

# Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners



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## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

### **Meeting Date & Time**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

### **Meeting Location:**

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners  
2651 N. Green Valley Pkwy., Suite 104  
Henderson, NV 89014

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**Note:** Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or tabled.

1 **1. Call to Order**

2 - Roll call/Quorum

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4 Dr. Lee called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Courtney Lee conducted roll call.  
5 Quorum was met.

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7 Dr. Tejpal John (Dr. Johl) – Present

8 Dr. Ronald West (Dr. West) – Present

9 Dr. Adam York (Dr. York) – Present

10 Dr. Joshua Branco (Dr. Branco) – Present

11 Ms. Kimberly Petrilla (Ms. Petrilla) – Present

12 Mr. Michael Pontoni (Mr. Pontoni) – Present

Dr. Todd Thompson (Dr. Thompson) – Present

Dr. David Lee (Dr. Lee) – Present

Dr. Lance Kim (Dr. Kim) – Present

Ms. Yamilka Arias (Ms. Arias) – Present

Ms. Jana McIntyre (Ms. McIntyre) – Present

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14 **Others Present:** Courtney Lee, Executive Director; Jennifer Leonescu, General Counsel.

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16 **Public Attendees:** Annette Lincicome; Caryn Solie; Cristine; Jill Hinxman; John Wightman, CPA; ; Kelly Taylor;  
17 Kyle Brown; Lilian; Miguel Barraza; Nasrin Houston; Nichelle Venable; Phernandez; sgarcia; Tyler Frigaard;  
18 Guest; Call-in User; Karla Martinec;

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20 **2. Public Comment (Live public comment by teleconference and pre-submitted email/written form):**

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33 State Board of Dental Examiners, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous,  
34 offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

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36 There was no public comment.

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38 **\*3. President's Report:** (For Possible Action)

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40 **\*a. Request to remove agenda item(s)** (For Possible Action)

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42 Dr. Lee introduced the above agenda item. Dr. Lee submitted additional material for consideration for  
43 agenda item 4(a). Dr. Lee requested that agenda item 4(e) be taken first.

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45 **\*b. Approve Agenda** (For Possible Action)

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47 Ms. McIntyre made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Johl seconded the motion. There was no discussion.  
48 All were in favor. Motion passed.

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50 **\*4. New Business:** (For Possible Action)

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52 **\*a. Consideration, Discussion, and Selection of Review Panel Members for term beginning January 1,**  
53 **2023 through December 31, 2023 – NRS 631.190; NRS 631.3635** (For Possible Action)

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55 (1) **Dental Panel:** One (1) Board Member Dentist, One (1) Board Member Hygienist, and  
56 One (1) Non-Board Member Dentist

57 (2) **Alternate Dental Panel:** One (1) Board Member Dentist, One (1) Board Member Hygienist,  
58 and One (1) Non-Board Member Dentist

59 (3) **Dental Hygiene Panel:** One (1) Board Member Dentist, One (1) Board Member Hygienist,  
60 and One (1) Non-Board Member Hygienist

61 (4) **Alternate Dental Hygiene Panel:** One (1) Board Member Dentist, One (1) Board Member  
62 Hygienist, and One (1) Non-Board Member Hygienist

Dr. Lee introduced the agenda item. All Committee memberships are open and can be brought before the Board to be amended at any time. Ms. McIntyre made a motion to remove the term end date and approve the panels as outlined on page 9 of the confidential Board book. Dr. West seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**\*b. Consideration and Discussion of Review Panel Composition and Implementation of Third Review Panel, and Selection of Review Panel Members – NRS 631.190; NRS 631.3635** (For Possible Action)

- (1) **Dental Panel 3:** One (1) Board Member Dentist, One (1) Board Member Hygienist, and One (1) Non-Board Member Dentist

Dr. Lee introduced the agenda item. Ms. McIntyre made a motion to approve implementation of a third review panel. Dr. Thompson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued between Dr. Thompson, Dr. Lee, Dr. West, and Dr. Kim regarding the need for a third review panel due to the number of complaints that need to be reviewed, and to be able to utilize other review panels when potential conflicts arise. Dr. Lee noted that a third review panel also allows all three Dental Hygienist Board members to serve on a review panel. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**\*c. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Board Audit and CPA Selection and Contract Approval** (For Possible Action)

- (1) Casey Neilon, Inc.  
(2) Rich Wightman & Company, CPAs, LLC

Dr. Lee introduced the agenda item. Dr. Lee noted that the contract with Casey Neilon was recommended by the Board of Accountancy due to their history with other Board audits. There was discussion between Dr. West, Ms. Arias, and Ms. McIntyre regarding the cause that the previous CPA decided to end the contract without notice. Ms. Leonescu stated that the documents were not produced timely by the previous ED. Casey Neilon was not in attendance to answer questions. Mr. Tyler Frigaard was in attendance to answer questions the Board had regarding the contract Rich Wightman & Company. Dr. Johl asked about a discounted rate for a two-year contract. Although this is definitely possible, Mr. Frigaard was not able to provide a figure without having reviewed the documents. In response to a query from Dr. West, Mr. Frigaard stated that his firm worked with the Clark County Bar Association and other non-profit organizations and schools and are familiar with government organizations.

Dr. Lee made a motion to approve contracting with Casey Neilon for the Board Audit. Dr. Johl seconded the motion because of the option for a two- or three-year contract which is significantly less expensive than the contract with Rich Wightman. Dr. Lee amended his motion to approve a two-year contract with Casey Neilon. Dr. Johl seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**\*d. Discussion of Medical Insurance Premiums not Deducted from Employees' Paychecks in 2022, and Possible Charge Back to Employees and Cost of Living Adjustment Credits Not Given** (For Possible Action)

Dr. Lee introduced the agenda item. Ms. Leonescu provided a brief summary of the errors that need to be corrected. Dr. Thompson stated that because the Board made the mistake and the amounts are minimal, he would recommend that the Board not request reimbursement from the employees. Dr. West made a motion to not request reimbursement from the missed insurance premiums from 2022 and to ensure the premiums are deducted correctly in 2023. Dr. Johl seconded the motion. Dr. Lee noted that the errors have been corrected for 2023. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Ms. Leonescu provided a brief summary of the cost of living allowance increase voted by the Board on August 9, 2022 to be effective retroactive to July 1, 2022 but never implemented. Dr. West stated that because it is the employer's error, the COLA credits owed by the Board for 2022 should be paid to the employees. Dr. West made a motion to pay the COLA credits owed and ensure it is implemented going forward. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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2 **\*e. Discussion, Evaluation, and Potential Employment Actions Regarding Courtney Lee, Executive**  
3 **Director – NRS 631.190; NRS 241.031(1)** (For Possible Action)  
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5 Dr. Lee introduced the above agenda item and opened discussion to the Board members. Dr. Johl made a  
6 motion to terminate Courtney Lee as Executive Director without prejudice. Courtney Lee requested time to  
7 present her statement for the record prior to consideration of motions.  
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9 Courtney Lee provided the following statement to be read into the record, "I am informed that President  
10 Lee placed the discussion, evaluation, and potential employment actions for me as the Executive Director  
11 (ED) on the agenda as item 4(e). I am shocked, confused, and disappointed. The apparent pretext or stated  
12 reason for my proposed termination was because of my email regarding required TB screenings for all dental  
13 healthcare personnel; see the confidential Board book beginning on page 40. On or about January 17,  
14 2023, I attended a dinner with Dr. Lee, Dr. Johl, and Ms. McIntyre. Dr. Lee said to me that he considered my  
15 email disrespectful and threatening. Within the next day or two, in an effort to temper my bias, I asked  
16 several Board staff to read my emails to determine whether they were, in fact, disrespectful and or  
17 threatening in any way, and they all stated in the negative. Regardless, my intention was not to be  
18 disrespectful or threatening in my email or in my subsequent conversations with Dr. Lee regarding the emails.  
19 In my view, I was simply enumerating the requirements of the law or regulation that incorporates and adopts  
20 the CDC infection prevention guidelines in NAC 631.178. In addition, my intention was to state that we all,  
21 the Board and Board staff, must comply with the laws, especially in light of the fact that the dental Board is  
22 under scrutiny by the Sunset Subcommittee. I do not believe that this email or any associated conversations  
23 are the reason for my proposed termination, as this would be too insignificant a reason and irrational. It is  
24 illogical from my perspective to be terminated for performing some of the job duties that I was actually hired  
25 to perform, that is, to ensure that licensees comply with the laws or regulations. As the Board knows, I started  
26 my employment as ED on January 3, 2023. During the short time of my employment with the dental Board, I  
27 constantly worked overtime in an attempt to organize, locate documents, comply with all reporting  
28 requirements including SPOLR and occupational license reporting, correct the PERS and PEBP calculations  
29 previously performed with errors, comply with the public official bond requirements that were apparently not  
30 properly bonded for the ED or the Secretary Treasurer, to correct ADP payroll issues, erroneous deductions,  
31 approved COLA increases that were not applied, as you can see in agenda item 4(d). This was in addition  
32 to scrambling to find a CPA to perform the overdue Board audit to LCB which was due December 1, 2022. I  
33 contacted over a dozen CPA firms in town to gather proposals of which two of them responded with written  
34 proposals. The proposals are attached in the Board book, see agenda item 4(c). The Board does not have to  
35 take my word as truth but may ask any Board staff about my performance. In my opinion, the Board cannot  
36 and should not function without a full-time ED. The ED is responsible for keeping the financial records of the  
37 Board, attend all Board meetings, to review and sign off on all license applications, to sign checks, ensure  
38 compliance enforcement, among a plethora of other duties. The fact that I am the fifth ED, including interim  
39 EDs, in the last year and a half to two years, is troubling. I started at a time when the Board staff and office  
40 was in chaos. The Board staff is on edge, very anxious, unstable, and has been for some time. The Board  
41 staff needs stability and direction from the ED. I believe for a time that I provided the needed stability,  
42 direction, and compliance. I think that it is in fact a dereliction of duty for this Board to allow the ED position  
43 to remain vacant or even part time as it is not a part-time position. Almost every needed Board task to be  
44 performed, including inspection, licensing, payments, payroll, discipline, will lag and stagnate without an ED.  
45 I implore the Board to provide stability to the Board staff by appointing/hiring a qualified ED expediently, if  
46 not me, and disallowing one or a few members of the Board to drive the discussion about termination of  
47 same. With all due respect, I believe that Dr. Lee does not fully understand the magnitude of the work  
48 performed, or supposed to be performed, by the ED or Board staff. Nor does he wish to have a full-time ED so  
49 that he may inappropriately control the actions of Board staff. Dr. Lee appears to believe erroneously that  
50 the Board staff can function without a full-time ED illustrated by his impulsive and short-sighted proposed  
51 termination of me as ED. To reiterate, a full-time ED is necessary as evidenced by the prior state of the Board  
52 office, which was chaotic and disorganized, to say the least, because of months of neglect and/or  
53 mismanagement. Further, Dr. Lee appears to exceed his authority as President of this Board. The President of  
54 the Board is tasked with presiding at all Board meetings and hearings, not independently making decisions  
55 for the Board – NAC 631.010. An example that I discovered during my short time at the Board office was a  
56 particularly egregious disciplinary matter that came before the review panel which was approved by the  
57 review panel to impose a seven-year license revocation on a particular licensee. However, Dr. Lee  
58 specifically directed that the proposed stipulation not be sent out to the practitioner unless Dr. Lee reviewed

1 it. Dr. Lee did not individually need to approve or review this proposed stipulation as the review panel had  
2 already reviewed and approved it. Dr. Lee ignored several email requests by the legal assistant at that time  
3 to review the stipulation which then languished. Currently, this particular practitioner has been practicing for  
4 over a year despite his admission of the egregious act and the calls for discipline. It was around the same  
5 time as the January 17, 2023, dinner that I directed the General Counsel to send out this over-due stipulation  
6 when coincidentally, Dr. Lee expressed his wish to terminate my employment. He stated that he could not  
7 "work with me." He even incredulously asked me how to terminate my own position as ED, or he stated that I  
8 could resign. Another example of Dr. Lee exceeding his authority as Board President, is that he individually  
9 recently hired two new employees, to my knowledge without ever interviewing either candidate. Unless  
10 there was a delegation from the Board to President Lee, which I do not believe that any such delegation  
11 existed, these hirings were improper and Dr. Lee acted beyond the scope of his presidency. Only an action  
12 taken by the entire Board to appoint/hire employees is valid unless delegated, pursuant to NRS 631.190(2).  
13 The Board had previously delegated hiring of Board staff to the ED, which was never revoked or rescinded to  
14 my knowledge. However, I did not hire the two new employees as the ED. Dr. Lee appears to perpetuate the  
15 chaos of the Board office by frequent firings and turnover of staff that he initiates or directs the ED to  
16 accomplish. With no full-time ED to check or curtail his actions, Dr. Lee apparently believes that he may  
17 unilaterally direct the Board staff as he pleases and have no one to account for any of his improper  
18 individual actions under the guise of oversight. The frequent turnover of staff means that there is no  
19 institutional knowledge. There is no wonder that various tasks were performed incorrectly or not at all, which  
20 should carry no blame on the current staff who did not receive adequate or proper training and were  
21 essentially thrown into their roles. There are other concerns that I have discovered during the few weeks that  
22 I was here, including the fiscal year end 2023 budget figures that were seriously off, were approved by the  
23 Board, and have to be amended; there were several allegations of open meeting law violations by the  
24 Board; an extraordinary amount of outside attorneys fees expended by the Board in the last year and a half  
25 in excess of \$360,000 of Board funds were spent which could be more wisely utilized had these matters been  
26 resolved reasonably and in earlier stages; and the Board has been taking non-disciplinary actions against  
27 licensees which may be construed as private reprimands which are prohibited under NRS 631.350(5). I do not  
28 know whether Dr. Lee proposes my unwarranted termination because I may uncover other possible issues  
29 and/or if there are other outside factors that I am not aware of, but I do not wish to speculate. Similarly, I do  
30 not know whether the stated actions by Dr. Lee were simply negligent or deliberate flouting of the laws, but  
31 either explanation should not be acceptable to this Board. I recommend that an agenda item be placed  
32 on the next Board meeting for discussion and approval of an internal comprehensive audit. The Board CPA  
33 audit will largely account for the financial, however an audit of disciplinary and other processes should be  
34 ordered. I wish the Board well. I hope that each of the Board members votes according to his or her  
35 conscience. Thank you."

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37 Dr. Johl made a motion to terminate Courtney Lee as Executive Director. Dr. Thompson expressed frustration  
38 and concern regarding the staff turnover, but also voiced concerns regarding trust among the staff and  
39 Board members in order to work together as a team for the benefit of the State of Nevada. Dr. West agreed  
40 and reiterated that trust is a crucial component for the Board and Board staff to work effectively together.  
41 Dr. West stated that due to the fact that previous Board staff were not fulfilling their responsibilities, Dr. Lee  
42 had to step in and take a more active role. He expressed concern that the ED started off with a biased  
43 opinion of the Board and focused on what was wrong with the Board and that the Sunset Subcommittee  
44 was focused on terminating the Board. Ms. Lee responded that her only concern was that the Board should  
45 comply with the law. Discussion following between Dr. West and Dr. Johl reiterating that the trust was  
46 compromised, and they no longer felt comfortable with working with Ms. Lee. Dr. Johl expressed confidence  
47 in the current staff and the ability to serve the State of Nevada in the capacity of a licensing Board,  
48 notwithstanding past problems.

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50 Licensees have shared their perspective of the Board's problems, and Dr. York recognized the importance of  
51 acknowledging the truth that has been expressed in Ms. Lee's statement. Dr. York also expressed that the  
52 Board members do not have the necessary knowledge regarding the employment of Ms. Lee, and it is  
53 difficult to have a vote regarding the matter. There have been several allegations, and Dr. York questioned  
54 whether the trust and working relationship is stable enough to continue. Ms. Lee responded that she agreed  
55 with his assessment, and shared that her intent was to work hard for the Board and correct the errors. Her  
56 point was not to point out all the issues, but rather to correct them. She pointed out that the ones being  
57 scrutinized were not the Board members, but the collective "we" of Board members and Board staff



1 together, that we need to follow the law. Dr. Johl agreed that the Board needs to follow the law, but he was  
2 not happy with the delivery provided in an email. There was discussion between Dr. Johl, Dr. Lee, Dr. West  
3 and Ms. Lee regarding the email exchange and staff involvement, and Ms. Lee's failure to review staff emails  
4 and correcting errors prior to sending, and the implications of the loss of confidence in her ability to execute.  
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6 Dr. Thompson reminded the Board that the discussion is taking place in public, and expressed the hope that  
7 future misunderstandings will be discussed prior to bringing to a Board meeting. He invited other Board  
8 members to contribute to the discussion. Ms. McIntyre expressed her concern that the working relationship  
9 was beyond repair. Dr. West expressed his concern that Ms. Lee was biased against the Board when she  
10 began her employment and also wondered whether the working relationship was beyond repair.  
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12 Dr. Lee brought forward the motion from Dr. Johl to terminate Ms. Lee's employment and entertained a  
13 second. Mr. Pontoni seconded the motion.  
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15 Dr. York stated that he was not ready to vote on the agenda item. He drew attention to the fact that it  
16 appeared that Ms. Lee began her employment and hit the ground running with a lot of drive and has  
17 accomplished so much. He expressed concern that the Board may have rushed to judgment against a new  
18 ED who has been in the office for four weeks, and it may be due to lack of communication. He again  
19 expressed his deep concern that there is not enough information to make an informed decision. Dr. York  
20 pointed out that the Board may be losing someone who appears to be highly motivated to work for the  
21 good of the Board. Ms. Arias agreed with Dr. York's assessment. Ms. Arias and Dr. West entertained the idea  
22 of a ninety day probationary period to provide Ms. Lee with a second chance and to revisit in ninety days.  
23 Dr. York suggested that the issue be taken up by the Employment Committee to mediate after fact finding  
24 has been completed, prior to bringing to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Johl expressed his discomfort  
25 with having a lame duck situation and stated that the situation is more than miscommunication. Ms.  
26 McIntyre and Dr. Lee expressed their doubts that the working relationship could be salvaged due to a  
27 mutual lack of trust between the President of the Board and the Executive Director. Dr. Thompson expressed  
28 his concern with the continued instability with the staff and stated that if possible, a probationary period is  
29 preferable to terminating Ms. Lee.  
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31 There being no further discussion, Dr. Lee entertained a vote to the motion put forward by Dr. Johl and  
32 seconded by Mr. Pontoni.  
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34 Dr. Tejpaal John (Dr. Johl) – Aye	Dr. Todd Thompson (Dr. Thompson) – Aye
35 Dr. Ronald West (Dr. West) – Aye	Dr. David Lee (Dr. Lee) – Aye
36 Dr. Adam York (Dr. York) – Nay	Ms. Kimberly Petrilla (Ms. Petrilla) – Aye
37 Dr. Joshua Branco (Dr. Branco) – Aye	Ms. Yamilka Arias (Ms. Arias) – Aye
38 Ms. Jana McIntyre (Ms. McIntyre) – Aye	Mr. Michael Pontoni (Mr. Pontoni) – Aye
39 Dr. Lance Kim (Dr. Kim) – Abstain due to personal friendship with Ms. Lee	

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41 Dr. Johl made a motion to have a five-minute recess. McIntyre seconded the motion, All were in favor.  
42 Motion passed.  
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44 Upon returning from recess, Ms. Leonescu conducted roll call.  
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46 Dr. Tejpaal John (Dr. Johl) – Present	Dr. Todd Thompson (Dr. Thompson) – Present
47 Dr. Ronald West (Dr. West) – Present	Dr. David Lee (Dr. Lee) – Present
48 Dr. Adam York (Dr. York) – Present	Dr. Lance Kim (Dr. Kim) – Present
49 Dr. Joshua Branco (Dr. Branco) – Present	Ms. Yamilka Arias (Ms. Arias) – Present
50 Ms. Kimberly Petrilla (Ms. Petrilla) – Present	Ms. Jana McIntyre (Ms. McIntyre) – Present
51 Mr. Michael Pontoni (Mr. Pontoni) – Present	

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53 Ms. McIntyre made a motion to resume the meeting. Dr. Johl seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion  
54 passed.  
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1       **\*f. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Selection and Appointment of Part-Time Interim Executive**  
2       **Director – NRS 631.160; NRS 631.190** (For Possible Action)  
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4 Dr. Lee introduced the above agenda item noting that the Board has hired an Executive Assistant to the  
5 Executive Director, Ms. Katrinka Jacquez, who will be starting in two weeks. Dr. Lee made a motion to  
6 appoint Ms. Katrinka Jacquez as the part-time interim executive director. Jason Dworin, previous part-time  
7 interim executive director, facilitated the hiring of Ms. Jacquez. Dr. York and Dr. Thompson expressed  
8 concerns regarding the feasibility of appointing staff that is not currently employed by the Board as interim  
9 executive director, and recommended appointing current staff who has experience with the Board. Dr. Lee  
10 suggested to limit the interim ED's responsibilities to statutorily sign paperwork, for example signing checks.  
11 Ms. Leonescu noted that the Board may not be able to limit the ED's abilities that are prescribed by statute.  
12 Dr. West suggested the General Counsel would be a better option as interim ED if possible. Discussion ensued  
13 between Dr. Lee, Dr. West, Dr. Johl, and Ms. Leonescu regarding the responsibilities of the ED, and whether  
14 Ms. Leonescu could serve as both General Counsel as well as Interim Executive Director. Ms. Leonescu noted  
15 that she could serve as interim Executive Director if she did not serve as General Counsel.

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17 Dr. Lee amended his motion to appoint Ms. Leonescu as interim Executive Director. Dr. Johl seconded the  
18 motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.  
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32 inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

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34 Dr. Thompson requested a list of Board member contact information be disseminated to the Board  
35 members. Dr. Lee recommended all Board members use their state email.  
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37       **6. Announcements**  
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39 Ms. Leonescu announced a brief litigation update directly following the Board meeting.  
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41       **\*7. Adjournment** (For Possible Action)  
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43 Ms. McIntyre made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Thompson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion  
44 passed.  
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46       **PUBLIC NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS**

47       Office of the N.S.B.D.E., 2651 N. Green Valley Pkwy, Ste. 104, Henderson, NV 89014  
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