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026).

**6. Legislative/Regulation Update**

- (For Possible Action) Report, Discussion and Possible Action on Regulation Activities and Legislative Activities, including the work of Interim Committees, the Nevada Legislature, the Legislative Counsel Bureau, and any position or action the Board may take on or in response to Bills that have been signed into Law, Legislative Bills, and Bill Draft Requests that the Board is tracking, following, or that may impact the Board and its Operations.

**7. Report from the Nevada Psychological Association.**

**8. Board Office Operations.**

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

- A. Complaint #23-0918
- B. Complaint #24-0730
- C. Complaint #25-0110
- D. Complaint #25-0410
- E. Complaint #25-0715
- F. Complaint #25-0721
- G. Complaint #25-0812(2)
- H. Complaint #25-0818(1)
- I. Complaint #25-1117
- J. Complaint #25-1125
- K. Complaint #25-1231
- L. Complaint #26-0114
- M. Complaint #26-0120(1)
- N. Complaint #26-0120(2)
- O. Complaint #26-0202
- P. Complaint #26-0213

**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.**

*Note: Applicant names are listed on the agenda to allow the Board to discuss applicants when necessary to move the applicant through the licensure process. The listing of an applicant's name on the agenda indicates only that an application for licensure/registration has been received. It does not mean that the application has been approved or that the applicant must appear at the meeting in order for the applicant's application to move forward through the licensure process. If an applicant needs to attend the meeting for the Board to take action, the applicant will be notified in writing prior to the meeting. Please, direct questions or comments regarding licensure applications to the Board office.*

## PSYCHOLOGISTS

Kaitlyn Abrams	Danine Dean	Kristopher Kern	Jason Richardson
Andrew Ahrendt	Amanda de Armas	Veronica King	Kristin Robinson
Patrica Albrecht	Shannon Dillon	Kele Kirschenbaum	Shannon Rocker
Onyinyechi Anukem	Elizabeth Dimovski-Jackson	Lucas Klein	Olivia Rold
Sara Arad	Kristina Disney	Charalambos Kyriacou	Jessica Roos
Katia Arroyo Carrion	Anna Dolatabadi	Ari Lakritz	Jay Rosen
Anna Arya	Christine Dozier	Joseph Latham	Eric Rosmith
Meredith Avedon	Alana Duschane	Sandra Lawrence-Clarke	Taraneh Rostami
Elsa Baena	Ahmed Elsokkary	Robert Leach	Mary Ann Rowe
Rachel Ballard	Julian Filoteo	Andrew Leone	Benjamin Rubin
Rachel Bangit	Glory Finnegan	Angela Lewis	Judith Sachs
Adam Barkey	John Firkus	Benjamin Loew	Julie Sanchez
Heidi Bausch-Ryan	John Fite	Chelsea Mackey	Daniel Schellenberg
Brian Benjamin	Ross Flowers	Holly Majszak	Alexandra Schlager
Arthur Bennett, Jr.	Deborah Fraser	Heather Manor	Dianne Shumay
Debra Berry-Malmberg	Sylva Frock	Madison Martins	Laljit Sidhu Christie
Jennifer Blitz	Vanessa Fuentes	Sarah Mauck	Stallard Katelyn
Leah Bonilla	Tyson Furr	Marilyn McCune	Steele Willann
David Bridgett	Saacha Gates	Katherine McKenzie	Stone Amy Swope
David Brown	Kylie Gelin	Paul McLaughlin	Tara Tanaka
Hunter Brown	Teresa George	Carol McLean	Matthew Tatum
Keri Brown	Carolyn Gibson	Lorena Michel	Michelle Tatum
Lauren Buchanan	Nancy Graies	Shantay Mines	Thao Taylor
Elizabeth Buckley	Kimberly Gray	Luzviminda Morrow	Clary Tepper
Brian Burgess	Lisa Gunderson	Michellane Mouton	Lee Underwood
Ramona Burroughs	Michelle Haines	Missi Nadeau	Keith Valone
Jonathan Campos	Marilyn Harris	Mary Nelson	Cynthia Villaverde
Billie Carter	Jennifer Harrison	Robert Nemerovski	Brittany Voelker
DeAnn Cary	Fredrica Hendrix	Stephanie Northington	Ina Von Ber
Jerry Chen	Martha Hernandez	Judith Nurik	Michelle Vorwerk
Brandi Chew	Chelsea Howe	Lisa Orbe-Austin	Allison Vreeland
Christine Chew	Beverly Howze	Grady Osten-Garner	Kristi Walter
Taylor Chille	Kelly Humphreys	Mili Parikh	Bethany Walters
Alan Christensen	Tiffany Hunter	Hae Kyung Park	Nelson Walters
Chad Christensen	Madison Hurley	Beverly Paschal	Charlotte Watley
Tasman Cleaver	Mark Ingram	Bahara Payandeh	Paula Wilbourne
Brian Clemente	Tina Jimenez	Stephanie Phan	Christine Winter
Alyssa Cohen	Deborah Johnson	Renata Pleshchuk-Kowalski	Caedy Young
David Contreras	Natalie Jones	Stephanie Procell	Gordon Zilberman
Wanda Crews	Kathi Jones-Lorenz	Maxwell Rappoport	
George Dabdoub	Jorge Juarez-Asturias	Wendy Raskey	
	Robin Kay	Lee Rather	

## PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANTS

Rosalind Banks	Angelica Castro Bueno	Gianna Famolare	Madison Hurley
Rachel Barry	Julia Catlin	Ryan Fechner	Chiante' Jemison
Tracy Basile	Taylor Chille	Kylie Fraga	Erica Marino
Keerat Bhatti	Shantay Coleman	Paola Garcia Betencourt	Michael McNamara
Amira Blake	Althea Cook	Milagro Gonzalez	Jessica Mills
Judit Brissette	Jacqueline Eddy	Jaqueline Green	Shantay Mines
Candis Carswell Mitchell	Amelia Evans	Akiko Hinds	Danielle Morabito



Tiffany Mosier-Hunter  
Blake Oldfield  
Dylana Pierce  
Ashley Poston

Eric Prince  
Audrie Reilly  
Dominic Roberts  
Hannah Salanoa

Shweta Sharma  
Sharon Simington  
Mary Smirnova  
Barbara Sommer

Michelle Tatum  
Monica Zepeda Rojo

### PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERNS

Marissa Alvarez  
Adaeze Chike-Okoli  
Lallabrigida Cooper-Singleton  
Jacqueline Eddy

Jacqueline Friar  
Edgar Garcia  
Taira Green  
Ludyvina Hernandez

Chiante' Jemison  
Benael John-Rose  
Michael McNamara  
Sara Moore

Bianca Reaves  
Miriam Vela-Sanchez  
Rachel Wiggins

### PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINEES

Hoor Ul Ain  
Lily Akana  
Marissa Alvarez  
Vanni Jefferson Arcaina  
Linnea Bacon  
Kylie Baer  
Nandita Banik  
Glenn Blessington  
Lilla Brody  
Maayra Butt  
Carter Causse  
Kieffer Christianson

Delaney Collins  
Regine Deguzman  
Monica Done  
Ashley Dorsey  
Erin Dunn  
Randolph Dupont  
Addison Duvall  
Roshia Feizi Lighvan  
Tatev Gaboyan  
Tyler Gamlen  
Sneha Gupta  
Ariadna Gutierrez

Michelle Harden  
Haleigh Harris  
Bianca Islas  
Sierra Ann Jarvis  
Edwin Jurado  
Jordan Kaye  
Sarah Lage  
Poorvi Minns  
Eibhlis Moriarty  
Maegan Nation  
Frank Nieblas  
Ananda Peixoto-Couto

Mattea Pezza  
Sherley Pierre  
Savannah Quach  
Bianca Reaves  
Melanie Rede  
Lauren Reyes  
Shannon Sagert  
Madison Thomasson  
Karen Valle Frias  
Teresa Walker  
Brenda Zavala

- Dr. Michael McNamara's Appeal from the ATEAM Panel decision denying his application for registration / provisional licensure as a Psychological Assistant.

### **11. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Updates Regarding the Work of the 2025 SB165 Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner Advisory Group.**

### **12. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Proposed Regulatory Language that Provides for Criminal and Other Conduct Not Related to the Practice of Psychology as a Basis for Disciplinary Action and the Duty of Licensees to Report Such Conduct for the Purpose of Scheduling a Regulation Workshop.**

### **13. (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, April 17, 2026, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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

**15. Public Comment** – The Board welcomes public comment, which may be limited to three minutes per person at the Board President’s discretion. 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; however, public comment will not be taken on complaints that are pending before the Board. 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)

**16. (For Possible Action) Adjournment**

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The Board may recess for lunch for approximately one hour, at a time to be determined.

The Board is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to participate in the meeting. If such arrangements are necessary, please contact the board office at (702) 276-0926 no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

For supporting materials, visit the Board’s website at <https://psyexam.nv.gov/> or contact the Board office by telephone (702-276-0926), e-mail ([nbop.admin@govmail.state.nv.us](mailto:nbop.admin@govmail.state.nv.us)), or in writing at Board of Psychological Examiners, 3080 South Durango Drive, Suite 102, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117.

In accordance with NRS 241.020, this public meeting notice was properly posted at or before 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at the following locations:

- Board office located at 3080 South Durango Drive, Suite 102, Las Vegas, NV 89117;
- Nevada Public Notice website: <https://notice.nv.gov/>; and
- Board’s website at <https://www.psyexam.nv.gov/meetings/2026-board--committee-meetings/>

In addition, this public meeting notice has been sent to all persons on the Board’s meeting notice list, pursuant to NRS 241.020(3)(c).

# EXHIBIT A

**STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS**  
**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS**  
**ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, March 6, 2026  
a.m.

Time: 8:05

The Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners (Board) is proposing the amendment of certain regulations in Chapter 641 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

A workshop has been scheduled as part of the Board's regular meeting on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 8:05 a.m. The workshop will be conducted and may be attended through a remote technology system (video- or teleconference). To participate remotely, individuals are invited to enter the meeting from the Zoom website at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81533256176>. To access the meeting via audio only, dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: **815 3325 6176**. (The Board office recommends that individuals unfamiliar with ZOOM should visit the website in advance to familiarize themselves with the format by viewing the online tutorials and reading the FAQs. To learn more about Zoom, go to <https://zoom.us>.) The meeting may also be attended at the Board office, located at 3080 South Durango Drive, Suite 102, Las Vegas, NV 89117.

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that are addressed in the proposed regulation revisions:

- Revisions to NAC Chapter 641 to comply with Section 13(1) of 2025 [SB165](#), which requires that the Board adopt regulations as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 13 to 18 of 2025 SB165 (establishing a new licensure designation and practice – Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioners and the Practice of Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention – to be regulated by the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners).

Language has been developed outside of the workshop and will be discussed during the workshop. While members of the public may provide public comment during the meeting, verbal public comment regarding the regulation revisions will be limited to two minutes for each individual providing it. Individuals who have public comment on the proposed regulation revisions that exceed two minutes or who are unable to attend the workshop but wish to submit public comment are encouraged to provide written public comment in advance of the meeting. Written public comment must be submitted to the Board office State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners, 3080 South Durango Drive, Suite 102, Las Vegas, NV 89117 or [NBOP.ADMIN@govmail.state.nv.us](mailto:NBOP.ADMIN@govmail.state.nv.us) on or before Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. All statements received will be provided to the Board during the workshop. Please contact the Board office if you are interested

in reviewing the language that will be presented to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

This Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation has been properly posted on or before 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at:

- the Board office located at 3080 South Durango Drive, Suite 102 in Las Vegas, NV,
- the Nevada Public Notice website ([notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov)),
- the Board's website (<https://www.psyexam.nv.gov/meetings/2026-board-committee-meetings/>), and
- the Nevada Legislature's notice website (<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/Submit>)

Notice has also been sent to all licensees and persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations.

Date: February 18, 2026

**Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners  
Board Meeting Staff Report**

**DATE:** March 6, 2026

**ITEM:** 3 - (For Possible Action) Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations to Align with 2025 SB165 (Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioners and the Practice of Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention) (See Public Notice – Attachment A) and Possible Action to Forward the Proposed Regulation Revisions to a Hearing at a Future Meeting of the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners in Accordance with NRS Chapter 233B

**SUMMARY:**

During its 2025 session, the Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 165 (SB165), which, among other things, creates a new licensure designation that is to be housed under and regulated by the Psychology Board. That new licensure designation is Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioners (BHWP), and those who hold a BHWP license will practice Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention (BHPP).

In carrying out the requirement that it house/regulate the newly-created BHWP licensure designation, and as required by SB165, the Board established a 4-member Advisory Group and included in its charge for the Group drafting the regulations for the BHWPs and the practice of BHPP. Since being established, the BHWP Advisory Group has met and drafted proposed regulations for the purpose of conducting a regulation workshop during the Board's March 6, 2026, meeting.

**State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners***Proposed Regulations  
as required by [2025 SB165](#)*

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**Sec. X. “Behavioral health and wellness practitioner” defined.** “Behavioral health and wellness practitioner” has the meaning ascribed to it in [2025 SB165, Sec. 10](#).

**Sec. X. “Behavioral health promotion and prevention” defined.** “Behavioral health promotion and prevention has the meaning ascribed to it in [2025 SB165, Sec. 11](#).

**Sec. X. “Low-intensity behavioral health interventions” defined.** “Low-intensity behavioral health interventions” means structured, time-limited, evidence-based strategies focused on prevention, symptom reduction or functional improvement that do not require independent diagnosis or psychotherapy.

**Sec. X. Issuance of license to behavioral health and wellness practitioner.**

1. The Board will issue a license as behavioral health and wellness practitioner to an applicant who:

- (a) Meets the requirements of [2025 SB165, Sec. 15](#);
- (b) Has not been convicted of a felony;
- (c) Has not been subject to disciplinary action as a licensed provider of healthcare in any jurisdiction.
- (d) Does not have any outstanding complaints or charges pending against him or her as a licensed provider of healthcare in any jurisdiction;
- (e) Has not previously been denied licensure by the Board;
- (f) Submits to the Board the appropriate application and fees and two letters of professional reference that attest without reservation to the professional competence, ethical conduct, and current fitness to practice of the applicant; and
- (g) Complies with subsection 1 of [NRS 641.160](#) by submitting:
  - (1) A complete set of the applicant’s fingerprints to the Board with written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or
  - (2) Verification to the Board that the applicant’s fingerprints were forwarded to the Central Repository by the law enforcement agency or other authorized entity taking the fingerprints.

2. The Board may require an applicant to appear before the Board to demonstrate the applicant’s:

- (a) Professional and ethical conduct;
  - (b) Current fitness to practice as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner;
- and

(c) Intent to practice as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner in a manner consistent with the applicant's education, training and experience.

## **Sec. X. Educational requirements for licensure as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner.**

**1. General requirement.** To be eligible for licensure as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner, an applicant must demonstrate that the applicant has completed education and supervised training that substantially complies with the requirements of this section. The Board does not approve or accredit educational programs. Each applicant's education and training will be individually evaluated to determine compliance with the standards set forth in this chapter.

**2. Degree requirement.** An applicant must have earned:

(a) A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; and

(b) A major, concentration, or organized course of study in psychology, behavioral health, social work, human services, public health, or another related field that, in the judgment of the Board, provides preparation consistent with this section.

Required educational content may be completed as part of the bachelor's degree program or through an organized postbaccalaureate certificate or structured academic program offered under the oversight of a regionally accredited institution.

**3. Program structure requirements.** To satisfy the educational requirements of this section, the applicant's education must have been completed through an organized and coherent program of study that:

(a) Was offered by a regionally accredited college or university;

(b) Constituted a recognizable and formally established academic program, concentration, major, or certificate within the institution;

(c) Had clearly defined admission criteria, learning objectives, and completion requirements;

(d) Was delivered as a structured and intentional program of study, rather than as a collection of unrelated, self-selected, or piecemeal coursework; and

(e) Included formal evaluation of student progress and demonstration of competency.

**4. Required educational content.** An applicant must demonstrate completion of instruction addressing, without limitation, the following content areas:

(a) Behavioral health foundations, including mental health, substance use, and co-occurring conditions;

(b) Ethics and legal responsibilities, including confidentiality, privacy, mandatory reporting, professional boundaries, and scope of practice;

(c) Cultural humility, equity, and inclusion, including behavioral health disparities and social determinants of health;



- (d) Behavioral health promotion and prevention, including strength-based, recovery-oriented, and population-informed approaches;
- (e) Evidence-informed and evidence-based low-intensity behavioral health interventions appropriate to entry-level practice under supervision;
- (f) Risk and safety management, including identification of behavioral health risk, crisis response within scope, and referral to higher levels of care;
- (g) Measurement-based care, including use and interpretation of standardized screening and outcome measures; and
- (h) Professional documentation consistent with legal and ethical standards.

**5. Competency requirement.** An applicant must demonstrate that the education and supervised training completed by the applicant included formal evaluation of demonstrated competence in the following domains:

- (a) Behavioral health promotion and prevention;
- (b) Early identification and low-intensity behavioral health intervention;
- (c) Risk evaluation and referral;
- (d) Culturally responsive practice; and
- (e) Professional and interprofessional conduct.

The Board may require documentation demonstrating that the applicant personally achieved entry-level competence in these domains.

**6. Supervised practicum requirement.** An applicant must demonstrate completion of a supervised practicum totaling not fewer than 700 clock hours, which must include:

- (a) A minimum of 150 hours of direct client contact in behavioral health promotion, prevention, or intervention settings;
- (b) Ongoing supervision by a qualified supervisor, consistent with this chapter, shall be provided at a minimum ratio of one (1) hour of supervision for every twenty (20) hours of practicum experience. No more than three (3) trainees may participate in a single supervision session.; and
- (c) Formal evaluation of the applicant's competency.

The practicum must have been completed as part of an organized and supervised sequence of study under the oversight of the educational institution.

**7. Program delivery and completion limitations.** To satisfy the educational requirements of this section, the applicant's education must have been completed through a program of study that

- (a) Included in-person, on-site supervised practicum or structured residency-style experience and was not delivered entirely through asynchronous or self-directed online instruction;
- (b) Was completed within 7 years from the date of initial enrollment in the qualifying course of study, unless the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board that competence has been maintained;

(c) Was not assembled in a piecemeal or patchwork manner from unrelated continuing education or self-selected coursework outside of an organized academic program; and

(d) Was delivered under formal instructional oversight and did not consist primarily of self-study without faculty supervision and evaluation.

**8. Competency assessment standards.** To satisfy the competency requirements of this section, the applicant's education and supervised training must have:

(a) Established measurable learning outcomes aligned with the required content and competency domains set forth in this section;

(b) Included assessment methods that evaluated knowledge, applied skills, and professional conduct; and

(c) Maintained documentation demonstrating that the applicant achieved entry-level competency.

The Board may require submission of such documentation in order to determine eligibility for licensure

**9. Documentation.** An applicant shall submit documentation sufficient for the Board to determine compliance with this section, which may include, without limitation:

(a) Official transcripts;

(b) Course descriptions or syllabi;

(c) Descriptions of supervised practicum experiences;

(d) Competency mapping demonstrating alignment between completed coursework and required domains; and

(e) Individual competency evaluations, attestations, or supervisor verifications.

The Board may require additional documentation if necessary to determine substantial compliance with the standards of this section.

**10. Recognition of accrediting bodies.** If the Board recognizes a nationally recognized accrediting body for educational programs preparing behavioral health and wellness practitioners, graduation from a program accredited by that body constitutes prima facie evidence that the applicant's education complies with the requirements of this section. Recognition of an accrediting body does not limit the authority of the Board to evaluate an individual applicant's qualifications. Accreditation is not required unless expressly adopted by the Board by regulation.

**11. Educational standards authority.** The Board shall maintain minimum educational and competency standards consistent with this section. In adopting or revising such standards, the Board may consider:

(a) National competency frameworks;

(b) Workforce guidelines;

(c) Evidence-informed and evidence-based practices; and

(d) Input from stakeholders.

Compliance with these standards is required for determination of an applicant's eligibility for licensure

### **Sec. X. Supervision of licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioners.**

1. A licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner may work only under the supervision and control of a supervisor pursuant to (Sec 18 (1-6) & 59 1(d) [SB165](#)) and who satisfies the requirements of (Refer to Qualifications of Supervisor):

- (a) A psychiatrist licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS;
- (b) An advanced practice registered nurse who has the psychiatric training and experience prescribed by the State Board of Nursing pursuant to NRS 632.120
- (c) A psychologist;
- (d) A clinical professional counselor;
- (e) A marriage and family therapist; or
- (f) A clinical social worker.

2. The supervision required by subsection 1 must include, without limitation, the greater of

- (a) 2 percent of the hours he or she works each month or;
- (b) At least 2 hours each month of face-to-face individual supervision; and
- (c) At least 1 hour each month of additional direct supervision, which may include group meetings of not more than 10 persons, including each licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner who is being supervised by the supervisor.

3. A supervisor shall not have more than 3 behavioral health and wellness practitioners, registered under his or her license or licenses, at one time.

4. Supervision must be sufficient in frequency and intensity to ensure client safety and behavioral health and wellness practitioner competence and must increase when a licensee is newly licensed, engaging in a new practice area, or managing elevated clinical risk.

### **Sec. X. Qualifications of Supervisors**

1. An individual who wishes to serve as a supervisor of a behavioral health and wellness practitioner must:

- (a) Be licensed pursuant to [SB165](#), Section 18; and
- (b) Have successfully completed training in behavioral health and wellness practitioner supervision as approved by the Board.
- (c) Have no history of disciplinary action against their license.

2. Training in behavioral health and wellness practitioner supervision must include training in behavioral health and wellness practitioner ethical standards, documentation, supervision structure, prevention and promotion skill building, low-intensity behavioral health interventions, competency development, and measurement and maintenance of competence for behavioral health and wellness practitioners.

3. A supervisor of a behavioral health and wellness practitioner must notify the Board within 30 days of receipt of a pending complaint or disciplinary action against him or her.

### **Sec. X. Powers and duties of supervisor**

1. A supervisor shall employ methods of proper and diligent oversight of a behavioral health and wellness practitioner who is under his or her supervision to meet his or her ethical and legal responsibilities set forth in ([SB165](#) Sec 18 and 59). Such methods must include the implementation of policies and procedures that ensure the accessibility of the supervisor to the behavioral health and wellness practitioner commensurate with the professional developmental level of the behavioral health and wellness practitioner. Such methods may include:

(a) The physical presence of the supervisor;

(b) Availability of or observation by the supervisor electronically or by fiber optics; and

(c) Availability of another licensed medical or behavioral health provider formally affiliated with the site at which the behavioral health and wellness practitioner is providing services.

2. To ensure compliance with subsection 1, a supervisor may employ various modes and methods of supervision of a behavioral health and wellness practitioner under his or her supervision, including, without limitation:

(a) Individual supervision;

(b) Group supervision;

(c) Tracking the progress of clients and patients served by the behavioral health and wellness practitioner;

(d) Oversight of standardized behavioral health screenings and structured biopsychosocial assessments, delivering low-intensity behavioral health interventions; prevention and promotion skill building, providing psychoeducation, and facilitating structured group interventions; identifying behavioral health risks and initiating safety protocols; monitoring outcomes using validated tools; supporting care coordination and referral for discharge or to a higher level of care;

(e) Discussing the cases of clients and patients with the behavioral health and wellness practitioner;

(f) Directly observing the delivery of services by the behavioral health and wellness practitioner either in person or through the use of a remote technology system which uses electronic, digital or other similar technology; or

(g) Reviewing audio or video recordings of the delivery of services by the behavioral health and wellness practitioner.

3. A supervisor shall be responsible for:

(a) The adequate supervision of the behavioral health and wellness practitioner;

(b) Maintenance of the care plan, case management, and clinical outcomes of each client and patient served by a behavioral health and wellness practitioner under his or her supervision;

(c) The full oversight of the behavioral health and wellness practitioner's work and access to all patient medical records;

(d) Obtaining a written agreement between the agency and supervisor, if the behavioral health and wellness practitioner is not employed by the supervisor and the supervisor is not employed by the agency at which the behavioral health and wellness practitioner practices. The agreement must specify the supervisor's access to the client or patient medical records necessary to provide supervision and the scope and nature of the supervisor's authority and responsibilities regarding oversight of the practice of the behavioral health and wellness practitioner.

(e) Reviewing and signing all clinical documentation, including, without limitation, reports, treatment plans, and progress notes, for all services provided by a behavioral health and wellness practitioner under his or her supervision, including, without limitation, those services for which he or she is seeking third-party reimbursement; and

(f) Ensuring the behavioral health and wellness practitioner practices within scope of practice, training, and competence.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a supervisor shall be available to a behavioral health and wellness practitioner whom he or she supervises while the behavioral health and wellness practitioner is providing services to a client or patient. A supervisor shall arrange and be responsible for the availability of another appropriate licensed medical or behavioral health provider to be available in the case of the absence of the supervisor. In the event of a supervisor's untimely or unexpected departure, a behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall not go more than 30 days without a board approved supervisor unless the board approves additional time.

5. A supervisor shall provide to the Board:

(a) Evidence of completion of approved behavioral health and wellness supervisor training;

b) Completion of a behavioral health and wellness supervision acknowledgement form

## **Sec. X. Supervision involving potential conflict of interest prohibited.**

1. A supervisor shall not supervise a behavioral health and wellbeing practitioner if that supervision involves a potential conflict of interest, including, without limitation, supervision of a behavioral health and wellbeing practitioner:

(a) Who is a member of the supervisor's household;

(b) Who is related to the supervisor by blood, adoption or marriage, within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity;

(c) With whom the supervisor has had or is having a dating relationship;

(d) With whom the supervisor has had a therapeutic relationship .

2. As used in this section, “dating relationship” means frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual involvement. The term does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary association between persons in a business or social context.

#### **Sec. X. Duties of supervisor regarding preparation and maintenance of records and notification of Board.**

1. A supervisor shall prepare records that will enable him or her to:

(a) Effectively monitor the demonstration of competent practice of each behavioral health and wellbeing practitioner whom he or she supervises; and

(b) Accurately document the number of hours of supervision provided to each behavioral health and wellness practitioner whom he or she supervises in alignment with minimum supervision requirements.

2. A supervisor shall maintain all records relating to the supervision of a behavioral health and wellbeing practitioner including, without limitation, the records required to be maintained for not less than 5 years after the last date of supervision. Upon request, such records must be available for inspection by the Board.

3. A supervisor shall notify the Board within 10 days after his or her supervision of a behavioral health and wellbeing practitioner is completed or terminated.

4. A supervisor shall notify the Board of any change in his or her residential address or business address within 30 days after the change.

#### **Sec. X. State examination of applicants for licensure as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner: Content; reexamination; fee; prohibited acts.**

1. The Board may administer a state examination to each applicant for a license as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner.

2. The state examination will consist of questions addressing the practice of behavioral health promotion and prevention, including, without limitation, any applicable federal and state laws, and the ethical and professional principles and standards relevant to the practice of behavioral health promotion and prevention in this State. At least 30 days before the state examination is administered, the Board will furnish a description of the content to be covered in the examination to each applicant.

3. An applicant who fails the state examination:

(a) Once or twice may retake the state examination.

(b) Three times may not retake the state examination unless the applicant requests permission and obtains approval from the Board to retake the state examination for a fourth time. The applicant must submit to the Board a written request to retake the state examination and a written plan explaining the steps the applicant will take to pass the state examination. The Board will approve the



request to retake the state examination if the Board determines that the written plan submitted by the applicant is likely to result in the applicant passing the state examination.

(c) Four or more times may not retake the state examination except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, and his or her application for licensure as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner is deemed denied. A person whose application is deemed denied pursuant to this paragraph may, not earlier than 12 months after the date on which he or she is notified by the Board that he or she failed that state examination for the immediately preceding time, request permission in writing from the Board to reapply for licensure and retake the state examination. The Board will, if good cause is shown, approve the request.

4. The fee for the state examination must be paid before the examination is administered. A fee must be paid each time the applicant takes the state examination.

5. An applicant shall not:

- (a) Remove any notes taken during the state examination;
- (b) Record the state examination by electronic or other means; or
- (c) Engage in any other conduct that results in the disclosure of the contents of the state examination.

6. In the absence of a state examination, the Board may approve an alternative process by which an applicant demonstrates competence to practice behavioral health promotion and prevention. Such process may include, without limitation:

- (a) Review of supervised practicum performance;
- (b) Competency-based portfolios;
- (c) Structured oral examination;
- (d) Supervisor attestations.

The Board shall adopt criteria governing any alternative process by regulation or policy.

## **Sec. X. Continuing education: Requirements for renewal of license as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner; courses and programs.**

1. To renew his or her license, a licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner must certify to the Board that during the 3 years immediately preceding the date he or she submits an application for renewal, the applicant has completed not less than 20 hours of continuing education that is approved by the Board. At least 2 hours must include instruction in ethics. At least 2 hours must include instruction in evidence-based behavioral health prevention and promotion knowledge or skills. At least 2 hours must include evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness. At least 6 hours must include cultural competency and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Not more than 10 hours may be obtained from an approved home study course.

2. A licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner may not receive continuing education credit for a workshop, seminar, class or course in which he or she is the instructor.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the continuing education required pursuant to this section may include, without limitation:

(a) A workshop, seminar, class or home study course in behavioral health promotion and prevention or a closely related discipline which maintains an attendance roster and which is:

(1) Conducted under the auspices of an accredited college or university offering undergraduate- or graduate-level instruction; or

(2) Certified or recognized by a state, regional, national or international accrediting agency, including, without limitation:

(I) The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy;

(II) The American Counseling Association;

(III) The American Medical Association;

(IV) The American Psychiatric Association;

(V) The American Psychological Association;

(VIII) The International Congress of Psychology; and

(IX) The National Association of Social Workers; or

(b) A workshop, seminar, class or home study course in behavioral health and wellness promotion or a closely related discipline which is approved by the Board.

4. Before a licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner may receive credit for any continuing education the Board requires he or she must submit information concerning the course to the Board for approval of the course, unless the Board has previously approved the course. The Board will make available at its office a list of courses and programs that are currently approved by the Board.

## **Sec. X. Scope of practice for licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner:**

### **1. General scope and conditions of practice.**

(a) A licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner (behavioral health and wellness practitioner) may engage in the practice of behavioral health promotion and prevention, as defined in NRS \*\*\*, only:

(1) Within the scope authorized by statute and this chapter;

(2) Under supervision by a provider of health care authorized pursuant to NRS \*\*\* ([SB165](#), Sec.18); and

(3) In accordance with all applicable ethical, legal, and professional standards.

(b) A behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall limit his or her practice and supervision to areas in which the practitioner has acquired competence



through education, training, supervised experience, and ongoing professional development.

(c) Except in an emergency in which the life or health of a person is in danger, a behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall not practice or offer to practice beyond the scope of his or her license or perform any professional service which the practitioner knows, or has reason to know, that he or she is not competent to perform.

(d) Services provided by a behavioral health and wellness practitioner must be delivered within a stepped-care framework, in which:

(1) The least intensive evidence-based service likely to be effective is provided initially; and

(2) Services are adjusted, escalated, or referred based on client response, risk, and supervision.

(e) A behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall emphasize functional improvement and wellness outcomes, including participation in health, education, employment, family, and community life, in addition to symptom reduction.

(f) A licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner who provides services via telehealth shall demonstrate competence in telehealth-specific practices, including privacy, informed consent, emergency protocols, and jurisdictional considerations.

## **2. Professional conduct and maintenance of competence.**

(a) A behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall:

(1) Practice under required supervision at all times;

(2) Use supervision and consultation appropriately to guide professional judgment and service delivery;

(3) Promptly consult with the supervisor when a client presents with increased risk; symptoms fail to improve; or clinical needs exceed the supervisee's training or authorized scope;

(4) Comply with supervisory directives related to client care and professional conduct;

(5) Comply with all confidentiality, informed consent, and mandatory reporting requirements;

(6) Maintain professional boundaries consistent with the standards of the supervising profession; and

(7) Accurately represent their credentials and supervised status to clients.

(b) A behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall not engage in conduct in the practice of behavioral health promotion and prevention that evidences or demonstrates impaired judgment, integrity, or professional responsibility.

(c) A behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall maintain competence in the areas in which he or she practices through:

(1) Continuing education;

- (2) Consultation or supervision; or
- (3) Other methods consistent with current standards of scientific and professional knowledge.

(d) A behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall use every reasonable effort to ensure that all services provided to clients are adequate in degree and scope and conform to generally accepted professional standards.

### **3. Use of new or emerging methods.**

(a) If a behavioral health and wellness practitioner acquires experience in a method, service, or technique for behavioral health promotion or prevention that is new to the practitioner or new to the profession, the practitioner shall:

- (1) Engage in continuing consultation with the supervising provider or other relevant qualified professionals;
- (2) Seek appropriate education and training in the method, service, or technique; and
- (3) Inform clients of the innovative nature of the method, including known risks, to allow for informed choice regarding services.

(b) A behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall not claim or use any secret or proprietary method, service, or technique that has not been disclosed to the Board.

(c) Except for approved research activities conducted in accordance with applicable law and ethical standards, a behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall not use any method, service, or technique for which there is no adequate basis in research or accepted professional practice.

**4. Authorized clinical activities.** A behavioral health and wellness practitioner may, under supervision:

- (a) Conduct standardized behavioral health screenings and structured biopsychosocial assessments appropriate to scope of practice;
- (b) Deliver evidence-based or evidence-informed, low-intensity behavioral health interventions consistent with approved protocols;
- (c) Provide psychoeducation, skills instruction, and facilitate structured group interventions that are educational and skills-based in nature and do not constitute psychotherapy;
- (d) Identify behavioral health risk and initiate safety protocols, including consultation and referral;
- (e) Monitor outcomes using validated tools and communicate results to the supervising provider to inform care, consultation, and escalation decisions;
- (f) Support care coordination and referral to other professionals or appropriate technical or administrative resources when referral is in the best interest of the client or upon client request; and
- (g) Provide services in person, via telehealth, or in group settings, consistent with supervision and Board-approved standards.

**5. Documentation and professional opinions.**

(a) Documentation by a behavioral health and wellness practitioner must:

- (1) Support medical necessity or justification for behavioral health promotion or prevention services;
- (2) Support continuity of care and quality assurance; and
- (3) Be consistent with the scope of practice, documentation standards, and clinical oversight requirements of the supervising professional and with applicable payer and regulatory requirements.

(b) A behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall not render a formal professional opinion regarding a person who is not a client unless the practitioner has had direct and substantial professional contact with the person or has conducted a formal assessment within the practitioner's authorized scope of practice.

**6. Prohibited activities.** A behavioral health and wellness practitioner shall not engage in any activity excluded from the definition of behavioral health promotion and prevention pursuant to NRS \*\*\* ([SB165 Section 11](#)), including, without limitation, diagnosis, psychotherapy, psychological, psychoeducational, or neuropsychological testing, or any activity reserved to another licensed profession

**Sec. X. Display of license by licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner; response to communications from Board and availability of records relating to inquiries and complaints; notification of change of address or telephone number; professional fees; supervision of certain persons.**

A licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner:

1. Shall be able to demonstrate evidence of their license.
2. Shall respond within 30 days after receiving communication from the Board and shall make available any relevant records with respect to an inquiry or complaint about his or her professional conduct.
3. Shall notify the Board in writing of a change of address or telephone number within 30 days after the change.
4. Shall not mislead or withhold from a client, prospective client or other person who will be responsible for payment of the services of the licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner information concerning the fee for professional services.
5. Shall not directly or indirectly offer, give, solicit, receive or agree to receive any fee or other consideration for the referral of a client.

**Sec. X. Professional and ethical compliance code for behavioral health and wellness practitioners: Adoption by reference; controlling provisions; revision.**

1. The Board hereby adopts by reference the **Ethical Standards for Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioners**, approved by the Board and in effect on Month,

Date, 2026, as the professional and ethical compliance code governing the conduct of licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioners.

2. The ethical standards adopted pursuant to subsection 1 are incorporated into this chapter **except to the extent that they conflict with the provisions of NRS 641 or NAC 641.200 to [this section], inclusive**, in which case the statutory and regulatory provisions of this chapter control.

3. A copy of the ethical standards adopted pursuant to subsection 1 is available at no cost on the website of the Board.

4. If the ethical standards adopted pursuant to subsection 1 are revised or updated, the Board shall review the revision to determine its suitability for this State.

(a) If the Board determines that a revision is not suitable, the Board shall, within 6 months after publication of the revision, hold a public hearing and provide notice to licensees.

(b) If, after the hearing, the Board does not approve the revision, the Board shall give notice within 30 days after the hearing that the revision is not adopted.

(c) If the Board does not give such notice, the revision becomes effective as part of the ethical standards adopted by reference.

5. Nothing in this section limits the authority of the Board to amend, replace, or repeal the ethical standards adopted pursuant to this section by regulation.

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
OFFICE OF NEVADA BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS STANDARDS  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**

To: Board of Psychological Examiners

From: Vikki Erickson, LCSW, Executive Director  
Sandy Lowery, LCSW, LCADC, Deputy Director

Date: February 25, 2026

**Re: Feedback on Proposed NAC Language for the Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner.**

Please see the attached comments and question on the language proposed for the NACs that will accompany the issuance of a license for a Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner (BHWP).

**Sec. X. "Low-intensity behavioral health interventions" defined.** "Low-intensity behavioral health interventions" means structured, time-limited, evidence-based strategies focused on prevention, symptom reduction or functional improvement that do not require independent diagnosis or psychotherapy.

- Would suggest that this be amended to state **"an independent medical and / or behavioral health diagnosis, use of psychometric testing, or provision of psychotherapy."** This would more clearly define the scope of practice for a BHWP.

**Sec. X. Issuance of license to behavioral health and wellness practitioner.**

1. The Board will issue a license as behavioral health and wellness practitioner to an applicant who:

(e) **Has not previously been denied licensure by the Board;**

- Would suggest that this be amended to state "has not previously been unable to qualify for licensure by an occupational board, or who has been denied licensure by an occupational board." Some Boards differentiate between being unable to meet the qualifications and meeting the qualifications but being denied. This would decrease the likelihood of seeking this license only because the applicant is unable to get licensed in their degreed field. One would hope that seeking this license is a primary desire, not a back up plan.

## Sec. X. Educational requirements for licensure as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner.

**5. Competency requirement.** An applicant must demonstrate that the education and supervised training completed by the applicant included formal evaluation of demonstrated competence in the following domains:

- Number of questions regarding this – (1) what would the “formal evaluation of competence” entail; (2) would the evaluation be standardized throughout the state; (3) who will develop the measure for this evaluation; (4) and how and when would the evaluation be administered. Most universities have nationally accredited programs that help to oversee content, etc. Then after graduation, most behavioral health providers must pass a national exam to demonstrate minimum competency in their field. There is no national accreditation for programs teaching behavioral health and wellness and there is no national exam available. This makes the competency evaluation the only measure of competency and it is therefore a critical piece.

**6. Supervised practicum requirement.** An applicant must demonstrate completion of a supervised practicum totaling not fewer than 700 clock hours, which must include:

(a) A minimum of 150 hours of direct client contact in behavioral health promotion, prevention, or intervention settings;

- This is a robust practicum, but we wonder why only 21% of their total hours are in direct practice in the field they will be practicing. Looking at field practicums in other behavioral health programs, the direct practice hours required are much higher. We realize that this is complicated by the fact that there are no national standards for this discipline. Would suggest that this number of hours be increased significantly.

**9. Documentation.** An applicant shall submit documentation sufficient for the Board to determine compliance with this section, which may include, without limitation:

- Official transcripts;
- Course descriptions or syllabi;
- Descriptions of supervised practicum experiences;
- Competency mapping demonstrating alignment between completed coursework and required domains; and
- Individual competency evaluations, attestations, or supervisor verifications.
  - May want to define the term “competency mapping.” See feedback above on Educational Requirements, #5 regarding competency evaluations.

## Sec. X. Qualifications of Supervisors

1. An individual who wishes to serve as a supervisor of a behavioral health and wellness practitioner must:

(b) Have successfully completed training in behavioral health and wellness practitioner supervision as approved by the Board.

- Will the Board be developing and publishing a list of “approved supervisors” and how will the Board keep track of how many interns any supervisor has. Because the Board is requiring attendance at a training before being approved, a list will be the clearest way for a BHWP to identify someone that can supervise them. It will also decrease the likelihood of practice under a non-Board approved person.

## Sec. X. Powers and duties of supervisor

3. A supervisor shall be responsible for:

(b) Maintenance of the care plan, case management, and clinical outcomes of each client and patient served by a behavioral health and wellness practitioner under his or her supervision;

- (e) Reviewing and signing all **clinical** documentation, including, without limitation, reports, <sup>Item 3</sup> treatment plans, and progress notes, for all services provided by a behavioral health and wellness practitioner under his or her supervision, including, without limitation, those services for which he or she is seeking third-party reimbursement;
- Would remove the word "clinical" since the BHWP does not have any scope that allows for clinical interventions.

## **Sec. X. State examination of applicants for licensure as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner:**

1. The Board may administer a **state examination** to each applicant for a license as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner.

- Several questions regarding this – (1) Who is writing this exam; and (2) How will the validity and reliability of the questions be determined? National exams inherently take care of many of these things so having to do this at the state level seems arduous.

3. An applicant who fails the state examination:

(a) Once or twice may retake the state examination.

(b) **Three times may not retake the state examination unless the applicant requests permission and obtains approval from the Board to retake the state examination for a fourth time.**

- Wording is confusing. The applicant can take the exam twice without seeking special Board approval. At three times the applicant must get approval. Sentence then finishes with "fourth time."

(c) **Four or more times may not retake the state examination** except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, and his or her application for licensure as a behavioral health and wellness practitioner is deemed **denied**.

- So, can they take it a fourth time, or is it denied if they fail the fourth time? Just confusing.

## **Sec. X. Scope of practice for licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner:**

### **1. General scope and conditions of practice.**

3 (d) Services provided by a behavioral health and wellness practitioner must be delivered within a **stepped-care framework**

- Might want to define what this is.

3 (f) A licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioner who provides services via telehealth **shall demonstrate competence in telehealth-specific practices**, including privacy, informed consent, emergency protocols, and jurisdictional considerations.

- How is the Board going to measure and track this? Required training before being issued a license?

### **4. Authorized **clinical** activities**

- Would remove the word "clinical" since the BHWP does not have any scope that allows for clinical interventions.





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**Re: Notice of Regulation Workshop and Draft Regulations - NV Senate Bill 165**

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**From** Christopher Kearney <chris.kearney@unlv.edu>

**Date** Wed 3/4/2026 10:03 AM

**To** NBOP ED <nbop@govmail.state.nv.us>; Michelle Paul <michelle.paul@unlv.edu>

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Hello -

I had several comments regarding the regulations:

- For Sec X, 2. Degree requirement, part (b), would recommend adding Children's Behavioral Health Psychology to the list as this degree program at UNLV will be one of the main producers of graduates eligible to become behavioral health and wellness practitioners.
- For Sec X, Supervision of licensed behavioral health and wellness practitioners, would recommend expanding the list of qualified supervisors given the paucity of such individuals in Nevada and given that Ballmer's requirement is only that the supervisor holds a Master's degree.
- In addition, in this section, limiting supervisors to 3 behavioral health and wellness practitioners is likely too restrictive given the numbers of graduates expected.
- For Sec X, State examination of applicants for licensure, concerns may be raised about the ethical practice of utilizing an examination that lacks reliability and validity.
- For Sec X, Continuing education, would recommend flipping the CE hours required with respect to evidence-based behavioral health prevention and promotion knowledge or skills (currently 2) and cultural competency and diversity, equity, and inclusion (currently 6). The central role of the practitioner will be the skills mentioned, with cultural issues more secondary. Would recommend 6 hours of the former and 2 hours of the latter instead.

Thank you.

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

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**January 23, 2026**

**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 Board President Lorraine Benuto, PhD, at 8:04 a.m. on January 23, 2026, 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, Secretary/Treasurer, Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, and members, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, PsyD, Stephanie Holland, PsyD, Robert Moering, PhD, and Catherine Pearson, PhD were present at roll call. There was a quorum of the Board members.

Also present were Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Harry Ward; Board Investigators Dr. Sheila Young and Dr. Whitney Owens; Board Consultant Dr. Gary Lenkeit; Executive Director, Sarah Restori, and Board Staff, Laura Arnold. Members of the public who were present were: Brian Lech, Donald Hoier, Dr. Jodi Thomas (UNR counseling services), Kelly Robertson, Lauren Wecker (NPA), Sabrina Petrel (Government Affairs), Tracy Basile, Kristi Walter, Becky Savio, and an unidentified Call-In User.

**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).

Deputy Attorney General requested that no public comment be made on pending complaints.

Written public comment was included in the meeting materials. Lauren Wecker from the Nevada Psychological Association asked to take the NPA agenda item out of order. There was otherwise no public comment.

**3. Minutes. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners' December 12, 2025, Meeting.**

*On motion by Catherine Pearson, second by Robert Moering, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on December 12, 2025. Robert Moering approved the minutes as to form, but not content. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 7-0.*

#### **4. 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).

Board Staff Laura Arnold presented the Board financials. As of December 31, 2025, the Board had just under a combined total of \$361,000 in checking and savings. As of January 20, 2026, the Board was at about 67% of its budgeted expenses, and a little over 91% of its budgeted income, most of which is from the deferred income allocated to the second and third 2025-26 biennium quarters (and the first and second half of FY26). Ms. Arnold highlighted a couple of revisions to the budget side of the financial report that she made, and provided some information about why a few budget items are currently more than had been budgeted – for instance, FY2025 billings from the AG's office provided in FY2026, a 40% increase in the AG's hourly billing about which the Board was informed in November 2025 would be retroactive to July 2025, the expense for the hearing officer in a recent disciplinary action being much higher than had been requested and estimated, and the substantial increase in the worker's compensation coverage that the State now requires it provide (rather than the Board being able to have private worker's compensation insurance).

The Board's bookkeeper, Michelle Fox, verified and validated the information provided in this Treasurer's report through December 2025.

*On motion by Monique Abarca, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved the Treasurer's Report with the noted budget revisions for Fiscal Year 2026. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 7-0.*

#### **5. Legislative/Regulation Update**

Board staff Laura Arnold stated that the Board continues to make its way through the regulatory changes that are required as a result of a few of the legislative changes and mandates from the 2025 Legislative session. She stated that the regulation revisions in R192-24 were approved by the Legislative Commission during its December 17, 2025, meeting, and are now in effect and available on the Board's website. With the approval

of the minutes from the December meeting, Ms. Arnold stated that she can now submit the regulation packet for R001-25 and R041-25 to the LCB, which will then go before the Legislative commission for final approval.

As for the legislation referenced in the table, Ms. Arnold noted that the BHWP Advisory Group continues its SB165 work, and the legislative changes to certain terminology in NRS Chapter 641 have been administratively incorporated and are in effect.

## **6. Report from the Nevada Psychological Association.**

Dr. Lauren Wecker announced the all-day NPA conference scheduled for May 8, 2026, for which Arthur Evans would be the speaker. Dr. Wecker invited all psychologists to attend. Dr. Wecker also announced a new CE bundle from the NPA for psychologists can get all of their continuing education requirements in one place, which would be 2 hours of suicide prevention, 6 hours of ethics, and 6 hours of cultural competency for one price.

## **7. Board Office Operations.**

Executive Director Sarah Restori provided an update on the Board's licensure, applicant, state exam, and registrant statistics for December 2025. She stated that in November and December 2025, the Board licensed 14 psychologists, received 16 applications for licensure, and administered 8 state examinations. She also stated that the Board has 751 licensees. And, for Psychological Assistants, Interns, and Trainees, there are 77 who are registered and provisionally licensed.

As another update, Ms. Restori stated that, per SB251, Psychological Assistants and Psychological Interns transferred from being registered to provisionally licensed effective January 1, 2026, and all Psychological Assistants, Psychological Interns, and their respective supervisors have been notified of the change in designation and have been provided update provisional licensure certificates. She also noted that all other administrative requirements for SB251 have been completed.

## **8. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Pending Consumer Complaints:**

### **A. Complaint #23-0918**

DAG Ward stated that the complaint alleged various claims of improper conduct. Respondent is represented by counsel, and a proposed disciplinary consent decree continues to be finalized with counsel for the respondent. Once finalized and signed, it will come before the Board for approval.

B. Complaint #24-0312(1)

DAG Ward stated that this is a complaint about certain representations the respondent made online. A cease and desist letter was sent, in response to which the respondent made revisions to their online information. A follow up cease and desist letter was forwarded to the respondent requesting that they remove additional language from all online presences, and the respondent complied with all requests. As a result, DAG Ward recommended and requested that this complaint be dismissed.

***On motion by Soseh Esmaeili, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #24-0312(1). (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 7-0.***

C. Complaints #24-0711

#24-0719

#24-0726

#24-0823

DAG Ward stated these are four complaints against same psychologist. The respondent, through counsel, responded to the complaints, all complaints were forwarded to appropriate federal agencies, and witness interviews and review of all of the evidence provided have taken place. For the federal agencies heard from, the information provided has not included any action that is being taken on their part regarding the complaints, or they have otherwise stated that they do not have jurisdiction.

After further review and analysis based upon the applicable laws and regulations and this Board's jurisdiction, DAG Ward requested the following action for each case, as follows:

- 24-0711. DAG Ward stated that Complaint #24-0711 is an anonymous complaint to the Board alleging a Psychologist's inappropriate relationships with subordinates in a professional context at the work place as well as improper conduct with individuals outside of the Psychologist's employment. The complaint also provided the names and contact information of those who could substantiate the allegations. Because the complaint is anonymous, the complainant is not identified or identifiable for purposes of being able to further validate the allegations and witness names provided. Nevertheless, in addition to forwarding the complaint to appropriate federal and/or state agencies and otherwise providing the complaint to other agencies that inquired about it – none of which have taken any action – the investigation of this complaint included witness interviews and the review of written witness statements and other evidence that was received. The information received through witness

interviews and statements, as well as other evidence received, however, was contrary to the allegations in the complaint and contrary to what the anonymous complainant stated would be substantiated. As a result, DAG Ward recommended and requested that Complaint #24-0711 be closed with the possibility of being reopened if evidence is received in the future that would substantiate allegations of conduct related to the respondent's professional practice that is within the Board's jurisdiction to address. DAG Ward also differentiated a request that a complaint be closed from a request that a complaint be dismissed – a closed complaint being one that will not continue to be on the agenda unless the Board receives additional evidence that supports the complaint and reopens the matter.

***On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Catherine Pearson, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved closing Complaint #24-0711. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 7-0.***

- 24-0719 – DAG Ward stated that Complaint #24-0719 alleges a Psychologist's mistreatment of individuals, which was based upon information the complainant, who is a psychologist and who knows of the respondent in a professional context, heard about from another individual who saw relevant online posts. The allegations in the complaint had also been reported to the respondent's employer and other agencies, which have not indicated that any action was taken by them or will be in the future. During an interview with the complainant, it was confirmed that the complainant did not have first-hand knowledge of the alleged conduct, but that it had been told to the complainant by another individual who saw the online posts. Moreover, based on the information provided, the conduct at issue appeared to concern personal relationships and did not appear to be professional conduct over which the Board would have jurisdiction. However, because the information came to the complainant in a professional context, DAG Ward recommended that this Complaint be closed at this time with the possibility of being reopened if evidence is received in the future that would substantiate allegations of improper conduct related to the respondent's professional practice over which the Board would have jurisdiction.

***On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Robert Moering, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved closing Complaint #24-0719. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 7-0.***

- 24-0726 – DAG Ward stated that Complaint #24-0726 alleges a Psychologist's misconduct in the context of a personal relationship with the Complainant. During the interview of the complainant, it was confirmed that the respondent's conduct that was the basis for the complaint was conduct that took place during a personal relationship between the complainant and the respondent, and not in the context of the respondent's professional practice. Because the Board does not have jurisdiction over conduct that occurs within personal relationships, DAG Ward recommended that Complaint #24-0726 be dismissed.

***On motion by Monique Abarca, second by Robert Moering, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #24-0726. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 7-0.***

- 24-0823 – DAG Ward stated that Complaint #24-0823 alleges a Psychologist's misconduct in the context of personal relationships the respondent had with individuals other than the Complainant. In reference to those individuals with whom the respondent had the personal relationships at issue, the complaint alleged substance abuse, the respondent exploiting their professional status in personal contexts, and unprofessional behavior toward a subordinate. While the complaint frames its allegations in reference to ethical and professional standards and conduct, the factual allegations concern personal relationships between the respondent and others besides the complainant, and the investigator's interview with the complainant confirmed that the conduct at issue did not occur in the context of the respondent's professional practice. Because the Board does not have jurisdiction over conduct that occurs within personal relationships, DAG Ward recommended that Complaint #24-0823 be dismissed.

***On motion by Robert Moering, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #24-0823. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 7-0.***

#### D. Complaint #24-0730

DAG Ward stated that this is a complaint for unlicensed practice, in response to which he sent and served several Cease and Dease letters. The respondent has not responded to any of them. As a result, the Board has submitted a formal complaint to the respondent's licensing board, and has filed a complaint for injunctive relief against the respondent in district court. Service of process of the Board's civil complaint against the respondent is pending.



#### E. Complaint #25-0110

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

#### F. Complaint #25-0410

DAG Ward stated 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 served on counsel for respondent. Counsel for respondent has formally answered the complaint and notice of hearing. Based on the respondent's desire to resolve this complaint and the investigator's recommendations, a proposed consent agreement will be drafted and forwarded to counsel for the respondent.

#### G. Complaint #25-0414

DAG Ward stated that this is an anonymous complaint regarding unethical conduct as it concerned an emotional support animal letter the respondent signed for non-domesticated predators being kept on an individual's property, which the complaint alleged put neighbors and others at risk. The respondent, through counsel, responded to the complaint, which was forwarded to the investigator for consideration in the investigation. While it was determined that the circumstances under which the respondent issued an emotional support animal letter for non-domesticated predators reflected very poor judgment by the respondent, the various guidance documents for the standard of care regarding emotional support animals widely varies, and there are no provisions in the Board's regulations or statutes that would support disciplinary action for this complaint. As a result, DAG Ward recommended that this complaint be dismissed.

Board member Dr. Robert Moering recused himself from voting on this matter.

***On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved dismissing Complaint #25-0414. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 6-0.***

#### H. Complaint #25-0715

DAG Ward stated that this is a complaint alleging negligence. The 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

forwarded to counsel for respondent. A response from counsel for respondent is pending.

I. Complaint #25-0721

DAG Ward stated 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 the complaint to the respondent for response, which has been received. The investigator has made recommendations for a stipulated consent agreement, which was sent to and received by counsel for respondent. Counsel has indicated that respondent will sign the agreement, and has been advised as to how to forward the signed draft to the AGs office. DAG Ward expects to have the signed agreement for the Board's next meeting.

J. Complaint #25-0812(2)

DAG Ward stated 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 forwarded to the respondents. The respondents are now represented by counsel, who will review the proposed agreement and follow up in the next few weeks. DAG Ward hopes to have an agreement to bring before the Board at the next meeting.

K. Complaint #25-0818(1)

DAG Ward stated 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 answers to follow up inquiries, the investigator is requesting additional information, which is expected to be provided via a subpoena that was provided and, after correspondence with counsel for the subpoena recipient, is being prepared to be served via out of state personal service.

L. Complaint #25-1117

DAG Ward stated that this complaint alleges unethical conduct against a psychologist. The respondent has provided a response to the complaint, which has been forwarded to the investigator for review and consideration.

M. Complaint #25-1125

DAG Ward stated that this is a complaint for unprofessional conduct and was forwarded to the respondent for a response. Respondent has acknowledged receipt of the complaint and has been granted an extension of time to the end of January to respond.

N. Complaint #25-1231

DAG Ward stated that this is a complaint regarding the failure to provide requested records. The respondent has provided a response to the complaint, and the matter is being further considered and investigated.



O. Complaint #26-0114

This is a complaint for unlicensed practice. The Complaint has been forwarded to the respondent with a request for a response within 30 days of the complaint notice. The response is not yet due.

**9. (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: **Heidi Bausch-Ryan, Chelsea Howe, Amanda de Armas, Holly Majszak, Olivia Rold, Alyssa Berlin, Elizabeth Buckley, Lisa Orbe-Austin, Thao Taylor, Marilyn McCune, Christie Stallard, Judith Sachs, and Alan Christensen.**

*On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Catherine Pearson, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the following applicants for licensure contingent upon completion of licensure requirements: Heidi Bausch-Ryan, Chelsea Howe, Amanda de Armas, Holly Majszak, Olivia Rold, Alyssa Berlin, Elizabeth Buckley, Lisa Orbe-Austin, Thao Taylor, Marilyn McCune, Christie Stallard, Judith Sachs, and Alan Christensen. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 7-0.*

- A. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Dr. Tracy Basile's Request to Extend her Registration as a Psychological Assistant for a Fourth Year.

Dr. Benuto stated that Dr. Tracy Basile submitted her request to extend her Psychological Assistant registration for a fourth year, and that her explanation in support of her request has been provided to the Board. Dr. Benuto sought questions or comments from the Board members.

Dr. Holland stated that she read Dr. Basile's letter of explanation and acknowledged the significant challenges she has faced, and inquired with Dr. Basile as to whether she's confident she will complete her hours. Dr. Basile stated that her hours are complete and that she just needs to take the EPPP. Dr. Basile also stated that she has been in her position for almost 2 years as a Psychological Assistant.

*On motion by Robert Moering, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved extending Dr. Tracy Basile's Psychological Assistant registration for a Fourth Year. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 7-0.*

B. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Consider Dr. Kristi Walter's Application for Re-licensure.

Dr. Benuto stated that Dr. Kristi Walter has applied to the Board to be re-licensed following a 2017 disciplinary action through which Dr. Walter surrendered her license. She explained that the resolution of that disciplinary action permitted Dr. Walter to re-apply for licensure in the future, but under a number of conditions. Dr. Benuto noted that the Board office has provided some historical information to the Board regarding the disciplinary action and included the conditions that Dr. Walter is required to satisfy for re-licensure, as well as additional conditions the Board is permitted to require.

Dr. Benuto noted that this item was before the Board during the last meeting and that, before it was further considered, the Board had requested that Dr. Walter provide an explanation of, among other things, what she has been doing since she surrendered her license in 2019. She said that, in addition to the other materials that have been made available, Dr. Walter provided that explanation, which was provided to the Board with Dr. Walter's application materials.

DAG Ward stated that there were three members of the Board that needed to recuse themselves due to them having been on the Board when the lawsuit against the Board was filed, so there would be only 4 Board members discussing and voting on this agenda item. Of those four members, it would have to be a unanimous decision either way.

Dr. Benuto noted that the Board had quorum with those four members. Board staff Laura Arnold noted that the members who have to recuse themselves should be identified for the record. Executive Director Sarah Restori stated that the members who need to recuse are Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, and Stephanie Holland.

Dr. Holland clarified that, because she has to recuse herself, it is not appropriate for her to participate in any conversation on this agenda item. DAG Ward confirmed that is

correct. Those who have to recuse themselves cannot participate in the discussion on this agenda item.

Dr. Benuto inquired about whether there are questions or discussion from the Board members who can participate in this agenda item. Dr. Moering noted that Dr. Walter indicated having completed 100 hours of continuing education, but that there was not any verification of that. Executive Director Sarah Restori confirmed that the Board does not have those CE verifications, but that could be a possible condition for re-licensure. Dr. Benuto clarified that it is not that she should have provided that information and did not because taking CE was not a requirement for re-licensure. She noted that Dr. Walter just included that information in her explanation, but the Board can make additional requirements for re-licensure. Dr. Moering stated that he would like to see verification of those CE hours completed because it has been some time since Dr. Walter has been licensed and the world of psychology has changed over those years. He wanted to ensure Dr. Walter is current on how the practice and governing laws have changed.

Dr. Pearson noted that the Voluntary Surrender Agreement had a couple of other requirements that were listed and were part of what Dr. Walter would need to complete in order to re-apply for licensure and asked if those had been satisfied yet. Ms. Restori stated that, for purposes of Dr. Walter's application, none of those conditions have yet been satisfied. Dr. Benuto went through the conditions and confirmed that Dr. Walter has submitted a new application for licensure, but has not yet satisfied the other conditions.

DAG Ward suggested that a very well crafted motion on the application for re-licensure can include the requirement that Dr. Walter comply with the stated and other required conditions for re-licensure.

Ms. Arnold referenced the information that she had prepared for the Board, both comprehensive historical information and a one-page summary that identifies both what is required for re-licensure and what the Board is permitted to additionally require, and also some recommendations by the Complaints team as to the second category of what the Board is permitted to require. Ms. Restori requested that the Board refer to the recommended additional conditions document that has been prepared for that purpose.

Dr. Benuto highlighted some of the additional recommendations that had been provided, and noted that the Board is neither limited nor committed to those.

Dr. Moering inquired about the recommendation that the required fitness for duty evaluation be a neuropsychological evaluation, and wondered the reason for a neuropsychological evaluation as opposed to just a psychological evaluation. DAG Ward thought that was one of the original issues prior to the voluntary surrender and the subsequent lawsuit, which is why it is in the recommendations. Ms. Arnold clarified that some of the members of the complaints team were on or involved with the Board at the time of disciplinary action and VSA and have historical knowledge.

Dr. Benuto thought it might be helpful to understand what the reasoning of the neuropsychological evaluation recommendation is. DAG Ward suggested that, because it is of a sensitive nature, the Board go into a closed session with Dr. Walter to make its inquiries the issues that are of a sensitive nature. Dr. Benuto noted that a required condition of re-licensure is that Dr. Walter undergo a fitness for duty evaluation by a licensed psychologist, but did not see a requirement that it be conducted by a neuropsychologist. Dr. Moering cited to provision of the VSA that required the comprehensive fitness for duty evaluation by a licensed psychologist approved by the Board. Dr. Pearson noted that the neuropsychologist provision is in the one page summary under the additional recommendations for re-licensure. Dr. Moering thought the recommendation for a neuropsychological evaluation came after the VSA, and has questions related to that, which might be of a sensitive nature.

Dr. Benuto suggested moving into closed session to hear from Dr. Walter on that issue.

Ms. Restori inquired as to whether the Board first wanted to consider the other recommendations that are more straight forward. DAG Ward stated that the Board can do 2 different motions – the base motion, then go into closed session for answers to inquiries, then come back out and deliberate and make a second motion on a different topic.

Dr. Benuto noted that a motion on the required conditions was not required, but that the Board needed to go into closed session to address the more sensitive items. DAG Ward recommended a formal motion to go into closed session, and when the Board members come out of closed session, there would be another motion regarding the re-licensure requirements. DAG Ward also clarified that the 3 non-voting members of the Board who had to recuse themselves be kept out of the closed session.

***On motion by Robert Moering, second by Catherine Pearson, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved moving into closed session regarding Dr. Walter's application for re-licensure. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 4-0.***

The Board, DAG Ward, and certain Board staff went into closed session with the members of the Board able to vote on this agenda item.

***On motion by Robert Moering, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved moving back into open session regarding Dr. Walter's application for re-licensure. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Soseh Esmaeili, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 5-0.***

The Board resumed open session.

Dr. Benuto stated that, based on the information provided during the closed session, she would provide language for a potential motion and open the discussion for deliberation. Dr. Benuto proposed that the motion be one to approve the application of Dr. Kristi Walter for re-licensure contingent on completing the requirements in the 2019 Voluntary Surrender Agreement, including:

- submitting a new licensure application, which she has done;
- meeting the requirements of NRS 641.170;
- completing and paying the cost of a comprehensive fitness for duty evaluation conducted by a licensed psychologist approved by the Board and including completing any recommendations made by that psychologist, such as completing a neuropsychological examination if that is part of any recommendations;
- take and pass all five topic areas of the EBAS Essay Examination;
- reimburse the Board for its investigative costs and attorney fees related to the prior complaint of \$5,438.55;
- provide proof of the 100 CEUs that Dr. Walter states that she has taken;
- that any license issued to Dr. Walter be on probation for 2 years and that her practice be supervised by a Board-approved licensed psychologist at Dr. Walter's expense during the probationary period; and
- that Dr. Walter be required to take and pass the Nevada jurisprudence examination.

*On motion by Robert Moering, second by Catherine Pearson, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved Dr. Kristi Walter's application for re-licensure contingent on satisfying the requirements stated in the 2019 Voluntary Surrender Agreement and the additional conditions required by the Board as outlined on the record by Dr. Benuto. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Soseh Esmaeili, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 4-0.*

**10. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Updates Regarding the Work of the 2025 SB165 Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner Advisory Group.**

Dr. Benuto inquired as to whether there was anyone there from the Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner Advisory Group. Executive Director Sarah Restori provided an update, stating that Dr. Michelle Paul, chair of the Advisory Group, submitted an update to the Board, which included stating that the Advisory Group would be having a day-long working meeting at the end of January focused on drafting regulations, and that she and Ms. Arnold would also be attending that meeting. Moreover, per Dr. Raines' request that the Board office provide a budget proposal in support of grant funding to assist the Board office, that proposal was submitted to Dr. Raines at the beginning of January.

**11. (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.**

Dr. Benuto noted that Ms. Arnold may have some updates and provided some additional information to the Board per the Board's request at the last meeting. She went on to state that, after hearing from Ms. Arnold, the Board would consider whether there was any appetite for this effort based upon there appearing not to be much appetite for it during the last meetings on this topic.

Ms. Arnold stated that this was an item that was included in the agenda for the Board's October and December meetings, for which she explained that the issue of whether criminal or other conduct that is not related to a licensee's professional practice could be a basis for discipline under the Board's statutes and regulations had come up in a recent complaint. Board counsel had advised that, unlike other Boards, this Board does not make criminal and/or other conduct not related to the profession a basis for disciplinary action. To that end, Ms. Arnold had provided the Board with links to other Boards' publicly-available regulations and statutes that address disciplinary action for general criminal and other conduct not related to those Boards' professions. During the October meeting, Board members indicated that they wanted to do a deeper dive into that information to further discuss during the December meeting.

When this discussion was revisited during the December meeting, the Board requested information on which Boards do not have criminal or other conduct not related to the profession as a basis for disciplinary action, in response to which Ms. Arnold said she would survey the Boards and provide that information. After the December meeting, Ms. Arnold reviewed publicly available information on that request and summarized it to the Board.

With information she provided to the Board, Ms. Arnold stated that the question before the Board is whether it wants to expand the basis for disciplinary action for criminal or other conduct that aligns with how other Boards provide for disciplinary action based on criminal and other conduct not specifically tied to the profession. She explained that it is a matter of gauging whether there is consensus for expanding the Board's bases for imposing discipline to include criminal conduct and/or other conduct not related to the practice of psychology, and if so, what does the Board want those regulatory revisions to look like based on the examples the Board has been given.

Dr. Holland clarified that the question before the Board right now is whether there is an appetite to move forward in developing some regulatory language, which Ms. Arnold confirmed. Ms. Arnold stated that, if there is an appetite for it, then she can work with Board counsel to develop language for the Board to consider. She highlighted the range of examples that have been provided to the Board based on other Boards' regulatory and/or statutory language. Dr. Holland appreciated the additional work and information that Ms. Arnold provided, and noted that Nevada is in the minority and would be in favor of moving forward and developing some language, minimally in broad-based verbiage. Dr. Moering agreed. Dr. Woodard stated that the information that the Board investigators provided was also helpful in supporting the Board's efforts to develop regulatory language for this topic.

Dr. Owens stated that the Board has the discretion to review criminal behavior for Board applicants. She explained that the Board does background checks and that, in 2021, the Board developed policy with a way to evaluate that criminal conduct prior to licensure that creates a fair review process. By the way those background checks are evaluated, only one or two applicants have come before the Board for consideration and conversation, and it has not prevented licensure. It has just allowed the Board the opportunity for evaluation for fitness and licensure, and the Board has an opportunity with this to create enough broad language in regulation, but then more specifics in policy to evaluate criminal conduct and not be overly punitive or discriminatory. Instead, creating pathways for those with criminal conduct to ensure they are working with the Board, hopefully for the purpose of rehabilitation and keeping their license. It



would be intended to provide a mechanism for if there is someone who is a potential threat to the public.

Dr. Benuto said that there appears to be consensus on the Board to move forward with drafting regulatory language for disciplinary action for criminal and other conduct not related to the practice of psychology and to impose a reporting requirement. She asked for a motion to approve that, and stated the Board can then go from there.

*On motion by Robert Moering, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners approved moving forward with developing regulatory language regarding criminal and other conduct not related to the profession as a basis for disciplinary action. (Yea: Lorraine Benuto, Stephanie Woodard, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Robert Moering, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 7-0.*

**12. (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.**

Dr. Benuto stated that the next regular meeting of the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners will be Friday, March 6, 2026, beginning at 8:00 a.m. There were no conflicts with that date.

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

Dr. Benuto thanked the Board for their time and for being so engaged in and preparing for the meeting. She also reminded the Board that they can make requests for future Board agenda items.

DAG Ward reminded that any such requests should be emailed to the Board office without CC'ing other board members so that there are not any open meeting law violations.

Ms. Arnold stated as a reminder that the agenda item regarding criminal and other conduct not related to the practice of psychology as a basis for disciplinary action would be on the next Board agenda with some proposed language and information for the Board to consider.

There were no requests for future Board Meeting agenda items.

**14. 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.

### **15. (For Possible Action) Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, President Dr. Benuto adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

**Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners  
Board Meeting Staff Report**

**DATE:** March 6, 2026

**ITEM:**

- 5 - (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Final Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026).

**SUMMARY:**

As of February 28, 2026, the Board had a combined total of just over \$304,000 in checking and savings. With the distributions being made for the third biennium quarter, the Board is currently at about 76% of its budgeted expenses and a little over 93% of its budgeted income, most of which is from the deferred income allocated to this second and third 2025-26 biennium quarters.

### NV State Board of Psychological Examiners Budget to Actual - Fiscal Year 2026

2/28/26

		FY26 Budgeted Amount	FY26 Actual	% actual to budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Cash (Checking) as of 7/1/2025		64,395.70	64,395.70	
<b>Deferred Revenue</b>				
2600	Renewals - 7/1/24 and 1/1/25	<b>202,646.74</b>	<b>202,646.74</b>	100.00%
2600	Late Renewals - 1Q 25-26	<b>17,990.30</b>	<b>17,990.30</b>	100.00%
40201 40281-3 40203	New Licensure, Registrations, Reinstatements	<b>31,500.00</b>	<b>29,818.62</b>	94.66%
Total Deferred Income		<b>252,137.04</b>	<b>250,455.66</b>	99.33%
	Deferred PP fees	800.00	722.50	90.31%
	<b>Total NET Deferred Income</b>	<b>251,337.04</b>	<b>249,733.16</b>	
<b>Regular Revenue</b>	25-26 Biennium Q4 New Licensure and Registrations			

	<b>Applications</b>			
40100	Psychologist Application	20,000.00	10,932.10	54.66%
40101	PA Application	3,750.00	2,100.90	56.02%
40102	Intern Application	1,150.00	623.60	54.23%
40103	Trainee Application	3,250.00	1,085.40	33.40%
4010	Reinstatement/Reactivation	200.00		0.00%
4015	Psychologist State Exam	17,500.00	11,101.00	63.43%
4030	Non-Resident Consultant	1,000.00	400.00	40.00%
4040	CE App Fee	1,050.00	700.69	66.73%
	<b>Other</b>			
4025/4050	Late and License Restoration Fees	250.00		0.00%
40251/40252	New and Duplicate License	2,750.00	1,367.81	49.74%
4045	Verification of Licensure	650.00	264.90	40.75%
4075/4078	Cost/Fines Recovered (Disciplinary)	3,200.00	3,242.00	101.31%
4999	Interest, Misc	20.00	16.07	80.35%
<b>Total Regular Revenue</b>		<b>54,770.00</b>	<b>31,834.47</b>	<b>58.12%</b>
<b>Total Revenue + Cash</b>		<b>\$370,502.74</b>	<b>\$345,963.33</b>	<b>93.38%</b>

<b>Payroll Expenses</b>		<b>FY25 Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>FY25 Actual</b>	<b>% actual to budget</b>
5100	Board Salary/Per Diem	4,500.00	2,250.00	50.00%
2700	Executive Director (net)	56,350.00	38,934.26	69.09%
2700	Administrative Director (net)	25,000.00	24,858.19	99.43%
2700	Board Staff (Flex/full time)	25,000.00	8,891.52	35.57%

2700	Staff Salary (Part-Time)	2,500.00	1,821.02	137.29%
9110	Staff Benefits	30,000.00	20,215.78	67.39%
2700	Investigator/Consultant Salary	18,500.00	17,370.34	93.89%
5250	Workers Compensation	1,500.00	3,480.26	232.02%
2108/5300	PERS	55,000.00	41,938.00	76.25%
2100	Federal Payroll Taxes	30,000.00	18,447.11	61.49%
9100	Other Payroll Expenses	1,050.00	688.00	65.52%
	<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>249,400.00</b>	<b>178,894.48</b>	<b>71.73%</b>

Operating Expenses		FY25 Budgeted Amount	FY25 Actual	% actual to budget
6100	Out of State	2,200.00	2,159.03	98.14%
6200	In-State Travel	365.00	362.70	99.37%
7015	Office Supplies/furniture	600.00	320.38	53.40%
	Office expenses:			
7040	- Print-Copy	50.00	35.01	70.02%
7050	- Rent	20,000.00	12,759.70	63.80%
7100	- Postage	150.00	80.75	53.83%
7210	- DoIt Web SV	1,000.00	742.44	74.24%
7290/72902 7200	- Telephone/Internet & Utilities	1,500.00	921.36	61.42%
7500	- Copy Lease	1,500.00	924.55	61.64%
7020	- Water/Misc	1,050.00	858.93	81.80%
7770/7777	Software & Database	4,500.00	2,470.06	54.89%
8000/8010	Legal & Professional Fees	47,500.00	47,305.51	99.59%
8015	Tort Claim	1,510.00	1,507.00	99.80%
8050/8055	Professional Services (Auditor, Bookkeeper, Lobbyist)	20,000.00	18,228.50	91.14%

8250	Dues & Reg (ASPPB, Conf, Continuing Ed)	6,500.00	5,334.00	82.06%
8520	Admin Services (LCB)	1,000.00	750.00	75.00%
9001/9002	Banking Fees	40.00	26.00	65.00%
	PayPal Fees (against regular revenue)	1,500.00	1,036.99	69.13%
90100	Miscellaneous Expense	0.00		
	Uncategorized Expense	0.00		
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$110,965.00</b>	<b>\$95,822.91</b>	<b>86.35%</b>
<b>Total Expenses + Payroll</b>		<b>\$360,365.00</b>	<b>\$274,717.39</b>	<b>76.23%</b>
<b>Total Income + Cash</b>		<b>\$ 370,502.74</b>	<b>\$345,963.33</b>	<b>93.38%</b>
<b>Final Balance</b>		<b>\$10,137.74</b>	<b>\$71,245.94</b>	

## Statement of Financial Position

## NV State Board of Psychological Examiners

As of February 28, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1100 Cash in Bank	199,094.15
3309 Savings	105,149.00
<b>Total for Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$304,243.15</b>
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable	3,837.71
<b>Total for Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$3,837.71</b>
Other Current Assets	
12000 Undeposited Funds	0.00
Uncategorized Asset	0.00
<b>Total for Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>\$308,080.86</b>
Other Assets	
1300 Deferred outflows of resources	0.00
<b>Total for Other Assets</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>\$308,080.86</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
1106 Accounts Payable	2,551.38
<b>Total for Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$2,551.38</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 Federal Income Withholding	34,884.05
2100 Payroll Liabilities	\$4,337.10
2107 Federal Taxes (941/944)	-76.15
2108 PERS	31,342.04
Health Insurance	2,935.22
NV Unemployment Tax	0.00

## Statement of Financial Position

## NV State Board of Psychological Examiners

As of February 28, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Total for 2100 Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>\$38,538.21</b>
2101 Federal FICA Withholding	0.00
2102 Federal Medicare Withhold	0.00
2105 Employment Security	0.00
2110 Direct Deposit Liabilities	0.00
2200 Unearned Revenue	0.00
2300 Liability	0.00
2302 Accrued PTO	13,013.73
2450 Deferred inflow-pension	0.00
2455 Net pension liability	0.00
2600 Deferred Revenue	141,773.24
2700 Direct Deposit Payable	0.00
<b>Total for Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$228,209.23</b>
<b>Total for Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$230,760.61</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	<b>\$230,760.61</b>
Equity	
3000 Opening Bal Equity	-60.41
3900 2550 Fund Balance	137,997.56
Net Income	-60,616.90
<b>Total for Equity</b>	<b>\$77,320.25</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$308,080.86</b>



## Statement of Activity

## NV State Board of Psychological Examiners

July 1, 2025-February 28, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
4010 Psychologist Application	
40100 Psychologist Application	10,932.10
40101 PA Application	2,100.90
40102 Intern Application	623.60
40103 Trainee Application	1,085.40
<b>Total for 4010 Psychologist Application</b>	<b>\$14,742.00</b>
4015 Psychologist State Exam	11,101.00
4020 Psych Biennial	\$217,614.07
40201 Prorated Psych Biennial	20,546.21
<b>Total for 4020 Psych Biennial</b>	<b>\$238,160.28</b>
4025 Psychologist Licensing Fee	
40251 New License	1,150.00
40252 Change/Duplicate/Reinstatement	217.81
<b>Total for 4025 Psychologist Licensing Fee</b>	<b>\$1,367.81</b>
4028 Registration Fee	
40281 Psych Asst fee	2,794.50
40282 Psych Intern Fee	155.25
40283 Psych Trainee	164.70
<b>Total for 4028 Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$3,114.45</b>
4030 Non-Resident Consultant	400.00
4040 CE App Fee	700.69
4045 Verification of Licensure	264.90
4075 Restitution of Legal Costs	2,242.00
4078 Legal Fines recovered	1,000.00
4999 Interest	16.07
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$273,109.20</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$273,109.20</b>
Expenses	
2106 Posting error	-1,370.59
307910 7210 Dolt Web SVb	742.44
5100 Board Sal	2,250.00
5175 Board Staf	
51753 Investigator Salary	14,200.00
<b>Total for 5175 Board Staf</b>	<b>\$14,200.00</b>
5250 Workers Compensation	3,480.26
5300 PERS	28,706.86

## Statement of Activity

## NV State Board of Psychological Examiners

July 1, 2025-February 28, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
6100 Out of State Travel	-\$900.75
6101 Meals	132.26
6102 Lodging	2,119.62
6105 Auto-Public Carrier	131.05
6106 Air Tvl	676.85
<b>Total for 6100 Out of State Travel</b>	<b>\$2,159.03</b>
6200 In State Travel	\$102.29
6201 Meals	260.41
<b>Total for 6200 In State Travel</b>	<b>\$362.70</b>
7015 Supplies	320.38
7020 Office Expense	\$858.93
7040 Print-Copy	35.01
7050 Rent	12,759.70
85100 Shredding	89.00
<b>Total for 7020 Office Expense</b>	<b>\$13,742.64</b>
7100 Postage	80.75
7200 Utilities	\$408.64
7290 Telephone	
72902 Internet	512.72
<b>Total for 7290 Telephone</b>	<b>\$512.72</b>
<b>Total for 7200 Utilities</b>	<b>\$921.36</b>
7500 Copy Lease	924.55
7770 Software	2,470.06
8000 Legal & Professional Fees	\$18,566.05
8010 Legal	28,739.46
8015 Tort Claim	1,507.00
<b>Total for 8000 Legal &amp; Professional Fees</b>	<b>\$48,812.51</b>
8050 Prof Servs	18,228.50
8250 Dues & Reg	\$2,947.00
8255 Membership	2,387.00
<b>Total for 8250 Dues &amp; Reg</b>	<b>\$5,334.00</b>
8500 Admin Serv	
8520 LCB	750.00
<b>Total for 8500 Admin Serv</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
9001 Banking Fees	
9002 Bank Crgs	26.00
<b>Total for 9001 Banking Fees</b>	<b>\$26.00</b>

**Statement of Activity**  
**NV State Board of Psychological Examiners**  
 July 1, 2025-February 28, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
9100 Payroll Expenses	\$2,509.02
9110 Company Contributions	\$83.86
Health Insurance	20,215.78
Retirement	20,265.93
<b>Total for 9110 Company Contributions</b>	<b>\$40,565.57</b>
9130 Wages	109,528.85
Taxes	
9111 Federal Taxes (941/944)	24,643.05
NV Unemployment Tax	0.00
<b>Total for Taxes</b>	<b>\$24,643.05</b>
<b>Total for 9100 Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$177,246.49</b>
9135 PTO Expense	6,135.85
PayPal Fees	1,642.51
Reimbursements	6,559.80
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$333,726.10</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$60,616.90</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$60,616.90</b>

## Regulation Revisions Table

<b><u>Legislative File No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
R001-25	Continuing Education Regulation	Approved by the Board during the December 12, 2025, meeting, submitted to the LCB in January 2026, and approved by the Legislative Commission during its February 26, 2026, meeting. Once the approved copy is received from the Secretary of State, the revised regulations will be made available on the Board's website.
R041-25	Regulation revisions per SB251 and AB196	

## 2025 Legislative Session

<b><u>Bill No</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
<a href="#">SB165</a>	Revises NRS Chapter 641 (Psychologists) to provide for the licensure, regulation, investigation, and discipline of Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioners	BHWP Advisory Group has been meeting and working toward satisfying the Board's charge. The Group has drafted proposed regulations scheduled for a workshop during the March 6, 2026, Board meeting.

		7/25	8/25	9/25	10/25	11/25	12/25	1/26	2/26	3/26	4/26	5/26	6/26	FY25 Totals
<b>Psychologists</b>	Licenses Issued	4	7	5	9	8	6	4	4					47
	Applications Received	6	7	9	8	5	11	10	6					62
<b>Psychological Assistants</b>	Provisional Licenses Issued	1	1	5	2	3	2	2	1					17
	Applications Received	4	1	1	2	0	2	0	2					12
<b>Psychological Interns</b>	Provisional Licenses Issued	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0					4
	Applications Received	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2					4
<b>Psychological Trainees</b>	Registrations Issued	4	11	1	1	0	0	2	0					19
	Applications Received	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0					4
<b>Non-Resident Consultants</b>	Registrations Issued	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0					4
<b>Background Checks</b>	Reviewed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
<b>Continuing Education</b>	Applications Reviewed	3	2	2	3	1	2	6	2					21
<b>State Exams</b>	Administered	8	9	11	9	3	5	7	3					55
<b>Complaints</b>	Received	6	3	5	1	2	1	3	3					24
<b>Totals</b>		40	43	41	35	23	31	37	23	0	0	0	0	273

### Current Active Licensees - 2025-26 biennium: 758

#### Current Applications, Provisional Licenses, and Registrations:

	App	PL/Reg
Psychologists	149	
Psychological Assistants	9	33
Psychological Interns	7	7
Psychological Trainees	7	39

## Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners

### Pending Complaints

March 6, 2026

Case No.	Current Status
23-0918	This complaint made various claims of improper conduct. The Respondent is represented by counsel, and a proposed disciplinary consent decree continues to be discussed and finalized with counsel for the respondent. Once finalized and signed, it will come before the Board for approval. If an agreement is not reached, Board counsel will prepare and serve a complaint and notice of hearing.
24-0730	This is a complaint for unlicensed practice, in response to which Board counsel served several Cease and Dease letters on the respondent. The respondent has not responded to any of them. As a result, the Board has submitted a formal complaint to the respondent's licensing board, and has filed a complaint for injunctive relief against the respondent in district court. Service of process of the Board's civil complaint against the respondent has been effected and proof of service has been filed with the Court. Should the respondent not file a timely answer to the complaint, Board counsel will file a notice of default and pursue a default judgment.
25-0110	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, Board counsel has prepared a draft consent decree to forward to respondent. Service of the agreement on the respondent is pending.
25-0410	This is a complaint for ethical violations. The complaint was forwarded to the respondent for response, which has been received. The Board investigator assigned to the complaint 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 served on counsel for respondent. Counsel for respondent has formally answered the complaint and notice of hearing. Based on the respondent's desire to resolve this complaint and the investigator's recommendations, a proposed consent agreement has been drafted and will be forwarded to counsel for the respondent.
25-0715	This is a complaint alleging negligence. The respondent has submitted an answer to the complaint and relevant records, which were forwarded to the Board investigator assigned to the complaint for review and consideration. The investigator has made a recommendation for a stipulated consent agreement, which has been drafted and forwarded to respondent's counsel, who stated they will be reviewing it with their client.
25-0721	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 the complaint to the respondent for response, which has been received. The investigator has made recommendations for a stipulated consent agreement, which was sent to and the terms accepted by the respondent. <b>The signed agreement will be before the Board for approval during its March 6, 2026, meeting.</b>

25-0812(2)	This complaint alleges negligence related to an assessment. It was forwarded to the respondents, who provided a response. The Board investigator has made recommendations for a stipulated consent decree, which was drafted and forwarded to the respondents. The respondents are now represented by counsel, who has reviewed and responded to the proposed agreements. The investigator has reviewed counsel's response to the agreements and provided a response to forward to counsel for the respondents that includes requests for additional information.
25-0818(1)	This is a complaint that concerns charges for services not provided, and a response to the complaint has been received. Based on the respondent's answers to follow up inquiries, the Board investigator assigned to this complaint requested additional information, which was requested via a properly-served subpoena duces tecum. A response to the subpoena is pending.
25-1117	This complaint alleges unethical conduct against a psychologist, and the respondent has provided a response to the complaint. The Board investigator assigned to this complaint has requested additional information and documentation from respondent, which has been received and forwarded to the investigator for further review and consideration.
25-1125	This is a complaint for unprofessional conduct, to which the respondent has provided a response. Based upon the complaint and the response, the Board investigator assigned to this complaint recommends that the complaint be dismissed. <b>Board counsel will request dismissal of the complaint during the Board's March 6, 2026, meeting.</b>
25-1231	This is a complaint regarding the failure to provide requested records. The respondent has provided a response to the complaint, and the matter continues to be further considered and investigated.
26-0114	This is a complaint for unlicensed practice. Counsel for the respondent has provided a response to the complaint. Based on the information in the complaint and the response, Board counsel will prepare and serve on the respondent a complaint and notice of hearing.
26-0120(1)	This is a complaint alleging unlicensed practice. A proposed cease and desist has been drafted and forwarded to DAG to be served on the respondent.
26-0120(2)	This is a complaint regarding an evaluation that was part of a court proceeding. The Board office requested that the complainant provide the additional information from the court proceeding and that the respondent respond to the complaint. Responses to those requests are pending.
26-0202	This is a complaint for misrepresentation and improper conduct as it relates to a podcast. Counsel for respondent has requested a response deadline extension, which Board counsel approved.
26-0213	This is a complaint regarding alleged improper therapeutic process of a minor child. The Complaint has been forwarded to the respondent, who has confirmed receipt of the complaint and acknowledged the deadline in which to respond.
26-0302	This complaint alleges misrepresentation of credentials and unlicensed practice. The complaint has been forwarded to the respondent, who has confirmed receipt of the complaint and that a response will be forthcoming.

BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF  
PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS,

Petitioner,

vs.

MARY ANGELA PULIDO-BANNER,  
License No. PY0951

Respondent.

Case No. 25-0721

**STIPULATED CONSENT  
AGREEMENT**

**PARTIES**

This Stipulated Consent Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by Petitioner STATE OF NEVADA, BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS (“Board”), by and through its counsel, AARON D. FORD, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and HARRY B. WARD, Deputy Attorney General, and Respondent MARY ANGELA PULIDO-BANNER, License No. 0951, (“Respondent”). At the relevant times mentioned in this Agreement, Respondent was licensed as a psychologist by the Board under License No. PY0951 and is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and the provisions of NRS Chapter 641 and NAC Chapter 641.

**ALLEGED FACTS**

1. Respondent is, and at all relevant times mentioned in this Agreement, licensed as a psychologist with the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners, currently holding license number PY0951, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and the provisions of NRS Chapter 641 and NAC Chapter 641.

2. Beginning in or about February 2025, after Respondent terminated the therapeutic relationship with a client, Respondent engaged in post-termination contact with the former client.



1           3.     The Respondent's post-termination relationship with the former client  
2 continued until July 2025, which was during the time that the client was receiving therapy  
3 from the Complainant, and which resulted in a contentious interaction between the  
4 Complainant and client based on an attempt to involve both Complainant and Respondent  
5 in a meeting without notice or consent.

6           4.     It is alleged that the Respondent's post-termination contact with the former  
7 client resulted in a series of boundary violations post-termination and in the client feeling  
8 harmed by the ongoing relationship.

### 9                           RESPONDENTS' REPLY TO ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

10           Without conceding any of the allegations contained herein, the Respondent  
11 submitted a response to the Board's August 7, 2025, notice of the complaint. In the  
12 response, the Respondent:

13           1.     Provided accounts regarding the Respondent's involvement with the client  
14 post-termination and stating that the Respondent intended a mentoring relationship in  
15 reference to the client's education and employment.

16           2.     Admitted that, after consulting with the Respondent's malpractice insurance  
17 and colleagues, it became clear that the post-termination relationship with the former  
18 client was problematic.

19           3.     Acknowledged a contentious interaction between the client and Complainant  
20 during a July 2025 therapy session in which there was an attempt to involve both  
21 Complainant and the Respondent, and thereafter concluded that the intended mentoring  
22 relationship had become too emotionally enmeshed to be beneficial to the Respondent's  
23 former client.

24           It is agreed that this Agreement is for the sole purpose of resolving the allegations  
25 brought against the Respondent, that no admission of wrongdoing is intended by entering  
26 into this Agreement, and this Agreement shall not be admissible in any current or  
27 subsequent civil action against the Respondent. Additionally, this Agreement does not  
28 constitute disciplinary action against the Respondent pursuant to NRS Chapter 641.

1 Respondent understands that this Agreement is not a private reprimand; will be  
2 presented to the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners for approval during an open  
3 meeting; is a public document; and that the public records law may require the Board to  
4 make available for inspection this Agreement and related documents.

5 **PROPOSED STIPULATED CONSENT AGREEMENT**

6 1. In the interests of resolving this matter, Respondent voluntarily agrees to and  
7 enters into this Agreement.

8 2. Respondent agrees to the following:

9 a. To reimburse the Board for investigation costs and costs to prosecute the  
10 matter in an amount of Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750) Dollars and agrees to pay this amount  
11 within six (6) months from the date of the Board's approval of this Agreement.

12 b. To take three (3) hours of Continuing Education in managing boundaries  
13 with clients within nine (9) months of the approval of this Agreement by the Board. The  
14 three (3) hours of Continuing Education are in addition to the Continuing Education hours  
15 required for licensure renewal and must be approved by the Board's Investigator in this  
16 matter.

17 c. Upon good cause shown and a request to the Board from Respondent, the  
18 Board may extend the time for completion of this requirement.

19 3. The Board may institute collection and recovery actions against Respondent,  
20 if Respondent fails to pay the costs assessed above within the time given for payment.

21 4. Respondent and the Board agree that by entering into this Agreement, the  
22 Board does not concede any defense or mitigation Respondent may have asserted herein,  
23 and that once this Agreement is approved and fully performed, the Board will close its file  
24 in this matter.

25 5. Respondent agrees and understands that if the costs assessed above are not  
26 paid within the time allowed, or if any requirements specified above are not timely  
27 completed and there has been no extension granted by the Board, the Board may, at its  
28 option, rescind this Agreement and proceed with conducting a formal hearing on this



1 matter before the Board. Further, recovery actions for the assessed cost reimbursement  
2 for the Board's costs may be instituted by the Board.

3 6. Respondent agrees and understands that by entering into this Agreement,  
4 Respondent is waiving his/her right to a hearing at which Respondent may present  
5 evidence in his/her defense and to be represented by counsel, to judicial review of any  
6 adverse decision by the Board, and to present a defense to the Board which has had no  
7 prior familiarity with the instant matter. The Board members who review this matter for  
8 approval of this Agreement may be the same members who ultimately hear the Board  
9 Staff's Complaint if this Agreement is either not approved by the Board or is not timely  
10 performed by Respondent.

#### 11 STIPULATION IS NOT EVIDENCE

12 Neither this Agreement nor any statements made concerning this Agreement may  
13 be discussed or introduced into evidence at the hearing of the Complaint, if the Board Staff  
14 must ultimately put on a case based on the Complaint filed in this matter.

#### 15 APPROVAL OF STIPULATED CONSENT DECREE

16 Once executed, this Agreement will be filed with the Board and will be put on the  
17 agenda for approval at its next Board meeting, which by Nevada law is a public meeting.  
18 Respondent and/or their representative(s) may attend the meeting in either location or via  
19 remote platform.

20 This Agreement is one of several matters scheduled at the same time as part of a  
21 regular meeting of the Board. When this matter is called, the counsel for the Board will  
22 recommend approval of this Agreement by the Board. Respondent acknowledges and  
23 agrees that the Board may approve this Agreement, reject it, or suggest different terms  
24 that must be communicated to Respondent and accepted or rejected by Respondent before  
25 any such amendment shall become effective.

#### 26 WITHDRAWAL OF AGREEMENT

27 If the Board rejects this Agreement or suggests terms unacceptable to Respondent,  
28 Respondent may withdraw from this Agreement and Board Staff may pursue this matter

1 by filing a Complaint and Notice of Hearing before the Board.

2 **RELEASE**

3 In consideration of execution of this Agreement, Respondent, for himself/herself,  
4 his/her heirs or successors, executors, administrators, and assigns, hereby release, remise,  
5 and forever discharge the State of Nevada, Board of Psychological Examiners, and each of  
6 its members, agents, and employees in their individual and representative capacities, from  
7 any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims,  
8 and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that the Respondent ever  
9 had, now has, may have, or claim to have against any or all of the persons or entities named  
10 in this section, arising out of or by reason of the Board Staff's investigation, this non-  
11 disciplinary action, and all other matters relating thereto.

12 **INDEMNIFICATION**

13 Respondent hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the State of Nevada, Board of  
14 Psychological Examiners and each of its members, agents, and employees in their  
15 individual and representative capacities against any and all claims, suits, and actions  
16 brought against said persons and/or entities by reason of the Board Staff's investigation,  
17 this non-disciplinary action and all other matters relating thereto. Respondent hereby  
18 agrees to indemnify the State of Nevada, Board of Psychological Examiners any and all  
19 expenses, damages, and costs, including court costs and attorney fees, which may be  
20 sustained by the persons and/or entities named in this section as a result of said claims,  
21 suits, and actions.

22 **IT IS SO STIPULATED:**

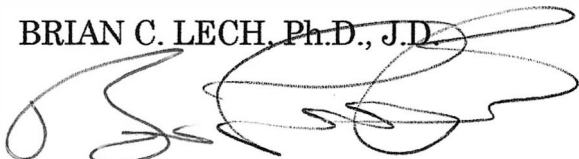
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Dated: 1/31/26

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STATE OF NEVADA,  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL  
EXAMINERS

Dated: 2-2-26

By:   
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SARAH J. RESTORI  
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## Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners Board Meeting Staff Report

**DATE:** March 6, 2026

**ITEM:**

- 12 - (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Proposed Regulatory Language that Provides for Criminal and Other Conduct not related to the Practice of Psychology as a Basis for Disciplinary Action and the Duty of Licensees to Report Such Conduct for the Purpose of Scheduling a Regulation Workshop.

**SUMMARY:**

During its January 23, 2026, meeting, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners (NBOPE) took action to approve moving forward with developing regulatory language that would allow disciplinary action based upon criminal and other conduct not directly related to the practice of Psychology. To that end, there were Board members who indicated that the language should be minimally in broad-based language based upon some of the examples from other licensing boards that had been provided to the Board for its consideration. The Board also indicated a preference for reporting only adjudicated administrative, civil, and/or criminal matters (as opposed to the requirement that they report both unadjudicated claims or charges and adjudicated matters).

Board staff has prepared proposed regulatory language based on the Board's preferences and examples from other licensing Boards that align with those preferences for the Board's consideration during the March 6, 2026, meeting, as follows:

- Revision to NAC 641.245(1) to include additional prohibited conduct:
  1. A psychologist shall not:
    - (a) violate any law or regulation which governs the practice of psychology;*
    - (b) violate any state or federal criminal law; or*
    - (c) engage in the habitual or excessive use of alcohol or controlled substances.*
  
- Addition to NAC Chapter 641 to state the Board's reporting requirements:

*NAC 641.\_\_\_\_ Reporting Requirements.*

  1. *Within [i.e., 10/15/30] days, a psychologist shall report to the Board:*
    - (a) Any action that is taken against his or her license in any other jurisdiction;*
    - (b) Any judgment entered against him or her in any court, or a settlement that is reached, on a claim involving malpractice; and*
    - (c) The conviction of or entry of a plea for any crime other than a misdemeanor traffic violation that does not involve alcohol or controlled substances.*
  2. *A psychologist who fails to report any occurrence pursuant to this section may be subject to disciplinary action.*