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

May 6th, 2026

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: Arnold Lamon, Denny Robblee, and Paul Forbes

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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 May 6th, 2026. The time is 8:10 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 February 11th, 2026, 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?

Arnold Lamon: I make a motion to approve the minutes as read.

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. We will now move on to the business of the board. I covered three topics yesterday in Carson City. I won't go into depth on them again but basically, we have a new permanent state engineer, Joe Cacioppo. Chad Walling is no longer the well drilling section chief. Right now, it's a vacant position. Third thing is the regulations we adopted in November of '25 got rejected in the legislative commission. We had started to implement a reciprocity program. I guess that was

the big hang up. They didn't feel too comfortable with that, so they didn't pass it. Some of the other regulations in there affected the licensure process. We got rid of the map portion part two. So, we were trying to streamline it but right now it's in limbo. We have to revise them again and see what happens moving forward. Other than that, that's all I got. 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.

8:15 a.m. – 8:52 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Joshua McCuistion'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 Joshua to have a full water well license.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: I recommend Joshua for a full water well license.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Joshua McCustion, for his full Water Well License. No limitations. The time is 8:52 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.

9:15 a.m. – 10:22 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Christopher Warner'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 your full water well license, so it's not limited to dewatering. But limited to sonic and auger equipment.

Manny Fernandez: Denny?

Denny Robblee: I recommend a full water well license limited to sonic and auger equipment.

Manny Fernandez: Thanks Denny. Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: I recommend a full water well license, limited to sonic and auger. Brush up on mud and air. You're young. Go have fun. Stay out of trouble.

Manny Fernandez: With the way they're licensing, you would just need to come back if you wanted to do rotary drilling on a different rig. And they would just test you on the equipment part. The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Christopher Warner, for a limited license. Limited to sonic and auger equipment. The time is 10:21 a.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, May 6th, 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 10:22 a.m.

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