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

August 5th, 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: Paul Forbes, Arnold Lamon, and Dennis Robblee

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Members Present: Chad Walling, Manny Fernandez, and Gary Blake

Call to Order:

Manny Fernandez: We shall now call to order the quarterly meeting of the Nevada Well Drillers Advisory Board in Carson City, Nevada. Today's date is August 5th, 2025. The time is 8:13 AM. Representing the Nevada Well Driller's Board is Dennis Robblee, Arnold Lamon, and Paul Forbes. Representing the Nevada Division of Water Resources is Chad Walling, Gary Blake 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 May 6th, 2025 have been distributed for your review. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes?

Arnold Lamon: I have none.

Manny Fernandez: Hearing none, is there a motion for the board to approve the minutes, to stand approved as read?

Paul Forbes: I move to approve the minutes as read.

Dennis Robblee: I'll second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned, and Denny 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.

Action

Board Business and
Discussion:

Manny Fernandez: First, we will hear from Chad with any new business. Chad?

Chad Walling: I just want to mention to you all that earlier this spring we adopted some temporary regulations pertaining to licensing and those expire in November so we have started the process of making them permanent. So if you have any questions on those or you can keep an eye out for some emails that will be distributed to our listserv. There will be some workshops and other things, drafts of the tests and all of that. But its very similar, almost identical to fully adopted. If you have any questions on those. Any comments thoughts, on that or anything else?

Manny Fernandez: Also any ideas, going through the regs. If you think of something that needs to be amended. Let us know and we will take a look at it. Okay, thank you Chad. 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 exam?

Paul Forbes: I move to close the meeting to conduct the oral exams.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Paul motioned, and Arnold 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.

8:17 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Zachary Cooper's oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

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

Paul Forbes: I motion to open the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

Arnold Lamon: You're a more than capable driller. Just going through the questionnaire with you and understanding some of your knowledge and what you're capable of doing im okay with that. Just my thoughts, try to understand your pull velocities on your air. Get yourself involved more with the mud. All my guys, every one of them, take their own mud parameters. Understand that, what it is, how it works, what its use is. As far as that, I mean I think you're one of them guys that if you don't have the answer you'll make some phone

calls to find it. So, I'm okay with your water well license. Your full water well license.

Dennis Robblee: I think the stress got to you a little bit. And it gets to a lot of people for sure. The most important thing you showed us is you know what you're doing. And when you don't, you know you need to go find out. Some people don't. Other people that come in here don't even know they need to go find something. You're well aware. Because most of us would have to go look at it too. I approve of a full water well license.

Manny Fernandez: Paul?

Paul Forbes: I'll recommend approval for his full water well license.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Zachary Cooper, for his full water well license. The time is 9:34 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, August 5th, 2025, in Carson City Nevada.

Adjourn:

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

Paul Forbes: I move to adjourn the meeting.

Dennis Robblee: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries. Meeting adjourned. The time is 9:35 am.

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