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

August 6th, 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:

Arnold Lamon, Paul Forbes, and Steve Hamrick

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Water Resources

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 August 6th, 2025. The time is 8:13 AM. Representing the Nevada Well Driller's Board is Arnold Lamon, Paul Forbes, and Steve Hamrick. 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 May 7th, 2025, have been distributed for your review. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes?

Steve Hamrick: None.

Paul Forbes: I don't have any.

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to approve the minutes as read.

Paul Forbes: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Steve motioned, and Paul 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. Yesterday Chad gave a quick update on what's going on in the well drilling section. Basically, we're revising the regulations right now. You know those temporaries we had adopted. We're working to get them permanent. While we're

doing that, we're also going to look at other regulations. If you have any ideas and you want to send us something, we talked about that. We appreciate any advice you gentlemen have. While we're here, also on that topic. We want to thank Steve Hamrick for his service and dedication. This is his last meeting sitting on the board. Steve has been a board member from 1993 to 1998, and then again from 2014 to present. So cumulatively he's served 16 years on the board. That's a long time. He's helped us navigate questions and to do these board meetings fairly, provided all his knowledge and advice. I know sometimes it's not easy. Especially when we have one guy in Carson and you would fly up there. So, we appreciate all that. We will be following up with something from the State Engineer. But we also wanted to put it on record that we appreciate your help with all this. 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?

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Steve 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.

8:15 a.m. – 9:08 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Joseph Robinson's oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

Steve Hamrick: I recommend approval.

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

Manny Fernandez: Paul?

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for his license.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Robinson, for his Water Well License. The time is 9:08 a.m.

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

9:08 a.m. – 10:17 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?

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

Steve Hamrick: Okay. I'm just going to recommend a retest because I want you to get more comfortable with the rules and what kind of products you can use and how far you bring them up and stuff. We just feel like if you're going to do monitor wells you need to know monitor wells real well.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: I'm going to recommend a retest also. Get yourself more familiar with abandonments and the process of the well from beginning to end.

Manny Fernandez: Paul?

Paul Forbes: I'm going to also recommend a retest.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Thrash, to retest for his limited license to monitor wells. The time is 10:17 a.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

Manny Fernandez: Steve motioned; Arnold seconded. Okay. All in favor say aye.

Unanimous Aye

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

10:20 a.m. – 11:01 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Ryan Kruger's oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: I'll second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

Steve Hamrick: I recommend approval.

Arnold Lamon: I recommend approval.

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for a limited license to auger rigs and monitor wells.

Manny Fernandez: Paul, yes. Steve, can you please.

Steve Hamrick: Okay, yeah. The approval is for monitor wells and auger rig.

Arnold Lamon: Approval is for monitor wells with auger.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Kruger, for his limited Water Well License. Limited to equipment-auger, and monitor wells only. The time is 11:01 a.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

11:05 a.m. – 1:38 a.m.

Meeting closed to conduct Lance Robbins II's oral examination.

Action

Recommendation:

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: I'll second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

Steve Hamrick: I recommend approval for a license. The only thing I have to say is if you take a mud class or something it could really help you.

Lance Robbins II: I could definitely take it again. For sure.

Steve Hamrick: If you start doing deeper wells, the mud, it would really help. I learned that the hard way. But I recommend approval for a full license.

Arnold Lamon: I agree. There's a lot to mud. A lot to it. It can be your friend, or it can be your enemy. So I would highly recommend a mud school, and learn about it. That's your job. Learn about it. I highly recommend you get your license.

Lance Robbins II: I'm definitely going to take mud class for sure.

Steve Hamrick: You did real good on everything else. You studied a lot.

Lance Robbins II: Thank you. To be honest I haven't really applied myself to anything in so long, so I just wanted to try to better myself and take a step up.

Steve Hamrick: Well we appreciate the studying.

Manny Fernandez: Paul?

Paul Forbes: I recommend approval for a full license.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Robbins, for his limited Water Well License. The time is 1:38 p.m. Is there a motion from the Board to close the meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030, to conduct the next oral exam?

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to close the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

1:40 p.m. – 2:57 p.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?

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to open the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: I’ll second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

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

Steve Hamrick: Okay, I’m going to recommend retest. The main thing is the full water well license lets you drill monitor wells. You need to read up on that. I know you probably might not even do any but if you get the full license you’ve got to know it. And in the meantime study up on some mud stuff too.

Manny Fernandez: Arnold?

Arnold Lamon: I’m going to suggest a retest also. Study up on your up hole velocity on your air. It will be a benefit to you in the future. Mud and monitoring wells. That’s part of our job.

Manny Fernandez: Paul?

Paul Forbes: I recommend a retest also. I think you’re right there, just monitoring well stuff got you. And the mud stuff, mud is super important. I know you are drilling some mud holes. So make sure you get mud engineers out. They come out usually for free. They can run you through a lot.

Manny Fernandez: The board recommends to the State Engineer, Mr. Darian Hernandez, to retest part II the oral examination for his water well license. The time is 2:56 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, August 6th, 2025, in Las Vegas Nevada.

Adjourn:

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

Steve Hamrick: I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Arnold Lamon: And I second it.

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

Unanimous Aye

Manny Fernandez: The motion carries. Meeting adjourned. The time is 2:57 p.m.

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