

Approved April 15, 2022



**STATE of OREGON**  
**BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Friday, February 18, 2022**  
**Via Microsoft Teams**  
**3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302**

**Board Members Present:** Brenda Dennis, *Public Member, Chair*  
Mollie Janssen, *LCSW, Vice Chair\**  
Kathy Outland, *LCSW\**  
John Fant, *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*  
Abe Dedek, *Investigator\**

**Excused Absences:** Stephanie Manriquez, *Public Member*

\* = Participation by Microsoft Teams, all others present at the Board Office

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**Chair Dennis** called the Board Meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. and provided brief opening remarks.

**2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:**

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

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

**3. MINUTES:**

**Chair Dennis** asked if the Board members had an opportunity to review the minutes for the December 17, 2021 Board meeting:

- i. **Fant moved to approve the minutes for December 17, 2021 as presented.**
- ii. **Janssen 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 11:12 a.m.

**Chair Dennis** moved the Board out of Executive Session at 11:43 a.m.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fant** provided the Licensing and Examination Committee report, announcing that committee had reviewed and approved six Previous Hours requests for LCSW Applicants **Alicia Franklin, Brittany Garrod, Kimberly Parker, Maria Alaverz, Skyelar Willis**, and CSWA **Alexander Heer**; four Plan Extension requests for CSWAs **Amy Simmons, Erika Blum, Julie Liszka, and Kenneth Siewert**; and seven Exam Extension requests for CSWAs **Agatha Peters, Janice Southern, Jessica Barton, Keyonna McCulloch, MacKensie Keiner, Maria Makowski, and Mark Walker**. CSWA applicant **Angella Tembo's** Previous Hours request did not meet rule requirements and was unable to be approved.

**Fant** provided the Continuing Education Committee report and advised that committee had approved six CE requests from LCSWs **Amy Kingsbury, Ebony Clarke, L. Catherine Beckett, Mollie Janssen, Stephen Dunlevy, and Megan Ingle**.

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

**In the matter of case 2018-24:**

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

**Outland** provided a summary of the Rules Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee met on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The attendees included Outland, Harnisch, staff member Wende Thatcher, Ariana Lloyd, Matthew Schobert, Donna Henderson, Michele Martinez Thompson, Julie Kates, and Rachel Jensen. Topics of interest included the definition of Agency, the usage of behavioral health in place of mental health, the definition of teaching, and considering requiring an exam prior to becoming a CSWA. There was discussion regarding whether a graduate student in an internship could use the title Social Worker. Division 20 had the most comments, such as clarifying if the required 2 hours a month of supervision is for two 1-hour sessions or one 2-two session, making it clear that a CSWA does not need to continue supervision after they obtain their LCSW, increasing training for supervisors and the required amount of CE which is currently 6 hours, requiring a reason why supervision ends and the circumstances surrounding the departure, and a mechanism to inform the previous supervisor of any progress or situations that comes up in supervision. Since there is no longer a Temporary CSWA designation, the Committee discussed eliminating rules pertaining to that as there is no need for them now. There were some questions surrounding clearly defining what an extended period of time is considered, clarifying all the license types that need to go inactive, and differentiating the inactive requirements for CSWAs and LCSWs. Regarding continuing education, the Committee discussed clarifying the process for instructors of school social work internships and practicums to obtain CE credit for that, increasing the amount of CE carryover LCSWs can accrue from 10 hours, and whether or not there is still a need for a CE waiver.

**Outland** suggesting forming a taskforce with some of the Board's stakeholders to utilize their skills, education, knowledge, and experience.

**6. SPECIAL REVIEWS**

[No special reviews]

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Harnisch** provided a 2021-23 budget update. The Board is projected to finish the biennium \$160,000.00 over projected revenues. Expenditures projected over the biennium puts the Board at about \$100,000.00 over budget on personnel. Much of that has to do with a large PERS increase. Expenditures are projected to finish under budget on supplies and services by about \$75,000.00. Harnisch may have to go to the E-Board next fall and request additional expenditure limitation. There is sufficient carryover money in the budget projections, about \$575,000.00, that will be able to move to the next budget cycle.

**Harnisch** reviewed licensing statistics. There are currently about 5500 LCSWs, 1515 CSWAs, 320 LMSWs, and 36 RBSWs for a total of 7443 licensed social workers, which is the reason revenues continue to grow even though there hasn't been a fee increase since 2015.

**Harnisch** provided a COVID response update. The statewide mask requirement will be lifted by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The state employee vaccination requirement is not changing until further notice. The lifting of the mask mandate will likely be followed by the reopening of offices, but there has not been any official announcement on that. This will impact the Board's emergency rules. If the Governor lifts the Emergency Declaration, emergency authorization holders have 90 days to make arrangements to either transition their clients to an Oregon licensed therapist or obtain an Oregon license. There are 530 individuals with emergency authorization currently. An email will be sent out to them shortly. At this time, it appears June 30<sup>th</sup> will be the day the Emergency Declaration expires. **Janssen** would like to have a conversation about future Board meetings and whether video conferencing will continue or if it will be back to all in-person meetings.

**Harnisch** discussed the 2022 legislative short session, which is taking place currently. By law it will conclude the first week in March. The short session was designed to focus on budget, but there have been more policy bills in this short session than usual. Policy bills are difficult to work in such an abbreviated timeline due to public hearings, input, and revisions. There is a policy bill that will have a direct impact on the way the Board does business if it passes. SB 1512 will amend the process by which professional licensing boards use background checks. The bill passed amended out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday. As of now it hasn't come up on the schedule in the House Judiciary Committee. It's possible the bill will die in committee and not be assigned, or it could move to the House Rules Committee. The bill was drafted by the Council of State Governments which is the same agency ASWB is working with on the interstate compact. It was based on language that is already included in the statutes of many other states. It would limit the Board's ability to look at juvenile offenses and the ability to make decisions about issuing licenses to convictions only, rather than arrests. Arrests could be considered as evidence of a pattern, but a decision on an application couldn't be made solely on the basis of a series of arrests that didn't lead to conviction. It also sets a standard that says that any criminal offense, in this case conviction, must be substantially related to the requirements of the license type. The piece that would have the most impact on the Board

would require the Board to conduct a pre application determination for someone with a criminal background. Harnisch was asked to submit a fiscal impact statement estimate. Based on the numbers that the Board currently has, an additional half-time investigator to follow up on these predetermination applications would be needed. This bill could pass during this short session with some changes, but more likely it will be moved down to the 2023 full session.

**Harnisch** has been working with a new Board member applicant. The Governor's Executive Appointment will be moving the appointment forward in the next set of confirmation hearings which will likely be in April or May. The applicant is Amy Ashton-Williams, LCSW from Pendleton.

**8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

[No public comment]

**10. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Harnisch** provided an update on the current stage in the rulemaking process. There is a hearing scheduled on February 25<sup>th</sup>. All licensees have received an invitation to participate in the hearing or submit their written comments. Harnisch will compile all of the comments received and present them to the Board's Joint Legislative & Rules Committee. Following that, an updated version of the rules will be presented to the Board for review and approval to file. Harnisch informed Board members that ASWB is proposing changing the requirement to have two years of supervision before taking the Clinical exam, so the Board may want to consider not moving forward on that amendment and keep the rule as is.

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

[No new business]

**12. CORRESPONDENCE:**

[No public comment]

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Outland** announced that she and **Janssen** have a tentative meeting scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> to begin the process of reviewing the supervision report survey results. They will provide a report with their recommendations at the April Board meeting.

**Harnisch** announced he will be forwarding to all Board members a form that DAS has developed for Board stipends. A bill passed last session that increases the stipend amount from \$30 up to what the legislators receive. The stipend only applies to Board members not already involved with PERS and there are income levels that must be met before it can apply.

**Outland** discussed an article about alternative licensure methods for attorneys, and would like to look at that during the next planning meeting.

**Chair Dennis** announced the ASWB Spring Education Meeting will be held April 29-30, 2022. This will be a hybrid meeting with virtual and in-person attendees.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Chair Dennis** adjourned the Board meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Coleman  
Licensing Manager