

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

Member Present: Christopher Anderson,
Public Board Member-Chair
Katherine Driskell, LICSW
Kate Goodman, LICSW
Yolonda Rogers, LICSW 3:15 arrived

Members Absent: Dieu Do, Public Member
Stakeholders Absent: Karen Frees, LICSW
Staff Absent: NONE
Public Member: NONE

Stakeholders Present: Karen Goodenough, LGSW

Staff: Youa Yang, LICSW
Michelle Kramer-Prevost, LISW
Rebecca Moskow, JD
Tammy Molitor
Lindsey Franklin

MINUTES

1. Welcome & call meeting to order:

- Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:05pm
- Acknowledge new committee members.
Discussed if current time and day of the week will continue to work for the new member schedules. Some discussion about the time of the meeting and committee decided to keep the fourth Thursday 3pm to 5pm.
- Motion to approve agenda by Driskell and seconded by Goodman. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Minutes:

- Motion to approve November 21, 2024, minutes by Driskell and seconded by Goodman. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Advisory Committee Updates:

- Goodenough gave an update about what is going on with NASW-MN. Check on their YouTube channel for updates on the legislation they are moving forward with. The Winter Virtual conference is coming up on February 7, 14, and 21. Association received questions about the provisional license, so they created a document about it. Also, NASW is working on paid internships. Lastly, the Title Protection legislation will be reintroduced.

4. Review committee policy priorities based on strategic plan:

- The committee reviewed the strategic plan and discussed different plans topics should be priority. Discussed supervision statute review as a possible priority area. It's also a carryover from the previous strategic plan. The statute review may result in no change needed.
- If it is decided to review supervision section, staff could review the section and prep it with preliminary comments/questions for committee review.
- The timeline for review of supervision is not for current legislative session. Committee members also suggested to wait for compact commission or county exemption if the Board decides to bring legislative changes and determine if there are other supervision language that needs to be changed.
- Committee members suggest to invite CEOC members to join the L&R meeting to dialogue if there are other questions/concerns raised by the public about either supervision or other statute language.

- Discussion whether the committee should continue to meet once per month or move to every other month. The committee chair and executive director meet a week or two before the meeting and determine agenda items. Meeting will be cancelled if no agenda items are identified or no quorum present. Committee members decided to keep the schedule as is and at the next meeting will be a joint meeting with CEOC.

5. Other Information

- Kramer-Prevost informed the group about the work on the provisional items in online services (ALIMS). She also announced her upcoming retirement as of April 22, 2025, and she will be half-time during the months of March and April.
- Lindsay Franklin – gave an update on the power sharing agreement in the legislature. There is a special election on January 28th due to a Senator passing away. Democrats have a one seat majority. There will be another special election in March.

6. Adjourn

Driskell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:24pm. Goodman seconded. Motion carried.

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LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE MARCH 27, 2025 | 3 PM – 5 PM | VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS

Member Present:	Christopher Anderson, Public Board Member-Chair Dieu Do, Public Member-arrived 3:17pm Katherine Driskell, LICSW Kate Goodman, LICSW Yolonda Rogers, LICSW 3:20pm arrived Stephanie Jacobson - CEOC
Stakeholders Present:	Karen Goodenough, LGSW Jennifer Arneson Melisa Bryant
Staff:	Youa Yang, LICSW Michelle Kramer-Prevost, LISW Tammy Molitor

Members Absent:	NONE
Stakeholders Absent:	Karen Frees, LICSW
Staff Absent:	Rebecca Moskow, JD Lindsey Franklin
Public Member:	Kao Nou Moua Beth Winterfeldt Angie Boyd Angie D-J

MINUTES

1. Welcome & call meeting to order:

- Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm
- Motion to approve agenda by Driskell and seconded by Goodman. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Minutes:

- Motion to approve January 23, 2025, minutes by Driskell and seconded by Goodman. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Advisory Committee Updates:

- Goodenough-
 - Social Work Day at the Capital was successful. It is the largest in the country with just under 1,000 registered. About 150 people attended due to the snowstorm.
 - The supervisor 30-hour training has its highest registration.
 - Concerns regarding how the Trump administration cuts will affect social workers and practice in the state. There will be changes in contracts and concerns about how it affects licensees because of potential jobs cuts and compliance.
 - A letter was sent to board members with concerns about provisional license and having an equitable necessary pathway to licensure. The letter included concerns about timeliness of communication with the board and working collaboratively together.
- Frees –
 - Coalition has worked hard to collaborate with the Board for many years. There are concerns with provisional license and the differences between standard and provisional licenses. Coalition believe that provisional licensees should be able to provide supervision. There is some bias concerning the difference between the license type pathways.
- Kao Nou Moua (Augsburg University)-
 - Representative of the Hmong Social Worker Coalition. She shared about students in unpaid internships who are offered a position upon graduation. Students are unable to continue working in the position due to the gap between getting their provisional license and working in the field.

4. L & R and CEOC Community Conversation:

- CEOC Committee – Goodman proposed to have a joint meeting between CEOC and L & R to discuss topic(s) of interest for legislative focus.
Kramer-Prevost reported that from MSSA conference, there were many questions related to supervision. Who can apply to be supervisor? Who can provide supervision? What is supervision? Supervision is becoming a bigger issue with provisional licensees to understand what it is and who can supervise.
- Most current provisional licensees are in compliance with their supervision. Provisional licensees have 30 days to submit supervision plans because the license is valid for a shorter time period and less required hours. There are about 50-60 applicants applying for provisional per month. There are some changes to provisional supervision forms online and some changes to the application process for standard and provisional applicants.
- All supervision license types need to be looked at in a strategic way and how to make it more equitable. The review of statute may take very long time and may not be able to complete with a proposal before the next legislative session.
- Question posed regarding issues with other behavioral health boards compared to social work board as it relates to the 360 requirements with clinical licensure. The quality, quantity of supervision and what is the rational for making changes to statute should be clear. CMS/DHS has minimum requirements for credentialing and reimbursement. Need to maintain consistent standard with other mental health boards and/or payers.
- Suggestion for the review process to include supervisor training and ongoing training. What steps can a licensee take if the supervisor is not compatible with their learning style?
- Asked about staff capacity to prep for supervision review? With staff transitions there are limited capacity. Previous committee started the supervision review. Previous deep dive review took several years before a legislative proposal was ready.

5. Adjourn

Goodman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:37pm. Driskell seconded. Motion carried.

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 - a. ASWB/NASW technology standards
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LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE APRIL 24, 2025 | 3 PM – 5 PM | VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS

Member Present:	Christopher Anderson, Public Board Member-Chair Dieu Do, Public Member Katherine Driskell, LICSW arrived at 3:22pm Kate Goodman, LICSW left at 4:pm Yolonda Rogers, LICSW	Members Absent:	NONE
Stakeholders Present:	Karen Goodenough Karen Frees Jennifer Arneson Melisa Bryant	Public Member:	Melisa Bryant Angie D-J Bri
Staff Present:	Youa Yang, LICSW Kassandra Slizewski, LSW Rebecca Moskow, JD Tammy Molitor	Stakeholders Absent:	None
		Staff Absent:	Lindsey Franklin

MINUTES

1. Welcome & call meeting to order:

- Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm
- Motion to approve agenda by Do and seconded by Goodman. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Minutes:

- Motion to approve March 27, 2025, minutes by Do and seconded by Rogers. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Advisory Committee Updates:

- Goodenough – Reported Advisory Committee reviewed the Customer Satisfaction Survey, updates about each organization, and discussed supervision updates. Public data request was submitted related to supervision. Want clarification on how supervision process relates to statute. Request to swap new business and new organization updates.
- MN-NASW, Ethics Committee will start an ethics consultation group for members. The consultation group will be facilitated by committee members.

4. Review and Discuss Supervision Documents:

- Shared several articles with the committee to develop an understanding of where the supervision standards originated. The Clinical Standard article contains the supervision standard requirements that are still utilized by the behavioral health boards.
- Committee should consider the Social Work Interstate Compact requirements which requires a minimum of 3,000 supervised practice hours. Jurisdictions may have different practice hour requirements.
- Committee continued to discuss different issues related to supervision like holding supervisors accountable, compliance issues related to supervision, clean up supervision statute to ensure it is current.

- Next step is Board staff will start to review the relevant statute and decide which section will be reviewed first. Committee Chair and ED will establish the agenda.

5. Adjourn

Driskell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:44pm. Rogers seconded. Motion carried.

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LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE

MAY 22, 2025 | 3 PM – 5 PM | VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS

Member Present: Christopher Anderson,
Public Board Member-Chair
Dieu Do, Public Member
Katherine Driskell, LICSW
Kate Goodman, LICSW
Yolonda Rogers, LICSW

Members Absent: NONE
Public Member: Angela Boyd
Jennifer Arneson
Angela Dannewitz-Johnson

Stakeholders Present: Karen Goodenough
Karen Frees joined at 3:18pm

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:

- Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm
- Motion to approve agenda by Driskell and seconded by Do motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Minutes:

- Motion to approve April 22, 2025, minutes by Goodman and seconded by Driskell with edit to Moskow being present rather than absent. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Advisory Committee Member Updates:

- Goodenough – Provided an update on legislative bills NASW will focus on for next session like the bill to exempt bachelor level licensing. She also brought up concerns with the compact commission and the master's level advanced generalist exam. The rules committee requested a survey on this and will be review the results and propose a rule.

4. Review and Discuss MS 148E.120:

- Discussion of the supervision statute with a lens from public protection, competency standards, operational efficiencies, and data driven policy to propose new language by section. The committee members discussed whether or not to incorporate the JP Online Learning Module in the requirements to become a supervisor. The group went through 148E.120 Subdivision 1 (a), (1), (2), and (3). Once the entire section has been reviewed, a document with the agreed upon revisions will be provided.
- Concerns from Goodenough/Frees about the processes of being recognized to make comments from the advisory committee members. It was acknowledged that advisory committee members are non-voting members and may advise the Board committee on presented issue. The facilitation of the meeting is at the discretion of the committee chair. Committee members agreed to review roles of the committee and advisory committee members at the next meeting.

5. Adjourn

Driskell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 pm. Rogers seconded. Motion carried.

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LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE

JUNE 26, 2025 | 3 PM – 5 PM | VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS

Member Present: Katherine Driskell, LICSW
Kate Goodman, LICSW
Yolonda Rogers, LICSW-Interim Chair

Members Absent: NONE

Stakeholders Present: Karen Frees

Stakeholders Absent: Karen Goodenough

Staff Present: Youa Yang, LICSW
Kassandra Slizewski, LSW
Rebecca Moskow, JD
Tammy Molitor
Lindsey Franklin arrived 3:20pm

Staff Absent: NONE

Public Members: Melisa Bryant

MINUTES

1. Welcome & call meeting to order:

- Rogers as interim chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm
- Motion to approve agenda by Goodman and seconded by Rogers motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Minutes:

- Motion to approve May 22, 2025, minutes by Driskell and seconded by Rogers with edit to correct the 'JP Exam' to 'JP Learning Module'. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review roles, committee purpose, and discuss group norms:

- Discussion about the committee description and the roles of the Advisory Committee members appointment to L & R. Suggest adding public comment at the end of the agenda.
- Members on the committee are allowed to participate in the discussion which includes the Advisory Committee representative(s). There may be times when it warrants the chair to call the speakers out of order from hands raised with consideration to the topic and member's expertise.
- Should the committee allow for public comment at the end of the meeting? If so, should there be a vote to make this happen? Possibly written comment would be more helpful to the committee to take the views of stakeholders into consideration prior to discussing the topic. Having public comment at the end of the meeting would be valuable to know how the public views the work being done at the meeting. The next agenda will include public comment at the end.

4. Board Advisory Committee Member Update(s):

- Frees – Advisory Committee discussed the order of agenda topics during the meetings. The order of the agenda will be moved to have new business before association updates if there is time available. Committee shared about the process of the L&R committee and their experience during the last meeting. Frees answered questions from the committee members about Advisory meeting attendance.

5. Continue Review and Discuss MS 148E.120:

- Resume discussion on proposed changes to MS 148E.120 starting with Subd. 1 (c), Subd. 2 and Subd. 2 (6). See document for proposed changes.
- Some of the proposed changes may need to wait until the SW Interstate compact is operationalized to review and compare the requirements to determine the changes.

6. Adjourn

Driskell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm. Goodman seconded. Motion carried.

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2. Work to repeal county social worker licensing exemption, including clarification of use of social work title in county agencies

LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE

JULY 24, 2025 | 3 PM – 5 PM | VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS

Member Present:	Katherine Driskell, LICSW Kate Goodman, LICSW Yolonda Rogers, LICSW-Interim Chair
Stakeholders Present:	Karen Frees Karen Goodenough
Staff Present:	Youa Yang, LICSW Kassandra Slizewski, LSW Tammy Molitor

Members Absent: NONE

Stakeholders Absent: NONE

Staff Absent: Rebecca Moskow, JD
Lindsey Franklin

MINUTES

1. Welcome & call meeting to order:

- Rogers as chair called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm
- Motion to approve agenda by Driskell and seconded by Goodman. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Minutes:

- Motion to approve June 26, 2025, minutes by Driskell and seconded by Goodman. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Advisory Committee Member Update(s):

- Goodenough/Frees – No updates from the Advisory Committee, they have not met since the last L & R meeting.

4. Review and Discuss MS 148E.125 proposed changes:

- Committee reviewed proposed changes in Subdivision 1 (a), (5) and Subdivision 3 (5). See statute document for specific proposed changes.
- Committee members requested more details with the rationale for each proposed change to better understand why the change is necessary.

5. Public Comment: 4:35 pm to 4:45 pm

- No public comment received

6. Adjourn

Driskell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:37pm. Goodman seconded. Motion carried.

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LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 | 3 PM – 5 PM | VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS

Member Present: Katherine Driskell, LICSW
Kate Goodman, LICSW – arrived at 3:15pm
Yolonda Rogers, LICSW- Chair

Members Absent: NONE

Stakeholders Present: Karen Frees, - arrived at 3:40pm
Karen Goodenough, LICSW
Jennifer Arneson

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:**

- Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm
Agenda unanimously approved.

2. Approve Minutes:

- Motion to approve July 24, 2025, minutes by Driskell and seconded by Rogers. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Advisory Committee Member Update(s):

- Goodenough – The Advisory Committee met in August. One of the issues discussed during the meeting was about social workers' ability to administer naloxone. Planning to meet with the department of health to further discuss. The group shared about the Board's decision to temporarily stop repealing county exemption efforts until further notice. The association also shared talked about hosting a training sometime in January related to licensure basics for new licensees. They would like to collaborate with the board on the presentation but understand limited staff capacity.
- Posed a question to clarify about public comment section on the agenda. Public comment was implemented based on discussion in previous meeting. Question asked to review the June meeting minutes and shared that minutes are posted on the Board's website. It was clarified that this is a public meeting, and all public stakeholders are welcome to attend according to open meeting law. Public members can voice their concerns or feedback during public comment time or prepare written public comment for the committee to consider.
- It was clarified that if an advisory member is unable to attend the L&R Meeting, another advisory committee member can attend on their behalf. Participants are representing advisory committee not their own organization during L & R committee.
- Joint legislative session kick-off with the coalition possibly in early February 2026.

4. Review and Discuss MS 148E.100 and MS 148E.105 proposed changes:

- Discussion about proposed changes is in the attached committee packet.
- Discussion of MS148E.105 Licensed Graduate Social Workers Who Do Not Practice Clinical Social Work; Supervised Practice.
- Discussion about Subd. 3 (2)(ii) related to statement about 'group supervision is limited to six supervisees.' Conversation about whether the number of individuals in group can only supervisees working towards licensure.

Supervisee is defined in statute. What is the best practice and how do statute clarify best practice group supervision. After much discussion, committee decided to leave the number at six.

- Subd. 4(1)-(4) 'Supervisor requirement.' Added language to allow provisional licensees who have supervised in a previous license type to continue with supervision.
- Subd. 5(1)-(4). Supervisee requirements. changing "verify" to 'submit verification of'
- No changes to Subd. 7 or Subd. 8
- Discussion of MS148E.100 Licensed Social Workers; Supervised Practice
Any proposed changes from MS 148E.105 is applicable to this section because both are nonclinical.
- Proposed statute changes timeline may possibly be for legislative session in 2027 because there are additional supervision sections to review. Committee and board would like it to be a thorough review to prevent conflicting statutory language that will prevent the board from operationalizing it. Legislative session 2027 will also allow the committee and board to consider if there are any changes based on Interstate Compact to incorporate with proposed changes.

5. Public Comment: 4:30 pm to 4:40 pm

- No public comment.

6. Adjourn

Driskell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 pm. Goodman seconded. Motion carried.

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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.

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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 Present: Karen Frees
Karen Goodenough, LICSW

Stakeholders Absent:

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.