

# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS 6010 S. Rainbow Boulevard, Suite Al Las Vegas, NV 89118



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#### PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, March 24, 2017 9:10 a.m.

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

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Asterisks (\*) denote items on which the Board may take action. Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or table.

#### 1. Call to Order, roll call, and establish quorum

Dr. Blasco called the meeting to order and Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel conducted the following roll call:

Dr. Timothy Pinther ("Dr. Pinther")PRESENT	Dr. R. Michael Sanders ("Dr. Sanders") PRESENT
Dr. Byron Blasco ("Dr. Blasco")PRESENT	Mrs. Leslea Villigan ("Mrs. Villigan") PRESENT
Dr. Jason Champagne ("Dr. Champagne") PRESENT	Ms. Theresa Guillen ("Ms. Guillen") EXCUSED
Dr. Gregory Pisani ("Dr. Pisani")PRESENT	Ms. M Sharon Gabriel ("Ms. Gabriel") PRESENT
Dr. Brendan Johnson ("Dr. Johnson")PRESENT	Ms. Stephanie Tyler ("Ms. Tyler") PRESENT
Dr. Ali Shahrestani ("Dr. Shahrestani") PRESENT	

Pledge of Allegiance

**Others Present**: John Hunt, Board Legal Counsel; Sophia Long, Deputy Attorney General/Board Co-Legal Counsel; Debra Shaffer-Kugel, Executive Director.

Public Attendees: Hillary Fruge; Donna Hellwinkel, DDS; RJ Schultz, DDS; Arnold Cullum, Dental Solutionsfor Health; Sara Mercier, SNDHA; Beth Chartier, UNLV SDM; Elaine Minges, Tonopah Community Health; Steve Sill, DMD; Robert Talley, NDA; Terri Chandler, Future Smiles; Christine Navarro, LVDA; Civon Gewelber, UNLV SDM; Laura Lucero, Daehnke Stevens – Counsel for Dr. Suzan Fu; Dr. Suzan Fu; Tina Tsou, Secretary-LVDA; Cameraman for LVDA.

2. Public Comment: (Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes for each individual)

Sara Mercier read a statement on behalf of the SNDHA in favor of Dr. Cullum's program/services that he wishesto bring to Tonopah.

Christina Navarro read a statement on behalf of the LVDA (statement provided for the record).

Tina Tsou, Secretary for the LVDA read a statement into the record (statement provided for the record).

Elaine Mingus, a resident in Tonopah, Nevada read a statement that spoke in favor of the Dr. Cullum's program being considered by the Board and she encouraged them to approve the program.

Dr. Hellwinkel read a statement into the record stating her support and encouragement for the Board to vote Mr. John Hunt as the new in-house counsel for the Board.

Mr. John Hunt read statement into the record expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Board for over twenty-six (26) years. Mr. Hunt expressed his concern regarding the distracting behavior of a local organization that had caused the Board to focus their time, efforts and resources to address the many unfounded and unmerited allegations of violations, which the allegations were never found to have any merit regarding the open meeting law or disciplinary process. He noted that it would be best that the Board be able to return their focus to serving its primary purpose, which was protecting the citizens of Nevada while enforcing the Nevada Dental Practice Act. He added that he, therefore, withdrew his name for in-house counsel. Mr. Hunt thanked the Board for the opportunity, and stated that it was an honor serving the Board and humbly thanked them.

Note: No vote 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)

- \*3. Recommendations from the Employment Committee for the Board to appoint one of the named Individuals to the position of general counsel -NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
  - 1. Melanie Bernstein Chapman, Esquire
  - 2. John Hunt, Esquire ---- application withdrawn
  - 3. John Kelleher, Esquire
  - 4. Gary Mathews, Esquire

Mr. Hunt recused himself for this agenda item and exited the conference room.

Dr. Blasco gave a brief history and a chronological timeline of events of the process.

Dr. Pisani noted that he was elected to chair the Employment Committee, which was charged with reviewing all applications received for the in-house counsel position and narrowing them down to the top candidates, which took place at the meeting the committee held on March 10, 2017. He thanked the applicants for so graciously allowing their interviews to be held in a public forum, though there were no legal obligations to do so. He welcomed any questions from the Board regarding any particular applicant.

Dr. Johnson inquired on the process used by the Committee to narrow down the applications for consideration to 6 from 23. Dr. Pisani stated that applicants with administrative law experience were raised to the top of the list for consideration, and that those who were under the assumption that the position was part-time, and therefore no longer interested in the position were placed at the bottom of the list.

With no further questions from the Board, Dr. Blasco called for a motion.

MOTION: Ms. Tyler made the motion that Gary Mathews be appointed to in-house counsel. Motion seconded by Dr. Sanders. Discussion: Ms. Tyler noted that Mr. Mathews had extensive experience working in the fraud unit and noted further that he had worked with the Attorney General's office. Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Timothy Pintherno	Dr. Ali Shahrestani yes
Dr. Byron Blascono	Mrs. Leslea Villiganno
Dr. Jason Champagne yes	Ms. Theresa Guillen excused
Dr. Brendan Johnson yes	Ms. M Sharon Gabriel no
Dr. Gregory Pisani no	Ms. Stephanie Tyleryes
Dr. R. Michael Sandersves	- ,

MOTION FAILED.

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to hire John Kelleher as the new in-house counsel. Motion seconded by Ms. Tyler. Discussion: Dr. Pisani noted that Mr. Kelleher was knowledgeable of administrative law and believed he could quickly become familiar with dentistry. Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Timothy Pinther yes	Dr. Ali Shahrestani yes
Dr. Byron Blasco yes	Mrs. Leslea Villigan yes
Dr. Jason Champagne yes	Ms. Theresa Guillen excused
Dr. Brendan Johnson yes	Ms. M Sharon Gabriel yes
Dr. Gregory Pisaniyes	Ms. Stephanie Tyleryes
Dr. R. Michael Sandersyes	

Motion was agreed to; MOTION PASSED. Mr. John P. Kelleher appointed to be offered the new in-house legal counsel position for the Board.

#### \*4. Executive Director's Report (For Possible Action)

- a. Minutes NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
  - (1) Employment Committee Meeting 01/20/2017
  - (2) Board Meeting 01/20/2017
  - (3) Board Workshop 01/20/2017
  - (4) Employment Committee Meeting 03/10/2017

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel stated that if there were no amendments to be made she recommended approval of the draft minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to adopt all draft minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sanders. All were in favor of the motion.

### \*b. Financials - NRS 631.180/NRS 631.190

(1) Review Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Balances for period July 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017 (For Informational Purposes)

Mrs. Hummel went over the balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenses and balances with the board members.

(2) Request to modify approved budget pertaining to the reimbursed investigation costs pursuant to the Legislative Auditors report (For Possible Action)

Mrs. Hummel gave a brief history regarding the LCB audit and the recommendation to reimburse a certain amount to a group of licensees for investigation costs. She stated that the amount reimbursed was allocated in the budget for FY2017 but should have been added to the FY2016 budget, and therefore sought approval to adjust both FY2017 and FY2016 accordingly.

MOTION: Dr. Pinther made the motion to approve to amend the budgets appropriately for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017. Motion was seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion.

## \*c. Authorized Investigative Complaints-NRS 631.360 (For Possible Action)

(1) Dr. X- NRS 631.3475(5) and NAC 631.230(1)(b) (For Possible Action)

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel went over the alleged violations of Dr. X.

**MOTION**: Dr. Pisani made the motion to authorize the investigation on Dr. X. Motion was seconded by Ms. Gabriel. All were in favor of the motion.

(2) Dr. Y - NRS 631.3475(8) (For Possible Action)

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel went over the alleged violations of Dr. Y.

MOTION: Dr. Pinther made the motion to authorize the investigation on Dr. Y. Motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All were in favor of the motion.

- \*d. Travel: NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
  - (1) Approval of the Travel Policy for Board Members, Board Staff and Board Agents NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel went over the travel policy to be implemented.

**MOTION:** Dr. Pisani made the motion to approve the implementation of the travel policy. Motion was seconded by Dr. Pinther. All were in favor of the motion.

- (2) Travel to the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) Mid-Year Meeting Chicago IL/AADA Meeting- April 22-24, 2017 (For Possible Action)
  - (a) Timothy Pinther, DDS
  - (b) Sharon Gabriel, RDH
  - (c) Debra Shaffer-Kugel, Ex. Director

MOTION: Dr. Champagne made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. Pisani. All were in favor of the motion.

\*e. Approval of Member to be Nevada Representative to the CDCA Steering Committee (For Possible Action)

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel stated that the Board needed to appoint a representative to the CDCA Steering Committee.

MOTION: Dr. Sanders made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion.

- \*5. Board Counsel's Report (For Possible Action)
  - a. Legal Actions/Lawsuit(s) Update
    - (1) District Court Case(s) Update

Mr. Hunt gave a brief description of a recent case the Board won where a person, who was formerly charged with illegally practicing dentistry in Nevada, was found to be illegally practicing, again, on a reservation. He noted that the individual claimed sovereign immunity granted by the federal government, which the court determined to be false. He added that the Court held Mr. Casco in contempt and that the Board was awarded all of its fees and costs.

Mr. Hunt stated that during the public comment section of the meeting representatives from the LVDA, through voluntary statements, spoke negatively and inaccurately of the Board's complaint process. Mr. Hunt entered into the record a letter received by the Board from the Attorney General's office in December 2016 stating that they (Attorney General's office) reviewed the boards' entire complaint process and found that it protected the people of Nevada, and therefore, found no issues with the process. Furthermore, that through the review, they found that dentists' are given their due process.

- \*b. <u>Stipulation Agreements: Approval/Rejection by the Board</u> (For Possible Action)
  - (1) Carla LaLande, DMD

Mr. Hunt went over the provisions of the proposed stipulation agreement.

MOTION: Dr. Pinther made the motion to adopt the stipulation agreement. Motion was seconded by Dr. Pisani. All were in favor of the motion.

#### (2) Joanne C Tonnu, DDS

Mr. Hunt went over the provisions of the proposed stipulation agreement.

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to adopt the stipulation agreement. Motion was seconded by Ms. Tyler. Discussion: Dr. Pinther inquired if the stipulation agreement was reportable to the NPDB. Mr. Hunt answered affirmatively that both stipulation agreements (Dr. LaLande and Dr. Tonnu) were reportable. All were in favor of the motion.

- \*6. New Business (For Possible Action)
  - \*a. Approval of Public Health Dental Hygiene Program through the UNLV School of Dental Medicine's Special Care Dental Clinic NAC 631.210 (For Possible Action)

Ms. Gewelber briefly went over what the program would entail. Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel stated that whenever there is a new dental hygiene public health program, the program must be approved by the Board. Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel explained further, that though the program will be through the UNLV School of Dental Medicine clinic, the PHE program must be approved by Board before a dental hygienist can be approved to work at the clinic.

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to approve the PHDH Program. Motion was seconded by Ms. Gabriel. All were in favor of the motion.

- \*b. Determination by the Board regarding a Nonprofit Charitable Organization (501(c)(3) to operate in accordance with NRS 631.215(2)(f)(3) and NRS 631.3452 (For Possible Action)
  - (1) Arnold Cullum, DDS

Dr. Cullum stated that they were trying to bring access to care to those who need dental care to the city of Tonopah, which is currently underserved; and how they could do that by approving his organization as a non-profit assuming it met the criteria. Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel read NRS 631.215(s)(f)(3) into the record. She added that under the statute the board must determine if the organization meets the non-profit criteria. She added that Dr. Cullum would be the dental director of this non-profit organization, thus fulfilling for the requirements of NRS 631.3452.

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to approve the organization to operate as a non-profit. Motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. Discussion: Dr. Sanders notified Dr. Cullum of a program called Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education that he could be beneficial to his organization in serving the people of Tonopah. Dr. Pisani thanked Dr. Cullum for showing concern for the citizens of Nevada. All were in favor of the motion.

\*c. Request to Board to modify the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) report regarding a conscious sedation permit from suspended status to voluntary surrender status (For Possible Action)

(1) Suzan Fu, DDS

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel stated that Laura Lucero, and Dr. Fu were present. Ms. Lucero and Dr. Fu stepped forward. Ms. Lucero gave a brief history of how Dr. Fu's conscious sedation permit was due for a five-year re-evaluation and that upon the completion of the review there were some issues. She stated that they were asking that the report be removed or that it be amended so that the status would read as a voluntary surrender of the permit. Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel went over the requirements for re-evaluations for permits every five years and the process as outlined in regulation. She then went over the re-evaluation of Dr. Fu's permit. Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel commented to Ms. Lucero and Dr. Fu that there was a letter from the NPDB regarding another practitioner who also lost or relinquished their permit and the Board was required to report it to the NPDB. After much discussion of how the reporting requirement from the NPDB may be interpreted, Mr. Hunt stated that Dr. Fu could challenge the NPDB directly since the Board has argued a similar scenario in the past.

Ms. Lucero asked that the Board amend their report to the NPDB to state the Dr. Fu voluntarily surrendered the conscious sedation permit. Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel commented that she could summarize how Dr. Fu petitioned to come before the board to voluntarily surrender her permit and that Dr. Fu could then challenge the NPDB on their reporting requirements. Per Dr. Fu's inquiry, Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel explained what would be needed to be able to

request a re-evaluation to attempt to reinstate her permit. Ms. Lucero asked for a moment so that her client and she could discuss their options.

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to go out of order to agenda item (6)(d). Motion was seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion.

- \*d. Consideration of Anesthesia Evaluators/Inspectors Recommendations of Failure of Evaluation for the administration of conscious sedation pursuant to NAC 631.2233 (For Possible Action)
  - (1) Dr. Y

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel stated that upon conducting the evaluation, the permit holder failed a section of the evaluation. She stated that the Board could either accept or reject the recommendations of the evaluators.

MOTION: Dr. Pinther made the motion to accept the recommendations to fail the evaluation. Motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All were in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to return to agenda item (6)(c). Motion seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion.

- \*c. Request to Board to modify the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) report regarding a conscious sedation permit from suspended status to voluntary surrender status (For Possible Action)
  - (1) Suzan Fu, DDS

Ms. Lucero stated that after speaking with her client, Dr. Fu, they asked that the Board amend their report to the NPDB to indicate a voluntary surrender of the conscious sedation permit.

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to approve Dr. Fu's request to amend the report to reflect that she voluntarily surrendered her conscious sedation permit. Motion was seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion.

\*e. Consideration to Grant re-evaluation upon satisfying deficiencies contained in the Evaluator/Inspectors recommendations regarding the administration of the Conscious Sedation Permit pursuant to NAC 631.2235 (2 and 3) and the reinstatement of the temporary conscious sedation permit during the evaluation (For Possible Action)

(1) Dr. Y

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel stated that pursuant to the regulation, within 15 days the permit holder must be notified if the Board accepted the recommendations of the evaluators. She stated further that the permit holder could request for a re-evaluation once they met the requirements needed prior to requesting the re-evaluation. Furthermore, that because this permit was a temporary one, they would need to approve the temporary permit be reinstated for the day of the reevaluation, only.

MOTION: Dr. Pinther made the motion to reinstate the temporary permit for the day of the re-evaluation, should one be requested. Motion was seconded by Dr. Pisani. All were in favor of the motion.

- \*f. Approval of Public Health Endorsement NRS 631.287 (For Possible Action)
  - (1) Caryn L. Solie, RDH Future Smiles Program

Dr. Champagne stated that he reviewed the application and that he recommended approval.

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sanders. All were in favor of the motion; Dr. Champagne abstained.

(2) Jessica L. Woods, RDH – Future Smiles Program

Dr. Champagne stated that he reviewed the application and that he recommended approval.

MOTION: Dr. Pinther made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Ms. Tyler. All were in favor of the motion; Dr. Champagne abstained.

# \*g. Approval of Voluntary Surrender of License – NAC 631.160 (For Possible Action)

(1) Aristides A. Tsikoudakis, DMD

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel stated that Dr. Tsikoudakis had no pending issues with the Board.

MOTION: Dr. Champagne made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All were in favor of the motion

# \*h. Approval for Anesthesia-Temporary Permit – NAC 631.2254 (For Possible Action)

- (1) General Anesthesia (For Possible Action)
  - (a) James S. J. Sunwoo, DDS

Dr. Johnson stated that he reviewed the application and recommended approval.

MOTION: Dr. Pinther made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion; Dr. Johnson abstained.

## \*i. Consideration for Approval of Laser Certification Course – NAC 631.035 (For Possible Action)

(1) Productive Laser Hygiene Services, Inc. – Standard Laser Proficiency Course

Dr. Blasco stated that he reviewed the course and that he recommended approval.

MOTION: Dr. Champagne made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. Pisani. All were in favor of the motion; Dr. Blasco abstained.

(2) Advanced Dental CE – Diode Laser Training and Certification Plus Introduction to Erbium Laser Training Course

Dr. Blasco stated that he reviewed the course and that he recommended approval.

MOTION: Dr. Pinther made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion; Dr. Blasco abstained.

#### \*j. Re-Appointment of Disciplinary Screening Officers-NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

(1) J Stephen Sill, DMD

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to approve to re-appoint Dr. Sill as a DSO. Motion was seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion.

# \*k. Approval of Jason Champagne, DDS to the Budget & Finance Committee to replace Dr. Byron Blasco (For Possible Action)

MOTION: Dr. Sanders made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All were in favor of the motion.

#### \* 1. Appointment as an Infection Control Inspector-NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action

(1) Karen K Clark, RDH

MOTION: Dr. Pinther made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion.

## \*m. Approval for Moderate Sedation Training Program (NAC 631.2213) (For Possible Action)

(1) Conscious Sedation Consulting with Memorandum of Understanding with St. Barnabas Hospital (Randy Pigg) (For Possible Action)

Mr. Pigg was present on the phone. Dr. Johnson stated that he reviewed the application and that there were two issues that did not follow the board's bylaws. Dr. Johnson went over the two issues that did not fall into compliance. Mr. Pigg said that they restructured their course once the ADA adopted new guidelines, which related to the first issue of concern. Mr. Pigg went on to address the second issue of concern. Dr. Johnson stated that the second issue of concern was where the courses would be held since his application noted a hotel conference room. Dr. Johnson stated that he wanted Mr. Pigg to submit all the information being discussed in writing, especially a full list of all the facilities before the board could move forward with potential approval. Dr. Johnson added that in addition to a list of all the facilities they hold the courses at the Board would like written confirmation that the facilities approved have been properly evaluated by each state board for the state they reside in. It was Dr. Johnson's recommendation that this item be tabled until receiving the required information from Mr. Pigg.

MOTION: Dr. Pisani made the motion to table this item until Mr. Pigg furnishes the board with the additional items being required in writing. Motion was seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion.

# \*7. Resource Group Reports (For Possible Action)

\*a. Legislative and Dental Practice (For Possible Action)

(Chair: Dr. Pinther; Dr. Champagne; Dr. Blasco; Dr Sanders; Ms. Guillen)

Dr. Pinther gave a brief report on some of the bills being passed and considered during the legislative session; such as SB 256, AB 238, AB 334, and a bill regarding the use of botulinium toxin being administered by dental hygienists and medical assistants and the prohibition thereof.

#### \*b. Legal and Disciplinary Action (For Possible Action)

(Chair: Dr. Pisani; Dr. Blasco; Dr. Shahrestani; Dr. Sanders Mrs. Villigan)

Dr. Pisani indicated that there was no report.

\*c. Examinations Liaisons (For Possible Action)

# \*(1) WREB/HERB Representatives (For Possible Action)

(Dr. Blasco; Ms. Gabriel)

Dr. Blasco and Ms. Gabriel indicated that there was no report.

## \*(2) <u>ADEX Representatives</u> (For Possible Action)

Timothy Pinther, DDS

Dr. Pinther indicated that there was no report.

#### \*d. Continuing Education (For Possible Action)

(Chair: Dr. Blasco; Dr. Shahrestani, Dr. Pisani; Mrs. Villigan; Ms. Gabriel)

Dr. Blasco indicated that there was no report.

#### \*e. Committee of Dental Hygiene (For Possible Action)

(Chair: Ms. Guillen; Mrs. Villigan; Ms. Gabriel; Dr. Shahrestani)

Mrs. Villigan indicated that there was no report.

#### \*f. Specialty (For Possible Action)

(Chair: Dr. Pisani; Dr Johnson; Dr. Pinther)

Dr. Pisani indicated that there was no report.

#### \*g. Anesthesia (For Possible Action)

(Chair: Dr. Johnson; Dr. Pinther; Dr. Champagne; Dr Sanders)

Dr. Johnson indicated that there was no report.

\*h. Infection Control (For Possible Action)

(Chair: Mrs. Villigan; Dr. Blasco; Dr. Champagne; Dr. Pisani; Ms. Gabriel)

Mrs. Villigan indicated that there was no report.

\*i. Budget and Finance Committee (For Possible Action)

(Chair: Dr. Blasco, Dr. Pinther, Ms. Tyler, Ms. Guillen)

Dr. Blasco indicated that there was no report.

8. Public Comment: (Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes for each individual)

Ms. Terri Chandler of Future Smiles thanked the board for their work, and for their support of approving PHE's to dental hygienist' and for approving new programs.

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#### 9. Announcements:

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel announced that the Board received information that board of regents approved an international program for foreign trained students at UNLV School of Dental Medicine, and that there will be approximately eight (8) candidate positions available.

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel announced that they were in the midst of implementing new licensing system that was approved by the Board. She noted that the renewals were the first program to be set up followed by new online services such as applications and requests. She noted that the current licensure process for a new licensee is completed in approximately 35 business days for applicants to receive their licenses.

Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel announced further, that the newsletter was being drafted on that it would be available in April.

Ms. Tyler announced that she regretted to inform the Board that she will be submitting her letter of resignation, which she had already spoken to the governor's office regarding, and that she thanked the Board for their time and work while she served on the board.

Dr. Pinther thanked Mr. Hunt for his work on the board and all he has done.

Dr. Blasco also thanked Mr. Hunt for his unwavering support and protection of the citizens of Nevada. He noted that Mr. Hunt has always been passionate in what he does, that he is a great individual and a great man.

\*10. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

MOTION: Ms. Tyler made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Champagne. All were in favor of the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Debra Shaffer-Kugel, Executive Director