

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Medical Laboratories Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

DATE: October 7, 2022

TIME: 12 p.m.

Meeting Locations:

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1. Call to Order and Roll call – **Chair Members:**

Christie L. Elliott, M.D.

David P. Marmaduke, M.D.

Alexander Stojanoff, Ph.D.

Victor M. Muro, M.D.

Iain L. O. Buxton, Ph.D.

Jill Brown, MT

Ihsan Azzam, M.D., Ph.D. Chief Medical Officer State of Nevada
General Supervisor – Vacant Position

Staff:

Bradley Waples, Acting Manager Medical Laboratory Services

Emma Duarte, Acting Supervisor Medical Laboratory Services

Keri King, Administrative Assistant III

Nikki Feister, Administrative Assistant III

Nathan Orme, education and information officer

Quorum was met – Christie L. Elliott, Alexander Stojanoff, Victor M. Muro, Iain L. O. Buxton, Jill Brown, Ihsan Azzam – in attendance. David P. Marmaduke – not in attendance.

Brad Waples is acting chairman at this time.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from March 25, 2022. – **For Possible Action.**

No comments or questions.

Jill Brown, moved to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2022, meeting as written.

Christie Elliott, I would second that

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Update on proposed regulations (LCB File No. R126-21 changes to NAC 652) as approved by the Board of Health on 9/02/2022. Bradley Waples – **Discussion Item.**

Brad Waples mentioned also approved by the Legislative Commission and it has been codified and has been signed off by the Secretary of State and can be used now.

No comments or questions.

Nathan Orme stated he placed a link in team chat from the legislature's website as to the final version - <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2021Register/R126-21AP.pdf>

5. Review of updated MLAC bylaws. Bradley Waples – **For Possible Action.**

Brad Waples stated there was a couple of updates to make with the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committees bylaws: name changed from Bureau of Licensure and Certification was changed to The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health and Behavioral Health and the address is showing the current address of that location. The other change that was made that was approved by the members was to have the meetings instead of twice a year to be at least once per year. Those were the changes that the members voted and approved at the last March meeting. Brad Waples has the changes and Nathan Orme will get them posted to the web page (barring any other changes that need to be made).

6. Consideration of applications to the MLAC for the open General Supervisor position to make a recommendation to Board of Health. Bradley Waples – **For Possible Action.**

Brad Waples stated the consideration of applications to the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee for the Open General Supervisor or medical technologist position to make recommendation to the Board of Health. The bylaws say that any members of the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee Board are approved by the Board of Health. There were 17 respondents.

Nathan stated there is a hyperlink to the single PDF which has the applications in it, the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee are the ones who make the recommendation to submit to the Board of Health and then the Board of Health will make the approval of that person.

Brad Waples asked if there was anyone from the list available to recommend seeing on this committee for the vacant position.

Brad acknowledges Dr. Stojanoff who mentioned he is glad there are so many applicants, stating that he knows some of them and they look great. Dr. Stojanoff stated, "Some of them I wasn't quite sure. I'm looking more toward Nevada residents or people that have been working in Nevada and there's there were quite a few of them that been labeled as presently as lab manager. I don't know. I don't have the full context, but I've just from what I'm getting from, from what Nathan sent out, Lab Manager in Texas; Lab manager in Washington; Michigan. I've sat those aside because I'm not sure exactly what's going on over there. There's another Illinois. I'm looking toward people that have a strongly associated with Nevada. Separating those people that have. Doing administration, I'm looking more toward people that have got hands on lab doing lab. Lab work, hands on lab stuff. Not so much. Administration. So those people are in there I've sort of whittled them down to maybe about half a dozen candidates. Maybe about half a dozen candidates and there's a couple that stand out. Judith Burns at Quest Diagnostics. Taylor Noyes is a good one also. Holly Hill Taylor QA specialist, Patty Normandy St. Mary's Reno, and Chris Laborjaw at the State lab in Reno. Like I said, there's quite a few applicants, but I think what we need to do is whittle them down to some sort of way of finding the correct applicant. I think they seem to be excellent candidates on paper. These five candidates.

Iain Buxton

Could I just add, I've looked at all of these as well. I don't know any of them. I would just like to comment that there's two things missing in my view. First of all, what is the qualification in particular that we're looking for and secondly. What are we to know besides, what's just been offered, which is the only obvious points available? There's so little information. I mean, either that they're here or not, and either they have a certain job role or not. And I respect that we've sorted them out in that way. But isn't there more to say? What are we really looking for?

Brad Waples

According to our bylaws for that vacant position, it's supposed to be held by a nationally certified medical technologist, Clinical Laboratory Technologist, Clinical laboratory scientists, pulmonary laboratory technologists or blood guest technologies. That's the only qualifications for that position.

Iain Buxton

Thank you. So if I beg your pardon, go ahead.

Christie Elliott

Oh, I was just going to say kind of I agree with Doctor Buxton, but what is the committee? What do we want? It's like they all obviously all qualify. But what are we really looking for? What does this individual do? What's their contribution? How and what do we want from them?

Iain Buxton

Right. So it seems to me that if in fact we think about the bylaws and we say these are folks who are doing the job and we want their input on the committee. I would like to suggest something unusual, which is that because Dr. Stojanoff may know somebody, he may be able to recommend them on the basis of knowing that that they are a solid individual to put on the committee because I have no other information to help me.

Dr Stojanoff

I'm going to recommend Judith Burns, you know, she's an excellent candidate.

Christie Elliott

This is Christy Elliott. I would recommend Taylor Noyes, but I will say in all honesty I I don't know the other candidates, but I work with Taylor on a on a daily basis, seen in many different roles in the in the years that I have worked with her. And I think like on just about any complicated issue, we always run into like what's the what are the regulations say and she's always on it. And if she doesn't know it, she finds the answer.

Dr Stojanoff made a motion to recommend Taylor Noyes to the MLAC.

Christie Elliott seconds the motion.

Dr Stojanoff: Aye

Victor Muro : Aye

Iain Buxton: Aye

Ihsan Azzam: Aye

Christie Elliott: Aye

None in opposition

7. Discussion of open MLAC position upon completion of term by Dr. Victor Muro in December 2022. –
For Possible Action.

Doctor Muro ends his second consecutive term end on December 2nd, 2022, so we'll need to also think of someone to be replacing him and to submit to the Board of Health for their approval.

Membership of vote on who, which would also include Dr. Muro to vote on a candidate that would be replacing him. If we could get the person approved by the Board of Health on Friday, Dec 2 then we could have a meeting on Monday, which is December the 5th.

8. Open discussion by MLAC members about any issues of concern/possible future agenda items. – **For Possible Action.** Pierron E. Tackes (stated in reference to the prior recommendation of Taylor Noyes). — Brad, this is this is Pierron E. Tackes as Deputy Attorney General, I just wanted to chime in and make a clarification for the record. This is a recommendation to the Board of Health to appoint. So, the next round this will go up to the Board of Health once they make the appointment, then it will be that individual will be formally appointed to the board.
9. Determine date of next meeting (dates of future meetings subject to change).

December the 5th, 12:00 P.M. Pacific Time

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Hi, this is Jennifer Archer. I'm with Valley health systems in Las Vegas. And I'm sorry, I may have missed it, but last meeting we spoke about the licensure of a general supervisors working at freestanding emergency departments affiliated with hospitals. Do we have a final on that?

Brad Waples – Under section 12 as to what the actual verbiage is going to say.

11. Adjournment: 12:40 p.m.