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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
June 12, 2017

Members Present: Tony Macaluso, Larry Law, Bob Stulac, Drew Skeen, Erika Marquez
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Loretta Ponton, Executive Director
Heather Hartley, Assistant
Henna Rasul, Sr. Deputy Attorney General
Public Present: Cara Evangelista, Jimmy Vigalanti

PUBLIC WORKSHOP - LCB File No. XXXX

Loretta Ponton, Executive Director opened the Public Workshop at 9:45 a.m. Ms. Ponton explained the purpose of the workshop was to solicit public comments from interested persons on the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations address administrative proceedings for the conduct of hearings, disciplinary proceedings and complaints against licensees; and proceedings before the Board for petitions for adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations, or for hearings and petitions for declaratory orders or advisory opinions. Ms. Ponton opened the floor for public comments.

Cara Evangelista and Jimmy Vigalanti introduced themselves and asked how the proposed regulation would relate to individuals who are acting as consultants without having the qualifications for REHS registration.

Ms. Ponton stated the regulation provides the process for filing a complaint, a complaint would be reviewed for potential violation of state laws, if appropriate the complaint would be investigated and/or referred to another agency or entity if the allegations were not within the authority of the Board.

Henna Rasul stated unlicensed practice would be prosecuted by the Attorney General's office.

Hearing no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:13 a.m.

BOARD MEETING

Tony Macaluso, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. A voice roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Minutes: Tony Macaluso asked if there were any comments or revisions to the minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting.

Registrations Issued by Staff: Tony Macaluso asked if there were any comments on the registrations issued by staff.

Hearing no comments, called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. Larry Law made a motion, seconded by Erika Marquez to approve the consent agenda items. The motion passed.

Board Policy 02 - Moral Turpitude: Loretta Ponton explained the purpose of the policy is to provide guidance in determining whether legal actions reported by or taken against an applicant for registration, or current registrant constitutes a potential moral character issue. The policy establishes the parameters to determine when an applicant or registrant should be brought before the Board prior to approval of an application, or to determine whether disciplinary action is warranted.

Ms. Ponton summarized each section of the policy; discussion was held on each section with no revisions or clarifications suggested.

Tony Macaluso called for a motion. Bob Stulac made the motion, seconded by Larry Law to approve Policy 02 - Moral Turpitude as presented. The motion passed.

Proposed Regulation - Tony Macaluso asked if there were any further comments or discussion on the proposed regulatory language. Hearing none, called for a motion.

Larry Law made the motion, seconded by Bob Stulac to approve the proposed regulatory language for submittal to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for review and drafting. The motion passed.

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget - Loretta Ponton presented the proposed budget and summarized the revenue and expense line items, which include the purchase of a laptop computer for Board administration, travel expenses for one on-site meeting and development costs for on-line renewals. In response to a question by Drew Skeen, Ms. Ponton stated the Board does not own the current computer.

Tony Macaluso called for a motion. Larry Law made the motion, seconded by Drew Skeen to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget as presented. The motion passed.

Executive Director's Report: Loretta Ponton reported on registration statistics as of May 31, 2017. The Board has registered 20 new individuals, with one application pending for a total of 232 current registrants.

Ms. Ponton reported that there are no applicants for the public member position on the Board being vacated by Erika Marquez and asked members to forward any prospective candidates for that position.

Loretta Ponton concluded the executive director's report with a summary of the FY 2017 financial statements as of May 31, 2017, reporting a cash balance of \$41,791 and a net income for the fiscal year to date of \$5,923.

Tony Macaluso call for a motion on the Executive Director's report.

Bob Stulac made the motion, seconded by Larry Law to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. The motion passed.

Report from Board Chair: Tony Macaluso thanked Erica Marquez for her service on the Board. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11th by teleconference.

Future agenda items will include a Public Hearing on proposed regulations and adoption of regulations.

Report from Legal Counsel: Heena Rasul stated she had nothing to report.

Public Comment: There was no public present at this time.

Tony Macaluso adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.