



STATE of OREGON BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS

Approved Feb. 19, 2021

Board Meeting Friday, September 18, 2020 Via Skype for Business 3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302

- Board Members Present:** Brenda Dennis, *Public Member, Chair*
Rachel Jensen, *LMSW, Vice Chair**
Kathy Outland, *LCSW**
John Fant, *Public Member**
Stephanie Manriquez, *Public Member**
Mollie Janssen, *LCSW**
- 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 11:34 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. Manriquez seconded.
- iii. Motion passed unanimously.

3. MINUTES:

[No minutes for review]

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 11:36 a.m.

Chair Dennis moved the Board out of Executive Session at 12:11 p.m.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jensen presented the Consumer Protection Committee report.

In the matter of case 2015-26:

- 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 2017-01:

- 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 2017-06:

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

In the matter of case 2017-07:

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

In the matter of case 2020-24:

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

Chair Dennis provided the Licensing and Examination Committee report, announcing that committee had reviewed and approved three exam extension requests for CSWAs **Asha Omar**, **Beatrice Tucker** and **Shawnetta Yahtin**, three previous hours requests for CSWA **Lindsey Flores**, CSWA applicant **Susan Reyes-Torres** and LCSW applicant **Synthia Stewart**, one 5-year extension request for CSWA **Lisa Van Oossanen**, and one semi-retired request for LCSW **Kathleen Mounts**.

Coleman provided the Continuing Education Committee report and advised that committee had approved two CE request from LCSWs **Bennett Wallace** and **Karl LaRowe**. A request from LCSW **Elisabeth Rice** was unrelated to the field of social work, therefore unable to be approved.

Outland provided the Joint Rules and Legislative Committee report. The committee discussed that the temporary rules the Board adopted would be expiring in 180 days. A notice was sent out to the licensees informing them of the intention to make the temporary rules permanent. The Board received several positive comments and responses. A public hearing has been set for next Monday. The committee is recommending that after the public hearing, as long as there are no negative

comments, the Board directs Harnisch to adopt and file the temporary rules as permanent. The committee has also continued its 5 year review of the rules and has created a table of rule changes for future committee members to reference and update as appropriate.

6. SPECIAL REVIEWS

[No special reviews]

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Harnisch provided a technology update on the Board's new database. The new database has been live for two months now and while there are some learning curves and adapting to new processes, it's doing what it's supposed to do. It's been an overall positive experience, but there are still some bugs to work out, which is to be expected with a new system.

Harnisch provided a 2019-21 budget update. At the last special session, the legislature approved the authority to fund the limited duration investigator position through the rest of the biennium.

Harnisch reviewed licensing statistics. The Board currently has roughly 6,800 licensees.

Harnisch provided a 2021-23 budget update. The budget has been submitted to DAS and includes a policy option package that would fund the Investigator 2 position through the 2021-23 budget cycle. Harnisch will know about the policy option package as well as any budget cuts later in the fall.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

[No public comment]

10. OLD BUSINESS:

Board members discussed delegating the authority to **Harnisch** to adopt and file temporary rules related to the Governor's Emergency Declaration as permanent.

In the matter of OAR 877-020-0071 regarding temporary clinical social work license during a declared emergency for people qualified in another jurisdiction.

- i. **Outland makes a motion that the Board delegates the authority to Executive Director Randy Harnisch to adopt and file this rule as permanent following the public hearing next Monday.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of OAR 877-020-0081 regarding temporary clinical social work license during a declared emergency for expired Oregon LCSW.

- i. **Outland makes a motion that the Board delegates the authority to Executive Director Randy Harnisch to adopt and file this rule as permanent following the public hearing next Monday.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of OAR 877-030-0090 regarding general provisions governing conduct (enforce Governor's EO).

- i. **Outland makes a motion that the Board delegates the authority to Executive Director Randy Harnisch to adopt and file this rule as permanent following the public hearing next Monday.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of OAR 877-001-0020 regarding fees for certification and licensing (fee waiver).

- i. **Outland makes a motion that the Board delegates the authority to Executive Director Randy Harnisch to adopt and file this rule as permanent following the public hearing next Monday.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the matter of OAR 877-020-0010 regarding plan of practice and supervision (permit remote supervision).

- i. **Outland makes a motion that the Board delegates the authority to Executive Director Randy Harnisch to adopt and file this rule as permanent following the public hearing next Monday.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Dennis opened the topic of Board Officer elections for discussion.

- i. **Manriquez moved to elect Brenda Dennis as Board Chair.**
- ii. **Jensen seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- i. **Outland moved to elect Mollie Janssen as Board Vice Chair.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Harnisch reviewed Board member responsibilities listed in OAR 877-010-0015.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

[No correspondence]

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dennis announced ASWB would be holding its first ever virtual Delegate Assembly November 16-20, 2020. Outland will be running for Secretary. Dennis will be running for Director at Large for Public Member.

- i. **Outland moved to nominate Brenda Dennis as the Board's Delegate for the ASWB Delegate Assembly.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- i. **Manriquez moved to nominate Kathy Outland as the Board's Alternate for the ASWB Delegate Assembly.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Harnisch reminded Board members that it's time to complete the annual mandatory DAS trainings.

Chair Dennis adjourned the Board meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Coleman
Licensing Manager