



Mission Statement: Upholding ethical standards of practice and conduct, the Nevada Board of Applied Behavior Analysis licenses and registers trained professionals, prioritizing consumer protection through regulatory oversight.

August 20, 2024, Board Meeting- FINAL Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Fronapfel. Members in attendance: Courtney LoMonaco, Lynda Tache, Dr. Fronapfel, Wendy Knorr, Executive Director and Henna Rasul, DAG. Stephanie Huff joined the meeting at 10:06 a.m. and Christy Fuller joined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.
2. The Mission Statement was read aloud.
3. Public Comment- There was no public comment
4. The meeting minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Courtney LoMonaco made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Lynda Tache seconded the motion and the motion passed.
5. Executive Director's Report:
Wendy reported that she followed up with a conversation with Jan Crandy after her public comments during the July meeting. During the conversation Wendy was able to provide Ms. Crandy with updated information and feedback to some of her concerns. There are plans for potential legislation to address overall concerns with the background clearance process as it is currently required.

B & I Director, Dr. Sanchez and Deputy Director Nikki Haag will meet with Board Executive Directors in Carson City 8/22. A meeting was held in Las Vegas on 8/13 to discuss the plans for consolidating all state Boards and Commissions.

Efforts are underway to engage a lobbyist for the upcoming legislative session. More details will be provided once the process is confirmed and potential sources are identified.

The renewal process will begin Oct. 1. Applications submitted prior to Oct. 1 will be rejected. Notification will be sent when they are accepted. Those requiring Federal backgrounds are responding; the volume continues to be steady.

Medicaid has proposed some changes to their policies which involve ABA and the provision of ADL/ADI's. There has been some pushback from the OT professionals. We will continue to monitor.

Two board positions will open in January 2025. Courtney LoMonaco and Stephanie Huff (she assumed the remainder of Dr. Leytham's position when he resigned in 2023). Stephanie has expressed interest in continuing for a second term. Courtney will be stepping away from the board, leaving one opening, assuming Stephanie is reappointed. Please share information about this opportunity as we will need to begin recruiting to ensure we have the position filled as soon as possible. Information is available through the Governor's office.

6. Legislative Update –
A list of current Bill Draft Requests was provided which includes three that make reference to ABA. Senators Orenschall and Dondero-Loop are the sponsors of these BDRs. Wendy has reached out to both offices to request more information about the bills and if we can provide any additional information. If

anyone becomes aware of any new proposed legislation, please let Wendy know to assist in tracking these bills as they go through the process.

7. Nevada Applied Behavior Association (NABA) Report – Nothing to report
8. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Board Activities- Courtney LoMonaco discussed the timeline and process for conducting the annual review for Wendy. The evaluation tool will be shared and board members are asked to review and make suggested changes. Once the tool is finalized, board members will provide feedback which will be compiled and presented. Stephanie has agreed to work closely with Courtney so she can lead the process going forward. It was mentioned that Open Meeting Laws would impact any group (2+) discussions. The plan is to begin the process so that the evaluation can be completed in Oct or early November.

Board Member Christy Fuller joined the meeting during this discussion, 10:22 a.m.

A draft of the required Language Access Plan was available for review. Courtney LoMonaco made the motion to approve the draft plan as presented so the approval process can be finalized and the plan submitted to the Governor's office. Lynda Tache seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

The proposed NAC 641D will have a public hearing, **Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 3:30 p.m.** via Zoom, immediately followed by a board meeting to consider adopting the regulations. This will allow the proposal to be reviewed/approved by the Legislative Committee at a future meeting – hopefully before the Legislative session begins. Information about the proposed regulations and the Public Hearing is available on the website.
9. Complaints- Three new complaints were received in the past month, bringing the number of cases to 35.
10. Financial Update- FY 23-24 Year end reports were provided along with the July financial reports for review. The Year end reports are not audited and Carol is awaiting some final figures from the State, but the information should not impact the reports in a major way. The ABA board approved a biennial audit, so that will occur during the latter part of 2025.
11. Discussion of Current Status of Applications and other Licensing Activities-
July totals: RBTs- 88; LaBAs -0; and LBAs- 9.
August, to date- RBTs 56; LaBAs- 0; and LBAs 8.
Current totals: RBT- 2,706; LaBA- 46; and LBA- 638 for a grand total of 3398 in the state.
12. Determine Future Agenda Items- No additional items to the standing items were added for the September meeting.
13. Public Comment- No public comment.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.