

# **Summary of Key Amendments Submitted for Review and Consideration**

The proposed bylaw amendments are intended to clarify authority, strengthen compliance, and support implementation of new legislative mandates. Key revisions include the following:

## **A. Clarification of AB 384 Authority and Reporting Duties**

(Sections 2.2(f) and 2.3(g))

The amendments expressly authorize the Commission to:

- Formally solicit expert and stakeholder input on defined juvenile justice issues; and
- Submit an annual report to the Legislature on or before March 1, summarizing activities, findings, and recommendations, as required by AB 384 (2025).

## **B. Appointment Vacancies and Recommendation Process**

(Section 4.3)

Revisions clarify the internal process for recommending candidates to fill Commission vacancies, including:

- Eligibility verification.
- Candidate interviews.
- Assistance with required application materials; and
- Submission of a recommendation letter to the Nevada Boards and Commissions Office.

The amendments are intended to support transparency and consistency while preserving the appointing authority's discretion.

## **C. Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Recusal**

(Section 4.7)

The amendments:

- Define actual, potential, and perceived conflicts of interest.
- Establish disclosure timing requirements.
- Clarify the Chair's authority to seek guidance and direct recusal; and
- Specify the procedural consequences of recusal, including exclusion from quorum and voting for the affected agenda item.

## **D. Non-Voting Members (Advisory Participation)**

(Section 4.8)

The amendments authorize the use of non-voting members to provide subject-matter expertise, stakeholder input, or technical assistance, particularly in support of AB 384-related work.

The section clearly states that non-voting members:

- Serve in an advisory capacity only.
- Are not counted toward quorum.
- May not vote, make motions, or serve as officers; and
- Are subject to applicable Open Meeting Law, ethics, and conduct requirements.

## **E. Orientation and Training of New Members**

(Section 4.9)

The amendments require a structured orientation for newly appointed members, covering:

- Statutory authority and Commission duties.
- Governance procedures.
- Nevada Open Meeting Law and ethics requirements; and
- State and federal juvenile justice context, including SAG responsibilities.

## **F. Quorum and Voting Clarifications**

(Section 5.8)

The amendments reaffirm that a quorum consists of a majority of appointed and currently serving voting members and clarify voting requirements once a quorum is established.

## **G. Agenda Preparation, Review, and Posting**

(Section 5.9)

The amendments codify Open Meeting Law-compliant agenda standards, including:

- Clear identification of authority and expected outcomes.
- Agenda review timelines to support DAG review.
- Posting and distribution requirements; and
- The Chair's authority to separate motions or votes for clarity and compliance.

## H. Duties of Standing Committees

(section 7.4)

Executive Committee amendments:

- Preserves **committee independence**
- Avoids implying directive authority by the Executive Committee
- Reinforces transparency and information-sharing
- Clarifies authority – confirms the committee recommends; the full Commission acts.
- Avoids artificial annual mandates – allows flexibility when statutes, AB 384 implementation, or federal guidance change.
- OML-safe and defensible – no implied automatic amendments; all action remains with the Commission.

## H. Work Groups and Task Forces

(Section 7.9)

The amendments distinguish between:

- **Work Groups** (informational, advisory, may or may not trigger OML depending on quorum); and
- **Task Forces** (Commission-created, always subject to OML, structured membership and deliverables).