

**State of Maryland
Board of Social Work Examiners**



**Open Session Minutes
April 14, 2023
Teleconference Board Meeting**

Board Members: Via Google Meet

Sondra G. Petty	Professional Member, Chair
Adrienne Ekas	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Jamie Wilson	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Leslie Iampieri	Professional Member
Allyson Stanton	Professional Member
Maria Cole	Professional Member (absent)
Kevin Meenan	Professional Member
Danielle Artis	Consumer Member
Susan P. Coppage	Professional Member
April A. Cockrell	Professional Member
Martin P. Schnuit	Professional Member (absent)

Board Staff:

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director
Kristen Fon Lim	OAG Board Counsel
Gail Wowk	Program Manager, Planning and Continuing Education
Gloria Jean Hammel	Program Manager, Certification and Licensing Unit
Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Associate

Guest:

Bracha Poliakoff, LCSW-C	Social Worker
Kimberly Link	MDH Liaison to Boards and Commissions
Zakiyah Holmes	Maryland Department of Health

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 17, 2023, Board Minutes -Approved Unanimously

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - NONE

CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:31 am by Sondra G. Petty, Chair

Board Chair Report

Sondra G Petty

- Sondra Petty opened by stating that we have spent the last month with staff around the legislative session. We've worked diligently to try and have compromises and amendments to the bills. We have a newsletter coming out in the Spring and please write articles for the Spring newsletter.
- We won't be having an open meeting in May.

Executive Director Report

Dr. Daphne McClellan

- Dr. McClellan began her report by stating that we had a very busy legislative session. We started out with four Senate Bills and one House Bill. They all got put together in one way or another into two bills.
- The Sunset bill, SB871 extends the sunset for the Board of Social Work Examiners until 2025. The Sunset only got extended until 2025 because the new Health Secretary really wants to do a review of the health occupations boards over the next couple of years. This bill creates a workgroup on Social Worker requirements for licensure. It also directs the board to notify a person within 15 days of receiving an application that it has been received, if it is complete and what if anything needs to complete the application.
- HB103 authorizes the Board of Social Work Examiners to issue a temporary license if the licensing exam is unavailable for a period of 15 days or more. This bill will go into effect on October 1st so there will be time to write regulations to carry out its instructions and be prepared if a situation comes up in the future and we want to implement it.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Adrienne Ekas, Chair

- CEU committee hasn't met but rescheduled their next meeting to April 27th at 12:00

STATUTE AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Danielle Artis, Chair

- Discussed SB145 and SB871.
- Next meeting is May 10th at 12:30

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

The Open Session adjourned at 10:50 am.

Jamie Wilson

Jamie Wilson, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

5/17/23
Date

Sondra Petty, LCSW-C, CICSW

Sondra Petty, LCSW-C
Board Chair

5/17/23
Date