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

February 11th, 2026
FINAL and APPROVED

Board Members

Present: Arnold Lamon, and Paul Forbes

Nevada Division of
Water Resources

Members Present: Manny Fernandez, and Timothy Semays

Call to Order and
Public Comment:

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 February 11th, 2026. The time is 8:23 AM. Representing the Nevada Well Driller's Board is Arnold Lamon, and Paul Forbes. 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 November 19th, 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?

Paul Forbes: I make a motion to approve the minutes as read.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul 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. Not much to discuss right now. I think everything that had to be discussed was yesterday. Anything that concerned the public. The only thing is we are still looking for a State Engineer. Right now, we have an acting State Engineer. That's the only update really. Do you gentlemen have anything? 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.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold motioned, and Paul 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.

8:07 a.m. – 9:06 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct James Beath'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.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for James to have a full water well license.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: James, there's a couple things I need you to look at. First of all, have Ron send you to the mud school in Houston. If you need help with that, I will help you. Secondly, the waivers are very very important. We just don't want you to go in and make your own decision on how you're going to proceed. Make a phone call. Call Manny. Whoever you need to and take care of that. He's just a phone call away. With that being said, I will approve you for your water well license.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Beath, for his full Water Well License. No limitations. The time is 9:01 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.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

9:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Ruben Jimenez'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.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval but with a restriction on monitor wells. I think you should study and come back to retest for that portion.

Manny Fernandez: So Paul just to be clear on the record, for production wells? Okay. Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: I agree. Production well license and you'll have to come back for your monitoring wells.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Jimenez, for a limited license. Limited to production wells only. The time is 10:40 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.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

10:52 a.m. – 11:48 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Daniel Macy'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.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for a water well license limited to production wells. So no monitor wells.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: I approve for water well, limited, no monitoring wells.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Macy, for a limited water well license. The limitation being production wells only. No monitoring wells. The time is 11:46 a.m. Before I adjourn the meeting, our office can offer you another option. While we concur with the decision of production wells license only, but if you don't want to take that and you want to come back for a retest for the full to get the monitor well we can also do that. It's up to you. The difference being if I issue you the limited production wells you would have to reapply and do the application. You wouldn't have to do the written but you would have to come back to the board. Which is kind of the same thing. If you need the monitor well, you also have that other option. We can not issue you a license today and retest you again for the full.

Daniel Macy: So if I take the limited water well today, then I would have to redo the entire process?

Manny Fernandez: You would have to submit the application, yes. But not the written exam. You'll see in your account it will give you a choice to upgrade the license. So, you can skip the written but you'd have to come back to the board.

Daniel Macy: Okay. Yeah. I'd like to take the limited today. And in the future, I'll file to come back and do the monitor.

Public Comment:

Manny Fernandez: Okay. 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, February 11th, 2026, 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.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries. Meeting adjourned. The time is 11:48 a.m.

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