

Approved May 21, 2021



STATE of OREGON
BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
Board Meeting
Friday, December 4, 2020
Via Skype for Business
3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302

Board Members Present: Brenda Dennis, *Public Member, Chair*
Mollie Janssen, *LCSW, Vice Chair**
Kathy Outland, *LCSW**
Rachel Jensen, *LMSW**
John Fant, *Public Member**
Stephanie Manriquez, *Public Member**

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

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

* = Participation by Skype for Business, all others present at the Board Office

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dennis called the Board Meeting to order at 11:07 a.m., and provided brief opening remarks.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

Chair Dennis asked for review of the draft agenda.

- i. **Manriquez moved to approve and adopt the agenda as presented.**
- ii. **Outland seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. MINUTES:

Chair Dennis asked if the Board members had an opportunity to review the minutes for the June 19, 2020 Board meeting:

- i. **Outland moved to approve the minutes for June 19, 2020 as presented.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Dennis announced that the Board would now enter into Executive Session to conduct Board business, pursuant to ORS 162.660(2)(b)(f)(h)(i)(l). The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m.

Chair Dennis moved the Board out of Executive Session at 2:08 p.m.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jensen presented the Consumer Protection Committee report.

In the matter of case 2017-35:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed with unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2017-02:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Janssen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2020-31:

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

In the matter of case 2020-34:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2020-38:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2017-18:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2020-37:

- i. **Jensen moved to dismiss the case due to no violation of rule or law.**
- ii. **Janssen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2020-30:

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

Chair Dennis provided the Licensing and Examination Committee report, announcing that committee had reviewed and approved four exam extension requests for CSWAs **Amber Mulvey, Kenya Luvert, Keyonna McCulloch** and **Ramata Adebawo**, three previous hours requests for LCSW applicants **Demetria Bales, Julia Leonardi-Holzapfel**, and **Mary Mayfield**, and one semi-retired request for LCSW **Kimberly Bump**.

Manriquez provided the Continuing Education Committee report and advised that committee had approved three CE request from LCSWs **Joshua Eberle, Maija Ryan** and **Valerie Silliman**. A request from LCSW **Tina Abich** was not clinically oriented and unable to be approved.

6. SPECIAL REVIEWS

[No special reviews]

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Harnisch reported on the progress toward implementing the new Thentia database and licensing system. Thentia's response time has slowed up with the vendors working with multiple new boards. Thentia is adding new staff and we hope to see response time improve. We continue to identify bugs and items that need to be fixed or clarified. Feedback from users is generally good, with only a few who do not like working with new technology.

Harnisch provided a 2019-21 budget update. The board's expenditure authority was increase by legislative action to fund the Investigator 2 position for the remainder of the biennium. Revenues were down in August and September, and rebounded in October. This is likely a result of the new licensing system and COVID.

Harnisch reviewed licensing statistics. The number of licensees continues to grow steadily and there is now over 7000 regulated social workers in Oregon.

Harnisch provided a 2021-23 budget update. Our request for a limited duration Investigator 2 for the upcoming biennium was approved and included in the Governor's Recommended Budget. This means that the Governor will recommend approving our budget, including the Investigator 2 position, to the Legislature when they meet in 2021. The Governor's budget also rescinded several proposed cuts and a sweep of carry-over funds that were included in the budget proposed by analysts.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

[No public comment]

10. OLD BUSINESS:

Chair Dennis discussed ASWB's policy of not releasing exam pass rate and demographic data. Dennis will continue to raise this request with ASWB. The Board will continue with its own research project with Pacific University.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

[No new business]

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

[No correspondence]

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dennis announced she was elected as an ASWB Director at Large for Public Member.

Chair Dennis adjourned the Board meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Coleman
Licensing Manager