



STATE of OREGON
BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
Board Meeting
Friday, October 25, 2024
Via Microsoft Teams
3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302

Board Members Present: Stephanie Manriquez, *Public Member, Chair*
Amy Ashton-Williams, *LCSW, Vice Chair*
John Fant, *Public Member*
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, *Licensing Manager*
Mindy Tucker, *Compliance Specialist*
Troy Clinton, *Investigator*
Abe Dedek, *Investigator*
Wende Thatcher, *Licensing Compliance Specialist*

Public Present: Tori Mackey, *LCSW*
Francisco Zamora Flores, *CSWA*
Cat Luna, *MSW student*
Justin George, *MSW student*
Raleigh Davis, *MSW student*
Keyonna McCulloch, *CSWA*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Manriquez called the Board Meeting to order at 10:21 a.m. and provided brief opening remarks.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

Chair Manriquez asked for review of the draft agenda.

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

3. MINUTES:

Chair Manriquez asked if the Board members had an opportunity to review the minutes for the September 20, 2024 Board meeting:

- i. **Farr moved to approve the minutes for September 20, 2024 as presented.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cat Luna, Justin George, and Raleigh Davis provided comments in support of alternative pathways to licensure.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Manriquez 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 10:28 a.m. Chair Manriquez moved the Board out of Executive Session at 10:37 a.m.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Janssen presented the Consumer Protection Committee report.

In the matter of case 2019-46:

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

In the matter of case 2020-35:

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

In the matter of case 2020-40:

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

In the matter of case 2021-04:

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

In the matter of case 2021-36:

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

In the matter of case 2023-29:

- i. **Janssen moved to close.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Farr provided a presentation on the Alternative Pathways to Licensure Committee recommendations for Board consideration. The Board will continue discussion at the December meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Director Miller discussed psilocybin therapy. Regarding psilocybin legislation, the Board's input should be through the lens of protecting the citizens of Oregon through the licensure and regulation of social workers. He will be reaching out to OHA's Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board for their position on the legislation. Miller recommended having Board testimony prepared in the event that it's requested. **Farr** expressed concerns regarding the high costs to become a licensed psilocybin practitioner as well as costs for those receiving treatment. **Ashton-Williams** discussed potential problems in separating social work practice from psilocybin therapy practice. **Miller** will invite a representative from OHA to provide a presentation at the next Board meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Director Miller provided an overview of appropriate political engagement as a Board member.

9. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- i. **Ashton-Williams moved to adjourn the Board meeting.**
- ii. **Farr seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Manriquez adjourned the Board meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Coleman, *Licensing Manager*