



*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.*

October 15, 2024, Board Meeting- DRAFT MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Fronapfel at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Dr. Fronapfel, Christy Fuller, Courtney LoMonaco, Stephanie Huff and Lynda Tache. DAG, Henna Rasul and Executive Director were also present.
2. Mission Statement was read aloud.
3. There was no public comment.
4. Christy Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, special meeting and the September 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting, as presented. Stephanie Huff seconded the motion and the motion passed.
5. Executive Director, Wendy Knorr reported that the final revisions of the regulations have been submitted to the Legislative Committee for review and final approval at the November or December meeting. This is the final approval required for the regulations the board adopted at the last meeting. Final approval is expected prior to the start of the next legislative session, which was our goal!

Dr. Sanchez and Nikki Haag from Business & Industry (B&I) have scheduled one-on-one listening sessions with each board's director and lobbyist. Wendy will meet with them in Carson City on Oct. 29.

Wendy is working on a data request from the UNR Office of Statewide Initiatives. It asks for a breakout of our licenses by county. She will share the document once completed.

The renewal season opened Oct. 1. A few "bugs" with the new applications have been addressed and the process seems to be moving smoothly. 187 applications have been approved in the first 14 days. The biggest issue has been the confusion between NVABA and BACB with differing expiration dates, credential numbers and requirements. NVABA is specifically tracking BACB expiration dates to assist us in insuring individuals maintain the required BACB certification.

Wendy shared information about a complaint received regarding the CE requirements and the response which outlined the legislative requirements.

The NVABA office will be closed for the state holidays between now and the end of the year; so everyone is aware.

Dr. Fronapfel thanked Wendy for the response to the complaint, reinforcing who was ultimately setting the requirements and that NVABA does not have any options but to enforce those state regulations.

Christy Fuller asked about what information was available to applicants regarding the CE requirements. She referenced several board discussions and pointed to the website FAQ section which attempts to provide information for applicants/licensees. She shared that while it can be a challenge to track multiple requirements with different deadlines, the professionals need to take on that responsibility.

Wendy shared that the efforts to maintain the website and communicate with licensees is not what it could and should be. That is a goal going forward as we review the operations of the office and where improvements can be made. A big change this renewal cycle is that applicants need only to upload the 8 CE documents for the Nevada-specific requirements and not those required by BACB.

6. BDR's - no new proposed legislation related to ABA was identified.
7. The Board was informed that Molly Halligan has resigned her position with NABA. No report.
8. Stephanie Huff and Courtney LoMonaco have prepared the evaluation tool for Wendy's review and will be sending it out for the board members to complete. The goal is to have the board's feedback so the evaluation can be presented at the next meeting in November. Courtney thanked Stephanie for taking this process on and also appreciates the board members support.

The Board has been asked to provide a statement to Medicaid regarding ABA therapies involving ADL's. Changes in Medicaid policies have raised concerns especially from OT professionals and Medicaid has asked for a statement supporting ADLs as part of the scope of practice. A statement will be drafted, and a special meeting will be called to review and approve. Christy Fuller made the motion to develop a statement and call a special meeting for approval and Courtney LoMonaco seconded it. The motion passed.

9. No new complaints were received – 36 cases remain active
10. No financial reports were available for the meeting as previously discussed. They will be available for the November meeting.
11. In September, 82 new RBTs were issued; 37 in October and 144 renewals = 268 RBTs in the state. LaBA's – 0 issued in September, 1 in October and 0 renewals = 1 licensed in the state. LBA's – 1 issued in September, 6 in October and 43 renewals = 50 in the state.

Wendy reported there have been some issues with receiving reports from DPS. Many requests submitted earlier in the year to meet the additional Federal Background requirements have not been received in our office, possibly due to the recent use of a third-party mail house. We've seen delays, unsealed mailing envelopes, etc. We have been in contact with DPS and are tracking the reports that are delayed.

12. No additional items were suggested for the November meeting agenda.
13. No public comment
14. Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.