



Full Board Meeting Minutes

Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers

Friday, June 26, 2026

Location

Virtual: Microsoft TEAMS

In Person: Morrow Crane Building, Floor 2, Large Conference Rm, 3218 Pringle Road SE, Ste 240, Salem, OR 97302

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Amy Ashton, Williams, LCSW Member, **Chair**

Mollie Janssen, LCSW Member, **Vice Chair**

Eli Kinsley, LCSW Member

Nicole Pantley, Public Member

Olivia Bormann, CSWA Member

Excused Absence: Troy Costales, Public Member

Board Staff Present:

Mary-Beth Baptista, Interim Executive Director

Kimberly Coleman, Legislative and Licensing Analyst

Cassie Kanaeholo, Licensing Assistant

Governor's Office:

KC Ledell, Senior Behavioral Health Advisor

Members of the Public Present:

Nick Norman, Mindful Therapy Group P.C.

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1. **Call to order: Chair Ashton-Williams** called the Board Meeting to order at **1:29 PM** in accordance with OAR 192.610 to 192.690 public meeting laws.
 2. **Review and approval of April 26, 2026, Board minutes: Board Vote** - Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).
 3. **Approval of extension to continue investigations that are over 120 days: Board Vote** - Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

4. Consumer Protection Committee Report – Case Resolutions/Updates:

Case 2019-30: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-13: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-14: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-16: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-17: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-24: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-28: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-11: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-35: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2023-02: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2023-46: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 4-0, 1 abstention: Chair Ashton-Williams.

Case 2023-47: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 4-0, 1 abstention: Chair Ashton-Williams.

Case 2023-51: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2024-36: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2024-47: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2024-54: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2024-63: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2025-48: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 3-0, 2 abstentions: Public Member Pantley and LCSW Member Kinsley.

Case 2025-59: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2026-01: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

5. Old business:

Alternative Pathways

Board Discussion: Board discussed the February survey sent to licensees regarding exam-required licensure. Executive Director Baptista noted that feedback showed a roughly 50/50 split about requiring a national social work exam for licensure. ED Baptista also noted that survey lacked questions about alternative pathway options (internships, hours, competency models, etc.)

Action Items: Board will engage the Rules Committee (Public Member Costales, CSWA Member Bormann, and Chair Ashton-Williams) to research other state models and draft a revised, more robust survey that includes alternative pathway structures. The Board asks that the Rules Committee coordinate with the Mental Health Regulatory Agency (MHRA) for developing a more robust survey. Public Member Pantley was appointed to the Rules Committee.

Outcome: No vote; deeper development required before next steps.

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Changes

OAR 877-001-0020: Fee increase.

Board Discussion: The legislature approved targeted fee increases, not across-the-board 20% as previously drafted. ED Baptista presented the corrected fee schedule.

Action Items: Submit updated rule to the Secretary of State for rulemaking and public comment.

Outcome: Board Vote – Motion passed; 5-0, 0 abstentions.

OAR 877-020-0010: Modifies temporary reduction in supervision requirements.

Board Discussion: The Board reviewed revisions allowing associates (CSWAs) to notify the Board when supervision or direct service hours are temporarily reduced. The Board discussed clarifying “written notification” and ensuring it covers both service and supervision hours. The Board also added “in a manner directed by the Board” to allow future process flexibility. The Board removed extraneous words and added clarity around 100-day limit before a CSWA is required to go on inactive status.

Action Items: Submit updated rule with discussed revisions to the Secretary of State for rule making and public comment.

Outcome: Board Vote – Motion passed; 5 – 0, 0 abstentions.

OAR 877-020-0012: Adds LMFT and LPC supervisors.

Board Discussion: The Board supports adding LMFT and LPC supervisors to the existing 50-hour cap but wants more discussion before altering supervision-hour limits.

Action Items: Submit rule only adding “LMFT/LPC” to the Secretary of State for rulemaking and public comment with hour-limit work continuing late.

Outcome: Board Vote – Motion passed; 5-0; 0 abstentions.

OAR 877-025-0006: Modifies CE language to be inclusive of all license times.

Board Discussion: Move forward with removing “clinical” from the rule so the rule will apply across license types regulated by the Board.

Action Items: Submit rule as presented to the Secretary of State for rulemaking and public comment.

Outcome: Board Vote – Motion passed; 5-0; 0 abstentions.

OAR 877-025-0011: Adds suicide risk, assessment, treatment, and management CE requirement.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed clarifying “regulated social worker,” since CSWAs do not have CE requirements. The Board cleaned up language to specify LMSW explicitly where appropriate and simplify CE carryover language.

Action Items: Submit rule with discussed changes to the Secretary of State for rulemaking and public comment.

Outcome: Board Vote – Motion passed; 5-0; 0 abstentions.

SB1552 (2024) Section 44: Allows a person to petition a licensing board for a determination as to whether a criminal conviction would prevent the person from receiving a license. Section 44 and the rule became operative on July 1, 2025.

Board Discussion: New law allows individuals to ask boards whether their criminal history would bar future licensure before entering education programs. ED Baptista strongly recommends adopting a rule that would allow the Board to legally charge a fee (will need Department of Administrative Services approval) and allow staff to develop an application template and process for incoming requests.

Action Items: ED Baptista will bring a draft rule to the September Board meeting.

Outcome: No vote taken.

6. New business:

Director Onboarding Session - Director Onboarding was deferred to the September meeting due to meeting length.

Delegation of Authority

Board Discussion: ED Baptista shared that the Boards current delegation of authority is from 2013, is outdated and is creating bottle necks. ED Baptista shared that for the Board to meet Governor's current expectations of 5-day license issuance once an application is complete, staff have requested temporary delegation so they can approve all routine, clear applications without board review.

Action Items: The Board delegates chair's authority to staff using current criteria until new policy is finalized in September. Board will later adopt a full policy describing what applications must be reviewed by the Board.

Outcome: Board Vote – 5-0, 0 abstentions.

7. Review and approval of Consent Agenda: Board Vote - Motion passed 5 - 0, 0 abstentions.

8. Public Comment:

The Board is not required, nor do the Board members anticipate engaging in discussion with participants providing comments.

Written: Correspondence included emails in the Board's inbox.

Oral: KC Ledell, Senior Behavioral Health Advisor, was the only public attendee who remained, KC offered appreciation but no commentary.

9. Announcements:

NASW Update - New NASW Executive Director, Danielle Flores, was not present. However, Chair Ashton-Williams shared updates about NASW involvement and upcoming conferences.

ASWB Update - Board Chair Ashton-Williams encouraged board member participation in upcoming ASWB trainings, including travel-based options.

10. Adjournment: Chair Ashton-Williams adjourned the Board meeting at **3:29 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noelle Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Noelle Johnson, *Licensing Assistant*