

State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
May 11, 2018
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

Board Members:

**Denise Capaci
Joyce Bell
Aimee Williams
Angela Anderson-Smith
Nicholette Smith-Bligen
Sherryl Silberman
Karen Richards
Gerard Farrell
Letha Moszer
Mary Sayres
Wrenn Skidmore**

**Professional Member, Chair
Professional Member, Vice Chair
Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Consumer Member (Absent)
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Board Staff:

**Stanley E. Weinstein
Rhonda Edwards
Kara Tyson
Gail Wowk
Tyrone Willoughby
Njeri Clay
Donna Ridgell
Stacie Rigby**

**Executive Director
AAG, OAG, Board Counsel
Director, Compliance and Investigations
Director, Planning and Continuing Education
Social Work Supervisor
Staff Social Worker
Administrative Aide
Administrative Specialist II**

Guests:

**Dr. Kim Lang
Lillian Reese**

**MDH Director of Health Occupations
MDH Legislative & Regulations Coordinator**

CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session was called to order at 10:40 A.M. by Ms. Denise Capaci, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 13, 2018 minutes were approved – Yes, Abstain

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Announcement: None.

BOARD CHAIR

Denise Capaci

- Ballots were distributed for officers on the Board. They were tallied & Sherryl Silberman was elected Chair, Wrenn Skidmore was elected as Vice Chair, & Karen Richards was elected as Secretary/ Treasurer.
- Board members discussed the experiences of meeting in Salisbury University last month. All agreed it was a positive outreach though it was hoped more students could have attended the meeting. Letha Moszer wrote article for the Social Work newspaper on this event.
- Denise Capaci brought up the idea of having a strategic plan developed next year for 3-5 years. This was discussed and Board members supported the idea.
- Joyce Bell discussed the Focus Group questions from ASWB. In general the concern was the shortage of macro social workers. Suggested focus areas include:
 - Jurisprudence Exam
 - Mobility
 - Office OrganizationLook at how the Board is conducting business and how we will in the future. Stanley Weinstein was asked about hiring an outside facilitator. Will check budget and will report back.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Stanley Weinstein discussed the Regulatory Review & Evaluation Act and how we need to review all of our regulations. He proposed the Statute & Regulations Committee review the Code of Ethics Chapter and the CEU Committee review the Continuing Education Chapter.
- Our new Regulations & Legislative coordinator was introduced – Lillian Reese.
- 3rd Quarter Projections with revenue and expenses presented.
- Definition of advocacy, as stated in our draft regulations, was presented.
- Gail Wowk requested articles for our newsletter 2018 Spring Newsletter – Due June 2018.
- Tyrone Willoughby discussed on-line applications and the plan to start accepting applications on July 1, 2018.

- Stanley Weinstein discussed the backlog of complaint cases as a critical problem for the Board. We are hoping to hire a contract health investigator and continue to request a PIN for a health investigator. A new project will monitor the sanctions including fines, CEU's and activities ordered in these cases.
- The draft regulations are in the Secretaries office and the process will probably not be completed by July 1, 2018.
- Tyrone Willoughby informed the Board that the Coppin University Student Intern will begin in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell, Chair

No meeting to report. Next meeting scheduled for 06/04/2018.

Continuing Education Committee

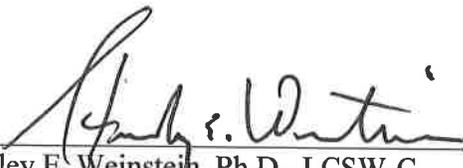
Karen Richards, Chair

No meeting to report. Next teleconference meeting scheduled for 05/28/2018.

REMINDER OR REQUEST:

The Open Session adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Aimee Williams, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer



Stanley E. Weinstein, Ph.D., LCSW-C
Executive Director

Date

Date

7/13/18


Karen Richards LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

7/13/18