

## Nicole Tamura



Nicole is currently a consultant at The Learning Consultants, LLC. She received her master's degree from the University of Washington in Special Education; she received her BCBA license in September 2021. Nicole has conducted research on teaching a toddler sign language and presented a poster at the Nevada Association of Behavior Analysis Conference. Her research interests are in inclusion; what skills an individual would need to develop to be included in a general education setting or a less restrictive environment. Specifically giving every individual a shot at inclusion in the general education setting by working to teach an individual to use the toilet independently. Nicole is also interested in the role parents play in potty training, but also what the school setting can do for adolescents who remain dependent on a caregiver for toileting.

### **Please describe your organizational skills.**

I get things done on time, and accurately. I create tasks for myself and create lists of things that need to be done. I am able to prioritize based on due dates, as well as importance. I will get things done on time.

### **How familiar are you with using Google Drive?**

Google drive is the platform that I use with my company, so I am well versed.

### **Have you had experience taking meeting minutes before?**

Yes, I have taken meeting minutes prior. I have had the opportunity to take meeting minutes while in my practicum, and doing supervised fieldwork.

### **What makes you a good candidate for this role?**

I am a timely person; on-time is late, in my opinion. I communicate well with others both verbally and written. I try very hard to succeed at everything I do, and I am a quick learner.

## Rachel Brook Lozich



Rachel Brook Lozich is currently a Behavior Analyst for Autism and Behavioral Consulting Services in Las Vegas, Nevada. She earned her B.A. from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in Psychology in 2006 and went on to earn her M.Ed. from the same university in 2010. She is also a Licensed Teacher. Rachel has been active in the field of behavioral analysis since 2001, and began her journey into the world of ABA at the University of Nevada, Reno where she worked at P.A.T.H and the Early Childhood Autism Program. The foundations that Rachel received in ABA at UNR in combination with her training in Special Education from UNLV have proven to be very instrumental in disseminating behavioral analysis to a wide variety of individuals and organizations.

Over the past 20 years, Rachel's career in the application of behavioral analysis has served those in a variety of populations including autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury, physical disabilities, and behavioral health. As a professional, she has worked, consulted, or collaborated with home and center-based programs, parents, school districts, city recreational programs, foster care systems, day treatment facilities, speech therapists, and occupational therapists. Additionally, Rachel provided ABA services overseas in Kuwait, where she was able to refine her skills in developing and implementing interventions, adaptations, and modifications for neurodiverse students in classroom settings, and training lay persons in how to utilize behavioral techniques in their daily practice.

Rachel would like to continue to expand her vision in making quality behavioral interventions that significantly improve lives available to everyone in need, regardless of the obstacles. One of the steps in this process is to further unite the Behavior Analysts in Nevada. If elected as NABA Board Secretary, Rachel will be committed to maintaining a collaborative environment for Nevada Behavior Analysts. She will use her organization and communication skills to further enhance this growing association. Rachel is honored to be nominated, and would appreciate your vote.

### **Please describe your organizational skills.**

I am able to manage time and deadlines effectively, prioritize tasks, maintain a clean workspace both in-person and using online platforms, keep track of steps in necessary processes, and finish projects until completion in a timely manner.

### **How familiar are you with using Google Drive?**

Very Proficient.

### **Have you had experience taking meeting minutes before?**

Yes, as well as transcribing audio.

### **What makes you a good candidate for this role?**

I take good initiative and encourage team ethics. I have great organizational and time management skills. I communicate with others in a clear and friendly manner. I pride myself on my honesty and discretion in professional matters.

## **Deborah L Meinberg M.A., BCBA, LBA**



Deborah Meinberg is a BCBA at the Grant a Gift Autism Foundation Ackerman Center. Deborah has been in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) for 27 years. Before moving to Las Vegas in 2006, Deborah was born and raised in New York City where she earned her Masters Degree in Behavior Analysis and Behavior Disorders from Teachers College at Columbia University. Deborah taught and supervised ABA preschool programs for children with autism and related disabilities at both the Fred S Keller School and Hawthorne Country Day School in NY and participated in research and publications in various topics of Applied Behavior Analysis. Since moving to Las Vegas, Deborah worked in early intervention and clinic settings before branching out on her own to provide ABA therapy and parent training to families in the community. Deborah joined the Ackerman Center team in 2016 where she is a BCBA working with clients ages 2-16 both individually and within group settings as well as supervising RBTs and those seeking fieldwork experience. Deborah's interests lie in the areas of verbal behavior, behavior management, group programming, social skills, staff and parent training. Deborah derives meaning and purpose from channeling her knowledge and passion into cultivating high standards for ethics and care in the field. This shows in both her efforts in treating the individuals she serves and mentoring RBTs and fieldwork candidates. Outside of work life, Deborah also pursues activities and interests that fulfill her sense of adventure and love for the outdoors, including hot yoga, hiking, stand up paddleboarding, camping and travelling. These outside pursuits balance and replenish her, and serve as a model for her students and staff of a culture of work life balance.

### **Please describe your organizational skills.**

I believe my experience as a BCBA and supervisor for a nonprofit has allowed me to hone my organizational skills. I am a very detail-oriented person which often leads me to see both problems and solutions others may not. Within my current position I am responsible for not only my general caseload but supervision of RBTs, curriculum development for both my clients and social skills programs as well as parent training and development of those candidates wanting to become certified. Having my toes in so many different areas require me to be organized so important details are not missed. I believe my ability to ensure clients are covered if staff are out, maintain the safety and growth of my clients as well as be present for questions other RBTs may have, while working to meet deadlines, speaks daily to these skills.

### **How familiar are you with using Google Drive?**

I am very familiar with google drive. I used many aspects including but not limited to mail, documents, sheets and chats for several years through my employer until they switched to a different platform.

**Have you had experience taking meeting minutes before?**

Yes. While I have not taken meeting minutes for a board such as this, I often am responsible for taking minutes during clinical meeting at my current job.

**What makes you a good candidate for this role?**

I believe I can provide a fresh voice and face for the board while providing representation from Southern Nevada. I have been working in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis in varying capacities for 26+ years. Since moving to Las Vegas in 2006 from New York, I have been deeply passionate about bringing high quality ABA services to Las Vegas and continuing to promote the use of ethical administration of Applied Behavior Analysis in a variety of ways including but not limited to our autism and neurodiverse populations. I have watched and participated in the growth of Applied Behavior Analysis services in our state. I feel strongly about mentoring RBTs and fieldwork candidates to bring new generations of BCBAs to the state of Nevada. I believe superior communication is essential to keep our current rbt's and BCBAs informed and processes running smoothly. If elected I would bring this enthusiasm to any duties required of me as a member of the board. Thank you for your time and consideration.