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MAY 16, 2025 – BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Members via WebEx:	Thomas Brooks, Public Member – arrived 9:37am Jolene Engelking, LISW, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Gustafson, Public Member Heidi Holmes, LICSW – arrived at 9:15am through 11:00am Joanne Kronstedt, Public Member – left at 11:15am Tera Nelson, LSW Pa Der Vang, LICSW
Members In-person:	Christopher Anderson, Public Member Thomas Brooks, Public Member – arrived 11:47am Angie DeLille, LICSW Kim DeZurik, LSW Katherine Driskell, LICSW Kate Goodman, LICSW, Chair Yolonda Rogers, LICSW – arrived at 9:20am
Members Absent:	Dieu Do, Public Member Stephanie Jacobson, LSW, Vice Chair
Staff In-person:	Youa Yang, LICSW, Executive Director Connie Oberle, Office Manager Rebecca Moskow, JD, Compliance Unit Manager Kassandra Slizewski, LSW, Assistant Director, Director of Licensing Tammy Molitor, Communications & Executive Services Coordinator Beth Korth, Compliance Coordinator
Staff Via Web-Ex:	Colleen Vossen, Licensing Application Coordinator Jairus Ndulah, JD, Compliance Unit Investigator
Staff Absent:	NONE

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order & Approve Proposed Agenda**

   Goodman called meeting to order at 9:05am. Roll call attendance was taken. A quorum was present. The mission and value statement were read, and the proposed agenda was taken into consideration.

   ACTION: Holmes moved to approve the proposed agenda. DeZurik seconded. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

   A. Minutes March 21, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
   B. Committee Reports
   C. Staff Leadership Reports

   ACTION: Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda. Driskell seconded. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Public Comment**

Public comments are public data under Minn. Stat. Ch 13.

Written Public Comment: Submission of requests in advance are strongly encouraged, by 12:00pm (noon) on Thursday, May 15, 2025 by Noon, to the BOSW email address social.work@state.mn.us

Oral Public Comment: At the discretion of the Chair, comments limited up to 2 minutes per person

There were no written public comment, and no oral comment.

Member Roundtable:

Goodman and Yang, in Jacobson's absence, led us in roundtable discussion related to article: *Effects of social work licensure exemptions: theoretical propositions, evidence, and research* and posed the question: How do Boards regulate social work practice? What guides the regulatory practice when there are limited empirical evidence on the effects of social work regulation and practices? Board members provided feedback and insight on this topic as it relates to social work regulation and protection of the public.

4. **Staff Leadership Reports:**

A. Executive Director Report - Yang

- 2025 Board Member vacancies – There are four board member vacancies for the term serving through January 2029. Applications can be submitted to the Minnesota Secretary of State office for the following positions. The Governor's office has through June 30th, 2025, to make these appointments.
  - One LGSW or LISW licensed professional
  - One any license type of LSW or LGSW or LISW or LICSW
  - Two public members
- Provisional supervision module is online as of March 26, 2025.
- The Board of Social Work budget bill is moving along in SF2669 and Companion bill HF2435 which contains the budget and Multi-state License Compact fees. Other bills of interest include SF1803 waiving LGSW Licensing Supervision when working on a crisis team, SF2029 Temporary License changes, and SF 3227 which creates licensure exemption for individuals who work in programs regulated by MS 256B or MS 245A.
- Interstate Compact – there are three compact commission committees, Executive, Rules, and Finance. Yang is on the Rules Committee and is currently focus on the national qualifying exam. North Dakota passed legislation for the compact
- Office & Staffing - Re-Introduce Kassandra Slizewski as the new Assistant Director as of April 9th, 2025. The Licensing Coordinator position is vacant.
  - Introduce Beth Korth as the New Compliance Coordinator as of April 23rd, 2025– She is currently in training to learn the job.

B. Licensing Unit – Slizewski

- Licensing Team is providing timely responses to applicants and licensees even with being down one team member. An update was given on the comparison/growth of the provisional license type from the previous year.

C. Compliance Unit - Moskow

- Pleased/grateful to have a full compliance team. Complaints seem to be very stable in comparison to the previous year. Pleased to report there has not been an increase in complaints due to the provisional license. Provisional Licensees are completing their requirements for supervision in a timely manner.
  Several board members asked questions. Moskow answered with her expertise in the field.
  A discussion of students seeking a degree in Social Work and in an internship and what they need to do if they have concerns.

6. **Oral Reports**

A. **Legislation & Rules Committee** - Anderson

At the previous meeting we discussed the history of supervision to understand how to proceed with the deep dive on the supervision part of statute. The next meeting will focus on the supervisor section of the statute.

B. **Finance Committee** - Engelking

Waiting for the budget to be finalized in the legislature; on track for where the board should be; AGO costs have increased but we are within budget/under budget; revenues are about 1% above what was expected. The board is still trying to build up the one-year reserve. Looking at some odyssey funding for IT costs.

C. **Community Education Outreach Committee** – Goodman in Do's absence

CEOC met with L&R during their meeting.

D. **Leadership & Development Committee** – Yang in Jacobson's absence

Worked on reviewing strategic plan and training ideas for board members and staff.

E. **Taskforce for County Exemption** – DeZurik in Jacobson's absence
The group has been reviewing articles, what has been done in the past and why it did not go through in Minnesota the first time.

7. **ASWB Education Conference – Vang/Slizewski**

Vang and Slizewski shared their experience at the ASWB Education Conference which were overall positive. Both shared about workshops.

8. **Per Diem Training Expense Report Training – Oberle**

Oberle provided overview of per diem reimbursement policy and presented how to complete the expense reimbursement form.

9. **Attendance Approval**

Attendance at Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation (CLEAR) Educational Conference- September 15th-18th

ACTION: A Motion from Executive Committee to approve Executive Director to attend the CLEAR education conference was brought forward for discussion. Anderson amended the motion for two people Executive Director and the Assistant Director to attend the conference if it is within the budget and seconded by Holmes. Board members discussed. Roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. **Other/New Business**

Memo from CSWE about accrediting doctorate programs and the completion of their pilot program. It includes some info about their plan moving forward. Some feedback was given, but not enough information at this time and the topic may come back to the full board for discussion at a future time.

11. **11:30AM – 12:00PM Lunch Break**

12. **Executive Session (Closed to Public)**

ACTION: Gustafson moved to close the meeting for executive session. The motion was seconded by Anderson. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: The Board conducted a contested case hearing that resulted in dismissal.

ACTION: Anderson moved to open the meeting from executive session. The motion was seconded by Brooks. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

13. **Adjourn**

ACTON: A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Brooks to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Engelking

Jolene Engelking, LISW
Secretary/Treasurer