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OPEN SESSION
May 9, 2025

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!
11am to 12 pm

VIRTUAL
Meeting ID
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CALL TO ORDER

Susan Coppage, Board Chair

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 11, 2025

Adrienne Ekas, Vice-Chair

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Susan Coppage, Board Chair

- Welcome
- Education Meeting – May 2-3, Portland, OR
 - Speaker for June meeting
- Upcoming elections for Executive Committee
 - Nominations for Board Chair, Vice-Chair, & Secretary

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Karen Richards, Executive Director

- Staff Updates
 - Joshua Shafer – now permanent Board Legal Counsel
 - May 14
 - Mary McLaughlin – Health Occupations Investigator II
 - Marianne Graham – Director of Licensing and Certification
- Artificial Intelligence – what are other states doing?
 - California and Illinois are leading the way with legislation around AI. For example:
 - California passed [California SB 896 \(2024\)](#), the Generative AI Accountability Act, which requires analysis of generative AI's benefits and risks to critical infrastructure and mandates that state agencies

disclose when AI is being used in services (with a way for the public to contact a human).

- University of MD School of Social Work Bridging Success Scholarship
 - Licensing did a virtual presentation on April 16 for the students
 - Scholarship from school covered the application fee – our IT staff create the workaround for the online application portal

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Statutes and Regulations Committee** **Kevin Meenan, Committee Member**
- **Continuing Education Committee** **Adrienne Ekas, Committee Chair**

QUESTIONS or COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT