

LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 23, 2025 | 3 PM – 5 PM | VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS

Member Present:	Katherine Driskell, LICSW Kate Goodman, LICSW	Members Absent:	Yolonda Rogers, LICSW- Chair
Stakeholders Present:	Karen Frees, - arrived at 3:13pm Karen Goodenough, LICSW	Stakeholders Absent:	NONE
Staff Present:	Youa Yang, LICSW Kassandra Slizewski, LSW Rebecca Moskow, JD Tammy Molitor	Staff Absent:	Lindsey Franklin

MINUTES**1. Welcome & call meeting to order:**

- Driskell called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm
Agenda unanimously approved.

2. Approve Minutes:

- Driskell assumed a motion to approve the September 25, 2025, minutes and seconded by Goodman. Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business:

- Yang, executive director, let us know there is a scheduling issue with the November meeting date due to the holiday and other committee meetings. The third Thursday in November has several other scheduled committee meetings that overlaps with the L & R committee meeting time. She proposed that the November meeting be cancelled, and the December 18th meeting date would remain as scheduled. December meeting is scheduled earlier in the month.

MOTION: Driskell assumed a motion to cancel the November 2025 meeting and keeping the December 18th meeting date. Motion seconded by Goodman. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Advisory Committee Member Update(s):

- Goodenough – there is an entity that is proposing to create an exemption for the BSW licensure. There was discussion about the issue. The board gave an update on the Customer Satisfaction Survey with the new questions about the provisional license. There were association/organizations updates.

5. Review and Discuss MS 148E.106, MS 148E.110, and MS 148E.115 proposed changes:

- Discussion about the replacement of the word 'shall' because it's open for interpretation.
- Starting with MS 148E.106 Licensed Graduate Social Worker - Removal of the eye-to-eye electronic media, while maintaining visual contact will be changed to interactive technology. This change will be consistent across all statute language.
- Subd. 7 (b) Discussion about language to limit the number of times a licensee can request an extension. Licensees can also switch to the provisional license option, but it will incur additional fees. Additional discussion about the phrase 'personal hardship' and should be it clarified further.
- A question was raised about provisional licensee who gained a standard license via the provisional track and if they decided to take the exam a few years down the line, would they be able to apply and take the exam? This

discussion led to conversation about the compact commission and how the national qualifying exam is required to apply for multistate license.

- Subd. 8 -language is proposed to add provisional LICSW license under section 148E.115 Subd. 1
- Continued with MS 148E.110 Licensed Independent Social Workers (LISW) – The proposed changes to this section of the statute were similar to MS 148E.106. Reference the attachment.
- Continued with MS 148E.115 Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers (LICSW) – there is one proposed change for Subd. 1a, but further consultation may be needed for the proposed revision.

6. Public Comment: 4:50 pm to 5:00 pm

- No public comment.

7. Adjourn

Driskell assumed a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm. Goodman seconded. Motion carried.

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

L&R Committee meets monthly, on the fourth Thursday, from 3:00-5:00pm, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are open to the public under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13D.021 and held via virtual Teams meeting.

January 23	May 22	September 25
February 27	June 26	October 23
March 27	July 24	November 20 (<i>cancelled</i>)
April 24	August 28	December 18 (<i>change due to holiday</i>)

COMMITTEE CHARGE UNDER BOARD BYLAWS & 2025-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Determine need to conduct review “deep dive” of Social Work Practice Act MS 148E provisions to ensure: 1) public protection 2) relevant regulation, 3) licensure mobility, 4) create operational efficiencies where possible, 5) identify and consider potential barriers, 6) consider overall workforce issues, 7) consider possible incorporation of technology standards into Practice Act – how board regulates technology in practice.
2. Work to repeal county social worker licensing exemption, including clarification of use of social work title in county agencies.