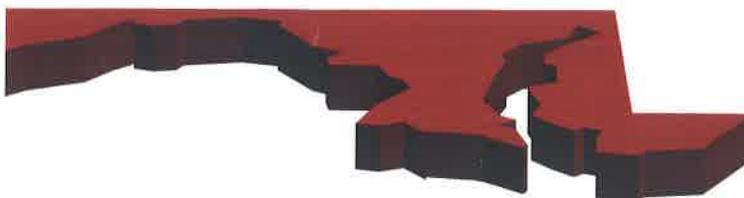


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
December 13, 2019
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

Board Members:

Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member, Chair
Wrenn Skidmore	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Karen Richards	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
April Cockrell	Professional Member
Martin P. Schnuit	Professional Member
Donald J. List	Professional Member (Absent)
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member
Letha Moszer	Professional Member
Jamie Wilson	Professional Member
Sondra G. Petty	Professional Member
Barbara Gassaway	Consumer Member
Susan P. Coppage	Professional Member

Board Staff:	Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
	Rhonda Edwards	OAG, Board Counsel
	Gail Wowk	Director, Planning and Continuing Education
	Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director, Compliance and Investigations
	Gloria Jean Hammel	Director of Certification and Licensing
	Tyrone Willoughby Jr.	Social Work Supervisor
	Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Aide
	Earnest A. Ford Sr.	Health Occupation Investigator (Absent)
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide (Absent)
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist

Guest:

Sean Augustus	Board Intern
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CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:41A.M. by Board Chair Sherryl Silberman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 08, 2019 Meeting – were approved–10 votes unanimously

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

BOARD CHAIR

Sherryl Silberman

- Sherryl Silberman distributed the New Board Committee Assignment List.
- A discussion was held at the strategic planning committee meeting pertaining to the Jurisprudence exam. It was decided the exam process was a more complex endeavor which would require changes made to the Statute and therefore must be approved by the legislative committee. The Strategic Planning Committee is considering hiring a consultant to devise exam questions. However, the questions must be validated and must include 3 versions. The committee also discussed having an open book exam. Karen Richards informed the Board members a lot of background was already complete along with questions submitted by Board intern Sean Augustus however, language from the Statute and Regulations Committee is needed. Sherryl Silberman thanked Sean Augustus, for submitting questions for the committee to review. Due to the complexity of Jurisprudence Exam process it will be table until a later date.
- The strategic planning committee consists of all Committee Chairs, the Board Chair and Executive Director, Stanley Weinstein. The committee has met twice since the original meeting in October 2019. DCRC Chair, Jerry Farrell created a working document to assist the committee with organizing goals, objectives, leader assignments, timelines etc. Sherryl Silberman and Stanley Weinstein will notify Board members of their assignments. The next meeting will be held in March 2020.
- The License Review Committee previously known as the Credentialing Committee consists of Board members: Karen Richards, Wrenn Skidmore Sherryl Silberman and Stanley Weinstein. The point of contact for the Licensing Unit is Tyrone Willoughby Jr. or his designee. This committee receives cases from the Licensing Unit that include LCSW-C application discrepancies as well as applications that contain criminal records. This committee will continue to operate as previously by email and review the more difficult cases in person once a month. The committee will to meet the second Monday of each month from 8:30am to 9:30am follow by the Statute and Regulations meeting to be held from 9:30 am to 12noon.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Stanley Weinstein shared with the Board a copy of the Maryland Department of Health Sexual Misconduct Report that must be submitted to the legislators. Unfortunately, there has been an increase since last year.

- Stanley Weinstein informed the Board the retirement announcement of Mary Jo Monahan, CEO of ASWB. ASWB is currently looking for applicants for the position.
- Board members Jamie Wilson and Wrenn Skidmore attended the ASWB Delegate Assembly meeting held in Tampa Florida. Jamie shared various topic where discussed. A discussion was held between different board members on how their boards approved supervision, how they handle discipline cases, criminal backgrounds and Board stability. She further shared how some boards conducted criminal background checks while students were still in school. In some instances applicants were denied in advance however, applicants were allowed to attend the board meeting for further discussion which occasionally led to security presence. Elections were held on the bylaws.
- Wrenn Skidmore shared from a Statute and Regulations prospective and how there were some new trends in the use of technology, how practitioners misuse technology, practitioner errors, judgement issues, etc. She stated the Board will probably see more cases. Also, regulatory questions were asked that included using technology with clients on vacation, how to manage records and information using technology, using social media in private practices. A concern was “Good Moral Character and how it is being judged, looked at and what we can or cannot ask on our application forms.
- Stanley Weinstein first day was more administrative forum. There were 53 jurisdiction state delegates represented. 23 administrative jurisdictions. Stanley Weinstein shared his concerned with ASWB in minimum number of administrator jurisdiction which prohibited the opportunity to address everyday problems. Composite Boards are different from Social Work Boards. There were concerns with the ability to take the ASWB exam. He expressed concerns that the main goal of the social work board is to protect the public and how ASWB Social Work Boards need to reexamine how they allow exemptions, it was stated that to many compromises are made. The next ASWB conference will be on education and research focusing on clinical supervision, teletherapy supervision -----.
- 3 pillars
- Sherryl Silberman expressed her concern on the mobility and fact that neighboring states are not sharing what and how they are regulating
- Stanley Weinstein Gender added on Board applications and what is the best way to include on the Boards application. Gail is waiting to hear back from a Sponsor who is currently holding a training on gender and forms.

Statue and Regulations Committee

Wrenn Skidmore, Chair

The Committee will be meeting on December 20th at 9:00 am to noon. Beginning January our meeting will be held from 9:30 to 12 noon.

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

The Committee met on November 15th. Topics of discussion were concerning the audits, site visits for provisional which were discontinued in 2018, Board staff and the types of calls received from licensees. Discussions on ethics training and supervision must be explained by the provisional sponsor and not the licensee. In addition, the 6 hours of CEU’s must be separated into two sessions. Example: Morning session for ethics (3 ceu’s) afternoon for supervision(3 ceu’s). A sign in sheet and certificate must be included with each session.

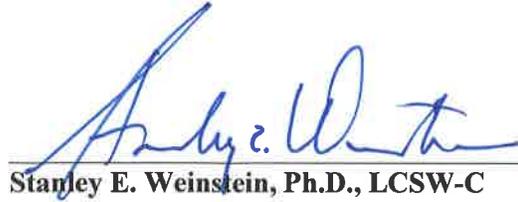
ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSSION

The Open Session adjourned at 11:28 A.M.



Karen Richards, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

1/21/2020
Date



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

1/24/20
Date