



March 17, 2026 1p.m. Board Meeting- **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. Board members in attendance: Dr. Fronapfel, Christy Fuller, Dr. Saunders, Stephanie Huff, Henna Rasul, AG Counsel and Wendy Knorr, Executive Director.

2. Mission Statement

Stephanie Huff read aloud.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment

4. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes There were no questions or discussions.

Dr. Saunders made a motion to approve the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes as presented; **Christy Fuller** seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Christy Fuller made a motion to approve the February 27, 2026 meeting minutes as presented; **Dr. Fronapfel** seconded the motion and the motion passed.

5. Executive Director's Report

The Sunset Committee removed NVABA from this session's list of required audits.

Wendy Knorr reported that the investigator engaged last Fall resigned from all the Boards he was working with in January. A new investigator has been located in Reno and a potential investigator in Las Vegas. Kim Taitano is retiring from Washoe County in late April and has agreed to work per diem for the Board. In addition, a licensed private investigator indicated he would be interested on a per diem basis.

The Community Member Board position is open after the resignation of Lynda Tache. The individual appointed will complete the remainder of the term which will expire in 2027. **Wendy Knorr** has spoken with two candidates about the position; one has declined to apply at this time due to family responsibilities but indicated she might consider it again when it opens again. A second candidate, Lindsay Sang has indicated she will be applying for the position. The Governor will make the final appointment.

Dr. Saunders, Stephanie Huff and **Wendy Knorr** represented the Board at the National APBA conference held March 13-14 and attended the BACB regulators meeting which was held during the conference. **Christy Fuller** attended the conference as well as a presenter. **Dr. Saunders** stated that she also felt that both meetings were good. She found it interesting that BACB CEO, Dr. Carr, stressed that it was important to remember that the field is young and growing and to impress on new professionals that the profession does not have the same resources available as other more mature, established fields. Impressing that and being upfront with new professionals is important for a more realistic perspective and help prevent burnout and assist them with their professional development. She also felt there was a lot more talk of ACQ accreditation for providers. The thought is that it will be required within the next ten years and it would be wise to start planning now. While the Board currently

does not have authority over the businesses, it would be wise for providers to consider and explore the process now as it could be that it will be required by the State at some time. **Stephanie Huff** mentioned learning about several state's efforts regarding AI technology which is now on her radar and mentioned that the Board may want to address that in the future. The BACB also announced the dates of its first meeting at their offices in Colorado. The meeting will be in October, and the Board should plan to send representation. She also felt that there was more public policy focus offered at this conference. One take away for her was the importance of making legislative relationships prior to needing them and suggests that it is something the Board should work toward for the next session and identify potential legislation beforehand. **Christy Fuller** asked what was shared during the regulators' meeting, as she has previously found those meetings to be very useful. She also stated she agreed with establishing legislative relationships and hopes that others are interested in public policy, and not just specific to licensing, but as ABA profession overall. She highlighted Dr. Carr's presentation of the growth, evolution, and status of the profession. **Stephanie Huff** suggested that the BACB meeting was a bit different than previous meetings as it was just over an hour and more informal. Both Holly from BACB and Muriel from CASP spoke and then there was interaction between the regulators. The topic of AI was brought up along with title protection in law. **Dr. Saunders** agreed there was good information shared among the attendees. One area she believes the Board may see an increase in interest and potential questions is coding. Major changes will go into effect in 2027 and people don't know where to go, so she reminded everyone that the Coding Coalition might be the best place to refer those questions. **Wendy Knorr** said that she feels the relationship/partnership with NABA has great potential and will encourage more interaction to better support each other in assisting with questions and concerns from our stakeholders. **Christy Fuller** encouraged accessing and understanding the BACB's disciplinary process in relation to the Boards. She referenced Holly's presentation at the conference and encouraged access to that session through BehaviorLive. **Wendy Knorr** mentioned that she'll be incorporating information to newly licensed BCaBA's and BCBA's that APBA will provide a one-year membership to encourage networking and professional development.

Wendy Knorr reported that the regular meetings required for the LCB audit appear to have come to an end. The LCB team is completing their review of the data provided to them and the report will be reviewed and presented before the end of the year.

B&I requested updated information about the Board's operations which will be compiled and provided to LCB according to them. The information focused on the previous 3 years' finances. We provided update/corrected information to B&I within the prescribed deadline.

A webinar is scheduled regarding the recent changes to ABA insurance coverage in Nevada. Sponsored by the NV Governors' Council on Developmental Disabilities and others.

Wendy Knorr reported that the Board's 3rd quarter payments and conference expenses will be sent by the end of the month.

6. NABA Update

No report

7. Complaints

Wendy Knorr reported that as part of the LCB audit, there was a review of complaints and the process. A couple complaints have been received, mirroring issues in the national news. They remain a priority.

8. Financial Update

January and February 2026 reports were presented for review. **Dr. Fronapfel** made a motion to accept the January and February 2026 reports; **Dr. Saunders** seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion of Current Status of Applications and other Licensing Activities

Wendy Knorr provided information as requested by a licensee, regarding Illinois legislation outlining requirements for agencies/providers of ABA services in the state. They suggested this might be

something for consideration in Nevada. **Wendy Knorr** shared information about experiences working with out-of-state providers and some of the challenges encountered. The Board does not have authority over the businesses, just the licensed individuals working for them. She mentioned as time goes on, this may become an issue the Board may have to consider – some would require statutory changes.

Proposed regulatory changes by B&I will be presented at a hearing March 31 at 10 a.m. The proposed changes were made available to the Board members. These regulations are the first effort from B&I to establish operational standards since the statutes were approved in 2023. **Stephanie Huff** asked if there was any information about how other licensing boards were reacting to the proposed regulations, or any discussion from them? **Wendy Knorr** indicated that her understanding was that most of the boards feel the regulations are mostly restatement of requirements already in place – certain reports and other requirements – and not new requirements. There is some concern about the complaint process and increased access to complaint information without specific justification, but overall, nothing of major concern.

The Board was updated regarding the proposed contract for Albertson Consulting/Big Picture, the new licensing platform. The contract was reviewed with the Board with updated costs/final contract. **Dr. Saunders** made the motion to accept the updated Big Picture contract for submission; **Dr. Fronapfel** seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Licenses and Registrations issued:

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>March (to date)</u>	<u>State total</u>
RBT	82	75	39	3535
LaBA	3	0	1	50
LBA	13	8	8	781

Christy Fuller asked what the timeline was for receiving background criminal history reports. **Wendy Knorr** reported that there is still a learning curve for the new system and understanding more about DPS's process and termination. We are adjusting our process as needed. Learning when to inquire about a potential problem, etc. to minimize any potential delays. Most reports are received without incident, and the process is much improved over the previous one. **Christy Fuller** emphasized that organizations should incorporate that into their hiring process – if an applicant has not heard back about their results within 2 weeks of submission, they should reach out to inquire.

10. Determine Future Agenda Items

End of fiscal year is June 30, 2026, so a new budget will be presented for review and approval. **Christy Fuller** made the motion to include the review of the FY27-28 budget in addition to the standing agenda items for the next meeting's agenda. **Dr. Saunders** seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Public Comment

Veronica Smith presented information about the recent OIG report which stated \$77.8 improper Medicaid payments for ABA services in Colorado which will undoubtedly increase scrutiny of the ABA field. While concerning, it also presents an opportunity for providers to recommit to quality and ethical standards. She encourages providers to consider working with CASP and the benefits of accreditation and involvement with the organization. She also mentioned the conference being held in Las Vegas.

12. Adjournment

Stephanie Huff adjourned at 10:54 a.m.