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

### Five Board Member Vacancies

There are two board member unscheduled vacancies for terms ending January 6, 2020, and January 4, 2021. There are three board member scheduled vacancies ending January 1, 2018.

### Requirements

- Five Professional Licensed Members:
  - 2 Licensed Social Workers (LSW)
  - 1 Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW)
  - 1 Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)
  - 1 Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW), *OR* Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW), *OR* Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)
- Five Professional Licensed Members Engaged in Social Work Practice in the following Settings:
  - 1 member in a state agency
  - 1 member in a private agency
  - 1 member in an elementary, middle, or secondary school
  - 1 member in an clinical social work setting
  - 1 member is an educator engaged in regular teaching duties at a program of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
- Additional Requirements:
  - At least 1 of the 5 members must reside outside of the 11-county metropolitan area
  - At least 1 of the 5 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 as soon as possible for full consideration. Applications will be accepted until all appointments are made by the Governor.