

Minutes approved as amended  
July 10, 2015



**STATE of OREGON**  
**BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Friday, June 12, 2015**  
**3218 Pringle Road S. Salem, OR 97302**

**Board Members Present:** Kathy Outland, *Chair*  
Ebony Sloan Clarke, *Vice Chair*  
Rachel Jensen  
Brenda Dennis

**Board Counsel Present:** Kyle Martin, *AIC, Oregon Dept. of Justice*

**Staff Members Present:** Randy Harnisch, *Executive Director*  
Kim Sommer, *Interim Licensing Manager*  
Mindy Tucker, *Senior Compliance Specialist*  
Troy Clinton, *Investigator*

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**Chair Outland** called the Board Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., and provided brief opening remarks.

**2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:**

**Chair Outland** asked for review of the draft agenda.

- i. **Dennis moved to adopt and approve the agenda as amended.**
- ii. **Clarke seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Chair Outland** asked if the Board members had an opportunity to review the minutes for the following meetings:

**3a. March 13, 2015**

- i. **Jensen moved to approve the minutes for March 13, 2015.**
- ii. **Dennis seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**3b. April 10, 2015**

- i. **Clarke moved to approve the minutes for April 10, 2015 as amended.**
- ii. **Dennis seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**3c. May 17, 2015**

- i. **Dennis moved to approve the minutes for May 17, 2015.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Chair Outland** announced that the Board would now enter into Executive Session to conduct Board business, pursuant to ORS 162.660(2)(b)(f)(h)(i)(k). The Board entered into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m.

- **Chair Outland moved the Board out of Executive Session at 1:17 p.m.**

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Clarke** presented the Consumer Protection Committee report.

**In the matter of case 2012-68:**

- i. **Clarke moved to dismiss the case.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**In the matter of case 2013-16:**

- i. **Clarke moved to close the case.**
- ii. **Dennis seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**In the matter of case 2013-25:**

- i. **Clarke moved to close the case.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**In the matter of case 2013-40:**

- i. **Clarke moved to close the case.**
- ii. **Dennis seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**In the matter of case 2013-41:**

- i. **Clarke moved to close the case.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Tucker** presented Board members with a 2013, 2014 and 2015 compliance statistics report and a 5 year disciplinary action report.

**Sommer** provided the Licensing and Exam Committee report. The committee reviewed edits to the supervisor booklet, licensure pamphlet and rules & laws exam. The committee approved supervision requests from **Little, Brick, Nevitt, Danouski** and **Lewis**.

**Jensen** provided the Continuing Education Committee report, and advised that committee had approved four CE requests from LCSWs **Falvey, Dent, Standiford** and **Lawson**. The committee did not approve requests from **Markwell, Sage-Sorley** and **Radke** due to the submitted material not meeting Board requirements.

## 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Harnisch** updated Board members on Board appointments. **Donna Hirt, LCSW** has been appointed to the Board as a professional member. **Dennis, Jensen** and **Outland** have been reappointed. Harnisch is continuing to work with the Governor's Executive Appointment Office to fill the two public member vacancies. The next opportunity for a hearing will be in September.

**Harnisch** provided a legislative update. House Bill 2473, the temporary license authority Bill, has passed and been signed. The Bill that would include a reference to the list of sex crimes and give the Board the authority to take disciplinary action for any conviction of any of those crimes has been amended, with help from **Martin** and the NASW lobbyist, and has now passed both houses. The demographic survey has passed, so the Board will need to adopt administrative rules around making that demographic survey required for licensure. The sexual orientation conversation therapy ban passed, so the Board will need to address that in the list of activities that would require sanction. A Bill passed allowing regulated social workers who work for DHS to report animal abuse to authorities.

**Harnisch** informed Board members that the budget has been approved. With money leftover in the spending budget, the Board was able to order new scanners, computers, and iPads. The Board will be using an inner-agency agreement to hire the Board of Psychologist Examiner's Investigator to work on some of the Board's older cases.

**Harnisch** has visited 7 schools of social work programs, speaking with 180-200 MSW students.

**Chair Outland** reported on the ASWB spring education conference. The topic of the conference was social work practice mobility.

## 7. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- i. **Dennis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**
- ii. **Clarke seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

[No public comment]

## 9. OLD BUSINESS:

**Chair Outland** provided a Custody Taskforce update. The temporary rule regarding custody study evaluations is still in the finishing process. Because there are very few custody evaluations where the social worker makes a diagnosis and does treatment, the taskforce is looking at what level regulated social worker are required to perform custody evaluations. Outland hopes to have a telephone meeting with the taskforce by August.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS:

**Chair Outland** discussed the implementation of HB 2473, which gives the Board the authority to issue temporary licenses.

- i. **Clarke moved to approve the temporary rules for 877-020-0020.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Tucker** provided the Board with an iPad update. She hopes to be able to have the new iPads setup and ready by the next Board meeting.

**Chair Outland** discussed committee assignments, encouraging Board members to inform her if they have interest in a particular committee. Outland plans on assigning committee members at the next Board meeting.

Board members rescheduled the upcoming July 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

[No correspondence]

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:**

**Chair Outland** adjourned the Board meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Sommer  
Interim Licensing Manager