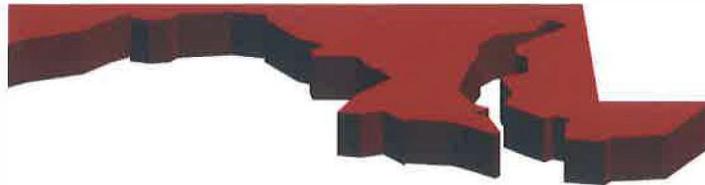


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
June 12, 2020
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

Board Members:

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

Board Staff:	Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
	Rhonda Edwards	OAG, Board Counsel
	Kara Brooks-Tyson	OAG, Board Counsel
	Gail Wowk	Director, Planning and Continuing Education
	Gloria Jean Hammel	Director, Certification and Licensing
	Tyrone Willoughby	Social Work Supervisor
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist
	Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Associate

Guest:

Maria C. Cole
Daphne McClellan
Kate Justin

Governor Appointed Board Member
Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
University of Maryland School of Social Work

CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:34 A.M. by Sherryl Silberman, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from May 8, 2020 Board meeting was approved -with changes, unanimously

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Announcement: None

BOARD CHAIR

Sherryl Silberman

- Sherryl Silberman informed the Board that this was her last meeting as Board Chair due to her term ending on July 1 , 2020 . Sherryl Silberman gave reflections on her last two years as Board Chair. She acknowledged Board staff and Board Members hard work, commitment to ensuring public safety.
- She informed Board members that she was very confident in the newly appointed Board Chair, Gerard (Jerry) Farrell, appointed Vice Chair, Karen Richards and Secretary Donald List to continue to move the Board forward.
- Special acknowledgement was given to Wrenn Skidmore, Letha Moszer, Jamie Wilson whose terms will be ending effective July 1, 2020. Sherryl Silberman recognized Stanley Weinstein for his support, dedication and commitment to the Board. Sherryl Silberman noted that while challenging at times her position as Board Chair was also rewarding.
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Executive Director Report

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Stanley Weinstein shared with Board members after reviewing the Board's budget, a proposal for the next two years to reduce renewal fees by \$50.00 per renewal. It would cost the Board approximately \$400,000.00. A vote was taken by Board members who agreed unanimously to reduce the renewal fee by \$50.00.
- Gloria Hammel was asked to give an update on the number of out of state license clinical social workers who applied for temporary licensure for the state of Maryland during this COVID -19 pandemic. Gloria reported that the Board received 197 applications that were submitted and approved.
- Stanley Weinstein shared that the "out of state license social worker application" approval process went smoothly due to the Board's decision to waive the application licensing fee.

- Stanley Weinstein updated the Board on the status of Concept Paper for Departmental Legislation. He shared that the Board has not heard back from the Department of Health to see if it will Sponsor our proposed legislation.

Statute and Regulations Committee

Wrenn Skidmore, Chair

Wrenn informed the Board that the committee has completed the draft on the Statute and would like the Board to have a discussion and vote on the drafted changes. The changes included:

These **general** changes were necessary in order to have the language in the Statute match the revised changes made to the Board's Regulations which go into effect October 2020.

- Change the LGSW licensure to LMSW Licensure
- Change Mental Health to Behavioral Health
- Change HIV positive to HIV Status
- Changes fines to from \$5000 to \$10,000.00

The next three changes are **major** in nature and include the following:

- 19-202 - change some designated seats to **3** licensed social workers of **Any** license category
- 19-302.E -change supervisor hours from 144 to 100 to allow mobility and portability for social workers.
- 19-315 - Changing the Rehabilitation Committee to Rehabilitation Process - Sherryl explained that **Process** would include providing assistance to social workers, providing information and resources, etc. The drafted changes were voted on and unanimously agreed on.

Wrenn Skidmore shared with the Board this is her last meeting as a Board member. She appreciated the opportunity to serve as Board Chair of the Statute and Regulations Committee and that she appreciated the hard work and dedication from her Committee members and Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulations Specialist.

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen shared with the Board that the Committee met on May 15, 2020 . Highlights from the meeting included: The need for a CEU committee member to attend the Case Resolution Conference (**CRC**) hearing for CEU cases due to the familiarity of the CEU cases and Regulations. The Committee have been reviewing the training content for Sponsors who offer training on preparation for the Licensing Exam. Content related to social work practice may be approved but not training related to test strategies and study skill. They were recently placed on the Board's website.

The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2020 with Board Counsel to discuss earning CEU's during this State of Emergency and once the Emergency has been rescinded.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

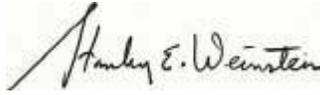
The Open Session adjourned at 11:30 P.M.



**Karen Richards, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer**

09/14/2020

Date



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

09/14/2020

Date