

1 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
2 6010 S. Rainbow Boulevard, Suite A1  
3 Las Vegas, NV 89118  
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6 Video Conferencing was available for this meeting at the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners office and at the  
7 Nevada State Board of Nursing office - Conference Room located at:  
8 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Suite #300; Reno, NV 89502  
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10 PUBLIC MEETING  
11 Friday, March 10, 2017  
12 9:00 a.m.

13 Minutes

14 Employment Committee Meeting  
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16 *Please Note:* The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners may hold board meetings via video conference or telephone  
17 conference call. The public is welcomed to attend the meeting at the Board office located at 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd, Suite A1;  
18 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118; or in the Conference room of the Nevada State Board of *Nursing* office located at 5011 Meadowood  
19 Mall Way, Suite #300; Reno, NV 89502 (when applicable).  
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21 The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners may 1) address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing  
22 before the Board or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting; 2) combine items for consideration by the public body;  
23 3) pull or remove items from the agenda at any time. The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character,  
24 alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person. See NRS 241.030. Prior to the  
25 commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an  
26 individual the board may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.  
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28 Public Comment time is available after roll call (beginning of meeting) and prior to adjournment (end of meeting). Public  
29 Comment is limited to three (3) minutes for each individual. You may provide the Board with written comment to be added to  
30 the record.  
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*Asterisks (\*) denote items on which the Board may take action.*  
34 *Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or table.*  
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37 1. Call to Order, roll call, and establish quorum  
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39 Dr. Pisani called the meeting to order and Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel conducted the following roll call:  
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41 Dr. Pisani – Present  
42 Dr. Blasco – Present  
43 Ms. Tyler – Excused  
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46 Others Present: Debra Shaffer-Kugel, Executive Director; Sophia Long, Deputy Attorney General – Board Legal  
47 Counsel.  
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49 Public Attendees: James Lynch; Hillary Murphy, NSBN; Gidget Nazreno, LVDA; Melanie Chapman, Applicant;  
50 Christina Navarro, on behalf of Dr. Felipe Paleracio for LVDA; Rick Thiriot; John Kelleher; Gus Leon, LVDA;  
51 Michael Cook, LVDA; Tina Tsou, LVDA; Adrian Ruiz, LVDA; Alan Boyd, LVDA.  
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53 Dr. Pisani read NRS 631.190 into the record regarding the powers and duties of the Board. He added that on  
54 December 01, 2016 the Board approved to post a notice regarding an in-house Counsel position as a salary  
55 employee. He noted that the committee was open to the public at a courtesy though they were not required to. He  
56 stated that the committee will not be selecting an attorney at this meeting and that they would be making  
57 recommendations to the Board on March 24, 2017 only. Dr. Pisani noted that two of the six applicants withdrew  
58 their applications.  
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60 2. Public Comment: (Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes for each individual)  
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62 Tina Tsou read a statement into the record.  
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64 Dr. Brett Miller read a statement in to the record.

65 Gidget Nazarino read a statement into the record regarding an applicant being considered for the in-house general  
66 counsel position.  
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68 Christina Navarro read a statement regarding an applicant being considered for the in-house general counsel  
69 position.  
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71 Gus Leon read a statement into the record requesting that Ms. Stephanie Tyler recuse herself from the committee  
72 and that a new committee be appointed.  
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74 Mr. Adrian Ruiz: read a statement into the record.  
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76 Michael Cook read a statement into the record regarding the position for in-house general counsel.  
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78 Alan Boyd read a statement into the record that was similar to that of Gus Leon.  
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80 Note: No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been  
81 specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)

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83 \*3. Conduct Interviews with the following applicants for the unclassified general counsel(s) position and  
84 Discussion-NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)  
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- 86 1. Melanie Bernstein Chapman, Esquire
- 87 2. John Hunt, Esquire
- 88 3. John Kelleher, Esquire
- 89 4. Gary J Mathews, Esquire
- 90 5. Bert Wuester, Esquire ----- *Application Withdrawn*  
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92 The committee asked all applicants to give a brief biography of their law experience. All applicants were asked the  
93 same series of interview questions related to the Nevada Dental Practice Act, how an administrative code comes  
94 into existence, and questions regarding their knowledge regarding complaint cases related to dentistry, burden of  
95 proof, and they discussed the duties and areas of work that they will be overseeing while working for the Board as  
96 legal counsel if chosen.  
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98 \*4. Committee Recommendations for applicant(s) to be considered for hire by the Board pursuant to  
99 NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)  
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101 Dr. Pisani stated that a hard copy of the interviews would be forwarded to the Board members, and reiterated that  
102 the Board Members as a whole will make the decision to whom they would like to hire for the general counsel  
103 position at the next Board Meeting  
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105 5. Public Comment: (Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes for each individual)  
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107 Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel stated for public record that the unclassified job posting for general counsel was posted for 30  
108 days at the following locations: State of Nevada Job site; NSBDE website; Boyd School of Law, and advertised in  
109 the Las Vegas Review Journal.  
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112 specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)

113 \*6. Adjournment (For Possible Action)  
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116 MOTION: Dr. Pisani moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Blasco seconded the motion. All were in favor of the  
117 motion.  
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