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## Opportunity to Serve as a Board Member for the Minnesota Board of Social Work

### Three Board Member Vacancies in 2019

There are three board member scheduled vacancies ending January 7, 2019.

### Requirements

- One Professional Licensed Member:
  - Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW), *OR* Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW), *OR* Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)
  - Professional member must be engaged in social work practice in a clinical social work setting
- Two Public Members as Defined in [Minnesota Statutes, section 214.02](#)

### Additional Requirements

- At least 2 of the 3 members must have expertise in communities of color

### Board Member Responsibilities

As a state agency, the Minnesota Board of Social Work's mission and primary responsibility is to protect the public by regulating the practice of social work, through ensuring that all persons licensed as social workers meet a minimum set of standards, and are qualified, professional, ethical, and accountable. The Board also investigates and resolves complaints against licensed social workers and their practice.

Board members serve a critical role in setting and enforcing standards for licensing, ethical practice standards, and continuing competency. Board members are appointed by the Governor to serve a four-year term. The Board holds regular, full-day business meetings every other month, and Board members are expected to serve on at least one committee. Board members are eligible to receive per diems and are reimbursed for their travel, accommodations, and meal expenses, while on board business, in accordance with state reimbursement schedules.

### Submit an Application

Visit the [Board's website](#) for more information. Submit or obtain an application at the [Office of the Secretary of State website](#) or by phone at 651.296.2803. Submit applications, including a resume and cover letter, beginning November 5, 2018 for full consideration. Applications received by the Secretary of State Office expire after one year. Applications will be accepted until all appointments are made by the Governor.