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STATE OF NEVADA WELL DRILLERS' ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
STATEWIDE WELL DRILLER'S EXAMINATION

November 19th, 2025

DRAFT (subject to revision)

(Final minutes will be available on the Board's website

<http://water.nv.gov/WellDrillersAdvisoryBoard.aspx> after ratification by the Board at the next scheduled Board meeting)

Board Members

Present: Dennis Robblee, and Arnold Lamon

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Members Present: Manny Fernandez, and Timothy Semays

Call to Order:

Manny Fernandez: We shall now call to order the quarterly meeting of the Nevada Well Drillers Advisory Board in Las Vegas, Nevada. Today's date is Nevada 19th, 2025. The time is 8:23 AM. Representing the Nevada Well Driller's Board is Dennis Robblee, and Arnold Lamon. Representing the Nevada Division of Water Resources is Timothy Semays, and myself, Manny Fernandez. To comply with Open Meeting Law, notices of this meeting were posted in this building, and at the required locations throughout Nevada. At this time, we would like to open the floor for any public comment. Hearing none, we will proceed with the approval of the Well Driller's Advisory Board minutes.

Approval of Board
Meeting Minutes:

Manny Fernandez: Copies of minutes of the Well Driller's Advisory Board meeting, dated August 6th, 2025, have been distributed for your review. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes? Hearing none, is there a motion for the board to approve the minutes, to stand approved as read?

Dennis Robblee: I make a motion to approve the minutes as read.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Denny motioned, and Arnold seconded. All in favor say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay.

The motion carries. Okay, thank you gentlemen. We will now move on to the business of the board. So we had to cancel Carson City's November 18th meeting yesterday. So we didn't hold one there. As far as business of the board, the only new development is we adopted permanent regulations regarding the licensing procedure. The biggest being we introduced the reciprocity program. Other than that I have no other business to report. Any to discuss? Okay. Hearing no further

business at this time we will now proceed with the oral exams. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the oral exams?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned, and Denny seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries.

Oral Test of applicants for Well Driller's License by Statewide Well Drillers' Advisory Board, NRS 534.140 and 534.150.

8:30 a.m. – 9:06 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Corey Thrash's oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

Manny Fernandez: Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

Dennis Robblee: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Denny motioned; Arnold seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries. The Board will announce their recommendation, gentlemen?

Dennis Robblee:: My recommendation would be that we give him a sonic, auger, and monitor well license.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: My recommendation is also a limited license for monitoring wells and auger and sonic.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Thrash, for his limited Water Well License. Limited to sonic, auger, and monitor wells only. The time is 9:06 a.m.

Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned, and Denny seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries.

9:08 a.m. – 9:49 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Darian Hernandez's oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

Manny Fernandez: Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned; Dennis seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Denny?

Dennis Robblee: Darian, I'm going to recommend that we deny you a license. Just until you get more experience. I think you're an intelligent guy and I bet you're hard working. But I just think you need a little more time to learn the things you should know.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: Yeah Darian I think you're more than capable. I'm going to deny your license until you get some more experience. Which you will. I appreciate you coming back in and sitting through this.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Hernandez, be denied for his water well license. The time is 9:49 a.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned, and Denny seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries.

10:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Cameron Turner's oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

Manny Fernandez: Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned; Dennis seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Denny?

Dennis Robblee: Cameron we're really close on this one and I think we'd like to take a little bit of time to review. Okay? We're going to have to take a look. I'd like for you to get more experience for sure. Learn a few more things that you seem to know are there. But knowing more about those things would be good.

Manny Fernandez: Well Denny, you can make your recommendation as the board member. Whether you believe he should retest or you believe he should have a production well only.

Dennis Robblee: Okay I got you. Cameron I'm so close to the razors edge. Okay? That I would almost suggest, and I think I'm going to suggest that you get a limited license for production wells only. I don't think I have to sign this right now, but I think that's where I'm at. It would take a feather to sway me one way or the other. You seem knowledgeable, you seem way too nervous to have to sit through this right now. I think with a little more experience you wouldn't be that nervous. I think I'm leaning towards recommending that you get a limited license for production wells only.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: I'm going to recommend that we review it. Same thing. My thoughts are- you do mud rotary. I'm going to kind of do the opposite of what Denny's doing. I'm going to want you to come back and retest. At this point I would deny your water well license. You got everything, your monitoring well is a no. You need to study up on that some more. Get yourself more acquainted with your mud parameters. What they should or shouldn't be. Air, you don't do that, so. I'm torn here because as a water well driller you have to have knowledge of all of it. So, I'm going to request that you come back and retest.

Manny Fernandez: Okay, thank you gentlemen. So at this point, Cameron, the interview and the board's recommendation will be presented to the State Engineer. Then the State Engineer will make his determination based on this and we'll be in contact with you.

Cameron Turner: Okay. Thank you.

Manny Fernandez: The board member Dennis Robblee recommends a limited license for production wells only to the State Engineer. No monitor wells. Board member Arnold Lamon recommends to the State Engineer, a retest. Also recommends a limited license for production wells only, no monitor wells. But a retest would have to take place before that. The time is 11:32 a.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned, and Denny seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries.

12:59 p.m. – 1:52 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Anthony Jaymes Crawford Holt's oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

Manny Fernandez: Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned; Dennis seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Denny?

Dennis Robblee: I'm not comfortable with you having a monitor well license at all. But I would suggest that you are approved for a production wells only license. It doesn't seem like you do monitoring wells anyways. If it is approved, and you move forward just make sure you look into those and don't confuse us with Utah.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: Good job. I approve you for production water wells and no monitoring wells. Thank you for being here today.

Anthony Jaymes Crawford Holt: Thanks for your guys time.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Holt, for his Water Well License. Production wells only, no monitor wells. Production wells can be constructed and plugged. The time is 1:52 p.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned, and Denny seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries.

2:03 p.m. – 3:06 p.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Garrett Bagby’s oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

Manny Fernandez: Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned; Dennis seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Denny?

Dennis Robblee: I think you have a good understanding of drilling. You don’t seem too scared to admit the things you don’t know and you know the things you need to look up. I’d be very comfortable advising a limited license for production wells only. That would exclude you from the monitor wells. I think you need some time on that and I think you know that.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: I think you got it. I think you understand drilling and I think what we expect of you and what the state expects. Also, what you expect from yourself. I’d recommend you for production wells water well license. No monitoring wells.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Bagby, for his water well license limited to production wells only. No monitor wells. The time is 3:06 p.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned, and Denny seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries.

3:13 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Tyler Ekstedt’s oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

Manny Fernandez: Is there a motion from the Board to open the meeting?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned; Dennis seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: All opposed say nay. The motion carries. The Board will announce the recommendation. Denny?

Dennis Robblee: I thought you did great on the well part. My recommendation would be that we give you a limited license for production wells only, excluding monitor wells. Until you get some time and experience with those. It's a lot of material. So that would be my recommendation. Is production well only limited license.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: Tyler you did great. I'm going to approve you for water well, no monitoring well. But what you went through you're not going to have an issue with your monitoring well. It won't be a big deal for you to come back and finish it off. So that's my recommendation.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Ekstedt, for his water well license limited to production wells only. No monitor wells. The time is 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

Manny Fernandez: At this time we would like to close with a period for public comment. *Noise break*

Hearing none, we will now conclude this session of the Nevada Well Driller's Advisory Board meeting held on this day, November 19th, 2025, in Las Vegas Nevada.

Adjourn:

Manny Fernandez: Is there a motion from the Board to adjourn the meeting?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned; Denny seconded. All in favor, say aye.

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries. Meeting adjourned. The time is 4:00 p.m.

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