

# Applications and nominations for the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners

The Board of Social Work Examiners is accepting applications for the following Board seats:

- One LBSW seat
- An LCSW-C licensed Social Worker
- An at-Large Seat---a licensed social worker from any category

Interested candidates should carefully review all membership criteria and the time commitment noted below before applying. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all application documents and nomination materials are submitted.

## Criteria:

The criteria for members is outlined in the Board statute, Health Occupations §19-202 which is attached. Terms are for four years. The applicant must be actively licensed, be in good standing with the Board and be a resident of Maryland.

## *Board member duties:*

- Attend month Board meetings which are held on the second Friday of the month at the Board office in Baltimore. The meeting includes a closed and a public (open) session. Members receive a stipend of \$150 per meeting plus mileage. Members receive documents in advance of the meeting for review. There are attendance requirements in order to remain a board member.
- Members serve on various Board committees including the Statute and Regulations Committee, the Continuing Education Committee, and the Discipline Case Review Committee. Committees meet monthly in the Baltimore office
- Members participate in disciplinary hearings and case resolution conferences.
- Board members may be asked to testify before the General Assembly regarding legislation that affects consumers and/or licensees.
- Board members are subject to the State Ethics Law and are required to file an annual financial disclosure with the Maryland State Ethics Commission.

Please note that all applicants are thoroughly vetted and may be interviewed by a subject matter expert. The Governor appoints all board members with the advice of the Secretary of the Department of Health and **advice and consent of the Senate.**

**All interested applicants are required to submit a formal application through the Governor's Appointments Office website at <http://govappointments.maryland.gov/>**

Please be aware that one of the application documents, Appointee Exemption Disclosure (AED) form, is required by the Maryland State Ethics Commission (SEC) to document any potential conflicts of interest. On the AED form, applicants should request an employment exemption for all current employment. Applicants that are self-employed, own or co-own a business should also request a financial exemption on the AED form.

If an applicant is serving in an official capacity with Board/Association, the applicant should list their role and note their willingness to resign immediately if appointed to the Health Occupation Board. Applicants may contact the SEC at 410-260-7770 with questions or to request guidance.

Please note that the Board statute also requires that applicants be nominated by **one** of the following:

- A professional association representing social workers in the State;
- a statement of nomination (petition) signed by at least 15 social workers licensed in the State (*a sample petition is attached*);
- The secretaries of public agencies of the State where social workers are employed.

***Nominations may be submitted via e-mail or mail to:***

*Kim Bennardi, Administrator*

*DHMH*

*Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations*

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**Any additional questions regarding applications or nominations may be addressed to Kim Bennardi at [kim.bennardi@maryland.gov](mailto:kim.bennardi@maryland.gov) or 410-767-4049.**