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SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 – BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Members via WebEx:	Katherine Driskell, LICSW Tera Nelson, LSW – arrived at 12:13pm Yolonda Rogers, LICSW – arrived at 9:09am Courtney Schroeder, LGSW Pa Der Vang, LICSW
Members In-person:	Thomas Brooks, Public Member Kim DeZurik, LSW Jolene Engelking, LISW, Secretary/Treasurer Kate Goodman, LICSW, Chair Linda Gustafson, Public Member Stephanie Jacobson, LSW, Vice Chair Deborah Meyer, Public Member
Members Absent:	Angie DeLille, LICSW Emilie Maxie, Public Member
Staff In-person:	Youa Yang, LICSW, Executive Director Connie Oberle, Office Manager Rebecca Moskow, JD, Compliance Unit Manager Beth Korth, Compliance Coordinator Joanne Ehrmantraut, LICSW, Social Work Licensing Coordinator
Staff Via Web-Ex:	Colleen Vossen, Licensing Application Coordinator Jairus Ndulah, JD, Compliance Unit Investigator
Staff Absent:	Kassandra Slizewski, LSW, Assistant Director, Director of Licensing Tammy Molitor, Communications & Executive Services Coordinator

MINUTES

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

   Goodman called the meeting to order at 9:03am. 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: Engelking moved to approve the proposed agenda. Driskell seconded. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consent Agenda:**
   A. Minutes July 18, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
   B. Committee Reports
   C. Staff Leadership Reports

   ACTION: Jacobson moved to approve the consent agenda. Meyer 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, July 17, 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 was no written comment and no oral comments.

4. **Member Roundtable**:

Jacobson led the member roundtable discussion and welcomed new licensed social work board member Courtney Schroeder. Board members introduced themselves and shared their favorite hobby, their role with the board, their daytime work, and area of expertise. She then read the Responsibility and Oath Statement with participation from the group.

5. **Staff Leadership Reports:**

A. Executive Director Report - Yang

- **BOARD VACANCIES:** Currently there is one board member vacancy to serve the term through January 2029. It is a public member who resided outside of the metro area. Applications can be submitted to the Minnesota Secretary of State Office.
- **SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT:** There was a special Compact Commission meeting on September 4, 2025. The commission approved the rules for the national qualifying exam and voted to proceed in discussing contract and cost for InspiringApps as the compact database. The commission will be discussing the Uniform Data Set at the full Commission meeting on November 5, 2025.
- **OFFICE AND STAFFING:** The board welcomed Joanne Ehrmantraut as the new Social Work Licensing Coordinator as of July 30, 2025. We are thrilled to have the board at full staff.
  Staff have updated the yearly Customer Satisfaction Survey, and it will be deployed at the beginning of October 2025 and be available for one month.
- **MS 148E.035 VARIANCE REQUESTS:** One variance was approved and ten were denied under MS 148E.035 since the July 18, 2025, Board meeting.

B. Licensing Unit – Yang

- The licensing staff is happy to have the new licensing coordinator, Joanne Ehrmantraut on staff.
- The licensing team continues to provide excellent and timely customer service to applicants and licensees.
- Presentations of the BSW and MSW licensing requirements have begun for the 2025-2026 school year. They seem to be going well.
- Comparison charts for licenses issued between October 2024 through August 2025 to the same timeframe of October 2023 to August 2024 were presented.

C. Compliance Unit - Moskow

- There have been about 22 new complaints received since the previous board meeting.
- The expectations for being on a Compliance Panel were explained for those for a full understanding of the responsibilities it entails.

6. **Presentation: Social Work Workforce Data**

Teri Fritsma from the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care of the Minnesota Department of Health (DHS) presented the Social Work Workforce data collected from social work licensees. There is a PowerPoint presentation with the information presented for reference of the data. Board members had an opportunity to asks questions regarding the presentation.

8. **Action Items**

ACTION: A motion from the Executive Committee to approve the Executive Director to attend the Compact Commission meeting in Indianapolis, IN on November 5, 2025, was brought forward for discussion. Roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: A motion from the Executive Committee to send a board member as the alternative delegate and the executive director to attend the ASWB Delegate Assembly fully funded by the Board on November 6-8, 2025, to Indianapolis, IN, was brought forward for discussion. Roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: The ASWB Bylaws and Model Social Work Act was reviewed. Concern brought forward regarding removal of public member specific position with the proposed change to one public member from two public members. The public members were being underrepresented. The Model Practice Act was also discussed.

10. **11:37AM – 11:59PM Lunch Break**

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

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

ACTION: A hearing was held in the Matter of Jodi Patricia Hennessey, LICSW/LGSW License #19155 on a Final Order of Suspension. Hennessey was not present, her attorney, Michael Daub appeared virtually on her behalf. Compliance Panel B was represented via video conference by Erin Farmer, Assistant Attorney General, and submitted a Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusion, and Final Order recommending a Final Order of Suspension. Nicholas Leinisch, Assistant Attorney General, appeared in-person as advising attorney. Voting to approve the order were DeZurik, Driskell, Gustafson, Meyer, Nelson, Schroeder, and Vang. The motion carried. Brooks, Engelking, Goodman, Jacobson, and Rogers, as members of Compliance Panel B, and members of the staff, except for the designated Board neutral, were not present for the deliberation and vote.

ACTION: Compliance Panel B moved to adopt the Stipulation and Consent Order for Angela H. Star, LICSW, License #8343. Votes to approve: Brooks, DeZurik, Driskell, Engelking, Goodman, Gustafson, Jacobson, Meyer, Nelson, Rogers, Schroeder, and Vang. Votes to oppose: None.

ACTION: Compliance Panel A moved to adopt the Stipulation and Consent Order for Joel Hansen, LICSW, License #19947. Votes to approve: Brooks, DeZurik, Driskell, Engelking, Goodman, Gustafson, Jacobson, Meyer, Nelson, Rogers, Schroeder, and Vang. Votes to oppose: None.

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

7. **Oral Reports**

A. Legislation & Rules Committee – *Rogers*
The committee is reviewing the supervision sections of MN Statute 148E.

B. Finance Committee - *Engelking*
The revenues are on track for fiscal year 2026. Board added provisional license revenue codes and can track provisional specific revenue.

C. Community Education Outreach Committee - *Slizewski*
CEOC did not meet.

D. Leadership & Development Committee – *Jacobson*
The committee had new members join. Committee discussed and reviewed the committee interest document to do committee assignments. Committee assignment document will be available at the November Board meeting.

8. **Action Item**

Jacobson from the L&D Committee presented the slate of officers to be reviewed and vote for Board of Social Work elected officer positions for the next 2 years. Floor nomination was requested and none was received.

MOTION: The L & D Committee presented a slate of officer for 2026-2027 for a vote. Jolene Engelking for Chair, Yolonda Rogers for Vice Chair, and Kim DeZurik for Secretary. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Votes to approve Brooks, DeZurik, Driskell, Engelking, Goodman, Gustafson, Jacobson, Meyer, Nelson, Rogers, Schroeder, and Vang.

12. **Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Engelking, LISW
Secretary/Treasurer