

Approved June 27th, 2025



STATE of OREGON
BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
Board Meeting
Friday, April 25, 2025
Via Microsoft Teams
3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302

Board Members Present: Stephanie Manriquez, *Public Member, Chair*
Amy Ashton-Williams, *LCSW, Vice Chair*
Mollie Janssen, *LCSW*
Paddy Farr, *LCSW*

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

Staff Members Present: Ray Miller, *Executive Director*
Kim Coleman, *Legislative and Licensing Analyst*
Mindy Tucker, *Sr. Compliance Specialist*
Abe Dedek, *Investigator*
Noelle Johnson, *Licensing Assistant*
Cassie Kanaeholo, *Licensing Assistant*

Public Present: Ashley Lane, *ASWB*
Molly Wells Darling, *Deschutes County Health Services*
Nicole Pantley, *Member of Public*
Evan Namkung, *Deschutes County Health Services*
Brittany, *Unknown*
Leigh Williams, *Member of Public*
Jennifer Owen, *Member of Public*
Stephanie, *Unknown*
Julie Magers, *Member of Public*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Manriquez called the Board Meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. and provided brief opening remarks.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

- i. **Chair Manriquez** moved to approve and adopt the agenda with the deletion of items #9 Special Reviews, #10 Public Comment, #11a & #11b Old Business, and #12a New Business.
- ii. Second not received.

iii. **Motion not carried.**

i. **Janssen moved to approve and adopt the agenda with the deletion of items #9 Special Reviews, #10 Public Comment, #11b Old Business, and #12a New Business.**

ii. **Farr seconded.**

iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. MINUTES:

Vice Chair Ashton-Williams asked if the Board members had an opportunity to review the minutes for the February 21st, 2025, Board meeting:

i. **Janssen moved to approve the minutes for February 21st, 2025, as presented.**

ii. **Manriquez seconded.**

iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Molly Wells Darling and **Evan Namkung** discussed “Direct Contact Hours” definition and request that the Board considers redefining “Direct Contact Hours” in administrative rule OAR 877-001-0006 to include contact with family members of clients and consultation with emergency department physicians and community partners.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vice Chair Ashton-Williams announced that the Board would now enter Executive Session to conduct Board business, pursuant to ORS 162.660(2)(b)(f)(h)(i)(l). The Board entered Executive Session at 11:03 a.m. **Vice Chair Ashton-Williams** moved the Board out of Executive Session at 11:08 a.m.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Director Miller provided a new Board member update. The Board has filled all current Board member openings. The Board will need public member applicant starting after June 28th, 2025. Requesting assistance for recruiting for position.

Director Miller provided a reminder for all licensees to check portals and Oregon BLSW website regularly for updates about the Oregon BLSW and licensing processes.

Director Miller provided an update on SB 476 which requires professional licensing boards to provide culturally responsive training to specified staff members and publish guidance on pathways to professional authorization for internationally educated individuals. Miller shared that Board already has procedures in place to support this change.

Director Miller provided an update on HB 2387 will allow licensees of certain health professional regulatory boards to provide psilocybin services as licensed psilocybin service facilitators while providing the health care or behavioral health care services the provider is authorized to provide.

Director Miller shared that the Board is tracking the process of HB 2554, there are not current updates at this time.

Director Miller provided an update on SB 1552, which will require the Board to make a predetermination based upon an individual's criminal conviction as to whether it would prevent them from obtaining licensure before they apply. This legislation affects multiple licensing Boards. These Boards are continuing to work together to develop a shared response and process for how these predeterminations will work. The law takes effect July 1, 2025.

Director Miller provided a Thentia update. There are no significant updates since the last Board meeting. Miller is considering alternatives

Director Miller provided a new Board member update. The Board has filled both public board member openings as well as one licensed board member opening. New Board members will begin attending as Board members starting June 28th, 2025.

Director Miller provided a staffing update. The Board's Licensing Manager, Kimberly Coleman, received promotion, now holds new title of: "Legislative and Licensing Analyst." The Board is currently needing one additional limited duration licensing staff to assist in staffing transitions and maintaining workload. The Board has an increase of compliance cases and is need of one limited duration compliance staff to assist with increase in cases.

Director Miller will have a DEI plan ready for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Director Miller provided Rules Advisor Committee (RAC) update. All rules except one that the Board wanted to change have been reviewed by RAC members and approved to move to next phase in change process.

Director Miller shared information about "Zoom Bombing." Individuals are joining public Zoom and TEAMS meetings and participating in disruptive behavior. The Board already has measures and procedures in place to handle such events or issues.

Director Miller reviewed licensing statistics. There are currently 7,059 LCSWs, 2,090 CSWAs, 357 LMSWs, and 34 RBSWs for a total of 9,502 regulated social workers in Oregon, which is approximately 1,000 more licensees than this time last year.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Janssen presented the Consumer Protection Committee report.

In the matter of case 2019-07:

- i. **Janssen moved to close the case.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2019-11:

- i. **Janssen moved to close the case with LOC.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of case 2020-36:

- i. **Janssen moved to dismiss the case.**

- ii. Farr seconded.
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.

In the matter of case 2021-20:

- i. Janssen moved to dismiss the case.
- ii. Manriquez seconded.
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.

In the matter of case 2021-37:

- i. Janssen moved to close the case.
- ii. Farr seconded.
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.

In the matter of case 2023-41:

- i. Janssen 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 2025-11:

- i. Janssen moved to close the case.
- ii. Ashton-Williams seconded.
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.

In the matter of case 2021-01:

- i. Janssen moved to close the case.
- ii. Manriquez seconded.
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.

In the matter of case 2021-11:

- i. Janssen moved to close as of 02/21/2025 the case.
- ii. Ashton-Williams seconded.
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.

In the matter of case 2023-07:

- i. Janssen moved to close the case.
- ii. Manriquez seconded.
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.

Janssen provided the Licensing and Examination Committee report, announcing the committee approved one Previous Hours request for LCSW applicants **Cassie Odell, Madison Byer, Tzu Chun Lin, Kiara Turner, Emily Jacobs, Tina Gillems, and Jill Aeschliman**, for CSWA applicant **Elizabeth Smith**, and for CSWAs **Lynnsay Applebaum and Tessa Crosby**. The Licensing and Examination Committee also decided that more information is required for the Clinical Position Determination request for **Emma Radler**. The topics discussed included staff guidance for Agency Definition Intent, Mindful Therapy, and Renewal Violations.

Farr provided the Continuing Education Committee report, announcing the committee approved 3 CE requests from LCSWs **Kathy Lawrence, Todd Jacobson, and Billy Hayden**, 1 CE request from LCSW Alexandra Verbillis-Kolp requires additional information. The committee also approved **Stronger Oregon** request to be added to the list of Board accepted CE credentialing bodies. The topics discussed included CE violations and psilocybin CE courses.

8. SPECIAL REVIEWS

[No Special Reviews completed; Board voted unanimously to move to next meeting]

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

[Second Public Comment not completed; Board voted unanimously to move to next meeting]

10. OLD BUSINESS:

Alternative Pathways to Licensure Report moved to next Board meeting.
Travel Meeting Planning moved to next Board meeting

11. NEW BUSINESS:

OAR 877-020-(8)(a) Clarification/Intent moved to the next board meeting.
Newsletter: Majority of **Board** members agreed the newsletter was ready to be sent out.

12. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

[No correspondence currently; Board voted to move to next meeting]

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[No announcements currently]

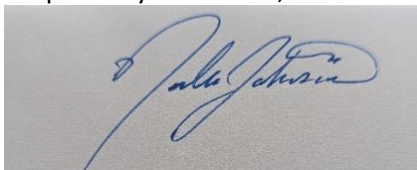
15. TRAINING:

[No trainings completed at this time]

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Manriquez adjourned the Board meeting at 12:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Noelle Johnson", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Noelle Johnson, *Licensing Assistant*