

**LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2025 | 3 PM – 5 PM | VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**Member Present:** Yolonda Rogers, LICSW- Chair  
Katherine Driskell, LICSW  
Kate Goodman, LICSW -arrived at

**Members Absent:**

**Stakeholders Absent:**

**Stakeholders Present:** Karen Frees  
Karen Goodenough, LICSW

**Staff Present:** Youa Yang, LICSW  
Kassandra Slizewski, LSW  
Rebecca Moskow, JD  
Beth Korth

**Staff Absent:**

**MINUTES**

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

- Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm
- Driskell motioned to approve agenda seconded by Rogers.  
Agenda unanimously approved.

**2. Approve Minutes:**

- Driskell motioned to approve the October 23, 2025, minutes seconded by Rogers. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. New Business:**

- Yang, executive director, led discussion regarding Public Comment letter dated 9/24/2025.  
**MOTION:** Driskell proposed motioned for Board staff to respond to public comment and L&R will not recommend to the full Board consideration of new grandparenting legislation. Seconded by Rogers. Motion carried unanimously.
- Goodenough provided update regarding prior legislation SF 3227 introduced to create an exemption from licensure for individuals with a BSW who are employed as a mental health practitioner under DHS MS 256B or 245A. NASW and coalition were included in discussion to eliminate LSW exam requirement. Committee members brought up that there is the provisional pathway for applicants who cannot pass the exam. NASW & coalition members are encouraged to reach out to Board staff regarding requested meeting with other stakeholders about the bill.

**4. Board Advisory Committee Member Update(s):**

- Coalition brought forth priorities discussed for upcoming legislative session.
  - Supporting school social workers due to a shift in funding that was prioritized to resource officers or other alternate staffing.
  - Secure federal approval for increased mental health reimbursement rates and approval of the MN State Plan amendment.
  - Optum billing parity due to Optum not approving new clinical trainees working under LICSW licensees.
  - Title protection bill for social workers in counties. One of the revisions to the proposed bill is to address newly hired county “social workers,” including grandfathering in current county employees with that title.
- The Board’s legislative priority is to review and update the supervision statute to prepare for a legislative proposal.

**5. Review and Discuss MS 148E.0551, MS 148E.116 and MS 148E.126 proposed changes:**

- Discussion of proposed **MS 148E.0551 sub 6** Evaluation by supervisor. Addition of **(c)** requesting supervisor provide further information to the Board if they do not recommend supervisee for further social work practice. Discussed supervisor verses supervisee responsibilities for documentation.
- Discussion of proposed **MS 148E.0551 sub 10** adding language regarding representation of credentials.
  - Create uniform language similar to other sections of statute. Discussion of use of credentials like P-LSW, etc.
  - Discussion regarding adding CE requirements for provisional licensees. It is a new subdivision because it was not a requirement previously.
- **MS 148E.116 and MS 148E.126** were not discussed.

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

- No additional public comment.

**7. Adjourn**

At 5:00 pm Driskell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Goodman. Motion carried.

**2026 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 22	May 28	September 24
February 26	June 25	October 22
March 26	July 23	November 19 <i>(change due to holiday)</i>
April 23	August 27	December 17 <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.