



*Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners*

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**OPEN SESSION  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING**

Board Office Conference Room  
1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, Reno, NV 89502

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.**

*Board Members Present at Board Office*

Jean Stoess, M.A.

*Board Members Present by Telephone*

Charles N. Held, M.D., President  
Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., Vice President  
Sohail U. Anjum, M.D.  
Javaid Anwar, M.D..  
Cindy Lamerson, M.D.  
S. Daniel McBride, M.D.

*Board Members Absent*

Renee West, Secretary-Treasurer  
Van V. Heffner

*Staff Present at Board Office*

Drennan A. Clark, Executive Director/Special Counsel  
Laurie L. Munson, Deputy Executive Director/  
Information Systems Administrator/Chief of Administration  
Edward O. Cousineau, J.D., Deputy General Counsel  
Lyn E. Beggs, J.D., Deputy General Counsel  
Douglas C. Cooper, Chief of Investigations  
Lynnette L. Daniels, Chief of Licensing

*Also Present at Board Office*

Louis Ling, J.D.

*Also Present by Telephone*

Christine M. Guerci-Nyhus, J.D., Chief Deputy Attorney General  
Weldon E. (Don) Havins, M.D., J.D., L.L.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

The AT&T telephone conference call operator took roll call of those participating by telephone.

Agenda Item 1

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Roll Call/Quorum
- Charles N. Held, M.D., President

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Guerci-Nyhus announced there was a quorum. She then stated the purpose of the meeting was to select a new Executive Director. Because the Executive Director is a position created by statute, the position is considered a public officer for purposes of the Open Meeting Law, and therefore all discussion concerning the hiring and qualifications of the applicants must be done in open session.

Ms. Stoess put on the record that she was present in the Board office.

Agenda Item 2

### **RECOMMENDATION BY COMMITTEE, DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dr. Held explained that the Board had created a committee to explore the hiring of a new Executive Director, and the committee originally thought about hiring a temporary one, but of the three applicants, only one was interested in a temporary position. He stated the Board members had been provided with the CVs of the three applicants and should have reviewed them, and then requested comments from the Board members.

Discussion ensued concerning the qualifications of the three applicants for the position of Executive Director, and concerning the current job description for the position.

Dr. Held stated the committee had interviewed all three candidates, and all were highly qualified. He then asked whether the applicants had anything they wanted to add.

Mr. Cooper stated that he had provided his CV to Board members, that they know him, and that he had nothing to add that hadn't already been said.

Dr. Havins said there were two reasons not to select him, which were that he was still interested in seeing patients on a part-time basis, and that he would be traveling back and forth between Las Vegas and Reno and would push to establish a branch office in Clark County, and reasons to select him were that he is familiar with the political process and involved in that and his background is suited perfectly for the position.

Mr. Ling stated he has represented a number of state boards and commissions for 17 years. He has been through 9 legislative sessions and every bill his boards have sponsored has been adopted. He was interested in the position primarily because that is what he does for a living, and he really enjoys the work. He would like to serve the Medical Board and do the same things for it that he has been doing for other boards for the past 17 years.

Further discussion ensued concerning the qualifications of the three applicants.

Dr. Rodriguez moved that the Board select Louis Ling as its next Executive Director. Ms. Stoess seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Havins thanked the Board and stated he appreciated being considered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Anjum moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.