

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARDS OF EXAMINERS FOR ALCOHOL, DRUG AND
GAMBLING COUNSELORS**

MEETING DATE: Friday, September 6, 2019- Via teleconference

MEETING TIME: 09:00 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION :

**University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
8050 Paradise Road #100
Las Vegas, Nevada 89123**

**TMCC Meadowood Campus
5270 Neil Road
Room MDWS 104
Reno, Nevada 89502**

MEMBER PRESENT: Barbara Hunt-- President, Merlyn Sexton –Vice president; LeAnn Malone- secretary/treasurer; Paula Chung-member;; Mary Lask-member; Diaz Dixon- member

STAFF PRESENT: Agata Gawronski- Executive Director, Colleen Platt- Board's Attorney

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Helen Godfrey, Brita Class, Jennifer Howe

Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order.

Barbara Hunt called the meeting to order at 9.07 a.m.

Item 2: Public Comments.

No public comments.

Item 3: Approval of minutes from Board Meetings on May 3, 2019 - for possible action.

Paula Chung pointed out one typo in the minutes and asked for correction. Diaz Dixon made motion to approve the minutes, Lee Ann Malone second it. Motion carried.

Item 4: Request for credit of 2500 hours-Brita Class, CADC-I - for possible action.

Ms. Class was present at the Reno location accompanied by her clinical supervisor, Helen Godfrey.

Ms. Class presented to the Board, stating that she was informed by her academic advisors at UNR that her taking certificate program in substance use disorders will allow her a credit of 2500 hours. Ms. Class informed the Board about her current job as an Intern at Bristlecone running groups and conducting individual sessions with clients (mainly veterans). Coleen Platt- Board's counsel informed the Board that this agenda item was twofold, and that the Board had to first determine whether the degree obtained by Ms. Class qualifies as a field of social science; since her degree was in Education; Ms. Platt cited

NAC 641C.070. Ms. Class stated she had 24 credits in addiction, which should make her degree qualify. The Board moved on to the analysis of transcripts and determined that the degree was approved as a field of social science due to 24 credits in substance use. Ms. Platt clarified that this is an individual case and should not set precedent for the future cases.

Diaz Dixon made motion to approve Ms. Class's degree as a field of social science; Mary Ann Potter seconds it. Motion carried.

Second motion was to consider whether to award Ms. Class with 2500 hours credit. Ms. Platt cited NAC 641C. 205. Ms. Gawronski stated that allowing the credit in this case could be looked at as "double dipping" since Ms. Class did not have qualifying degree to start with but had to complete additional education to meet the criteria and now is asking for a credit.

Mary Lask stated that not having the original qualifying degree, the person is missing out on practicum experience needed to work in the field; Ms. Class informed the board that she had over 1500 hours completed at this time; Ms. Godfrey spoke in support of Ms. Class.

Mary Lask asked Ms. Class if she was before the Board asking for another exception and if so what it was.

Ms. Class confirmed that she appeared before the Board in November of 2018 after experiencing relapse and self reporting; she asked to be permitted to return to the field after one year in sobriety instead of two as required by the law. She was granted that exception.

Mary Lask stated that it would be more beneficial for Ms. Class to stay under the supervision until her hours are completed to get stronger.

Lee Ann Malone made motion to deny the request for a credit of 2500 hours, Mary Lask second it. Motion carried with one nay from Mary Ann Potter.

Item 5: Request to supervise additional interns-Jennifer Howe- for possible action.

Ms. Howe was present in Las Vegas; she informed the Board that she currently has 4 full time interns and one part time intern at her private practice and would like to be allowed to have another part time intern. Paula Chung made motion to allow Ms. Howe to supervise additional part time intern for the period of one year. Mary Lask seconds it. Motion carried with one recusal from Merlyn Sexton due to his previous working relationship with Ms. Howe.

Item 6: Settlement agreement –Julio Landero- for possible action.

Barbara Hunt asked the Board if they had questions or discussion on the settlement; they were provided with signed copies prior to the meeting. Mary Lask made a motion to approve the settlement agreement and suspend Mr. Landero's LCADC license and License Clinical Supervisor license for the period of one year. Diaz Dixon seconds it. Motion carried.

Item 7: Settlement agreement- Linda Stevens- for possible action.

LeeAnn Malone made motion to approve the settlement agreement, Mary Ann Potter second it.

Motion carried.

Item 8: Executive Director's Report (Profit& Loss Budget overview).

Agata Gawronski presented Profit & Loss for Fiscal year 2018/19, informing the Board of a total loss of \$35.99.

Ms. Gawronski later presented projected budget for the current fiscal year 2019/2020.

Colleen Platt informed the Board about the change implemented by the Legislature, and that terminology will be changed by the LCB throughout chapter 641C, replacing "substance abuse" and "addiction" with "substance use disorder" in compliance with DSM5.

Ms. Platt also informed the Board about the appeal Mr. Horton filed and won with the Commission on Behavioral Health and that his license and supervision certificate were both restored.

Item 9: Executive Director's evaluation- Barbara Hunt, Board president - for possible action.

Barbara Hunt presented the evaluation and recommendations to the members. Paula Chung made a motion to approve it. Mary Lask seconds it. Motion carried.

Item 10: Election of the officers – for possible action.

Agata Gawronski informed the Board that Barbara Hunt and Mary Ann Potter are terming out in September of 2019 after serving on this Board for 8 years.

Ms. Platt stated that they will serve until new members are appointed by the Governor.

Barbara Hunt nominated Mary Lask for the president and made a motion; Paula Chung seconds it. Motion carried. Merlyn Sexton was nominated to continue as Vice President; Paula Chung made motion, Mary Ann Potter seconds it. Motion carried. Paula Chung made motion for Lee Ann Malone to continue as Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Ann Potter seconds it. Motion carried.

Item 11: Public Comments.

No public comments.

Item 12: Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 10.55 am; next board meeting date was scheduled for Friday, December 13.