

State of Maryland
Board of Social Work Examiners
Open Session Meeting
MINUTES
June 14, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session was called to Order at 10:33 AM.

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No adjustments or additions were made to the agenda.

ATTENDANCE

Board: Susan Coppage, Chair; Adrienne K. Ekas, Vice Chair; Jamie Wilson, Board Secretary/Treasurer; Marie Cole, Board Member; Kevin Meenan, Board Member; Kori Olszewski, Board Member; Tonya Hill, Board Member, Leslie Lampieri, Board Member, Allyson Stanton, Board Member

Board Staff: Rhonda Edwards, Board Counsel; Karen Richards, Executive Director; Gail Wowk, Director of Continuing Education; Stacie Rigby, Continuing Education Associate; Marianne Graham, Social Work Supervisor; Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator; Garcia Gilmore, Health Investigations, Ulyssese Preston, Health Investigations Administrator; Kellie Peay, Administrative Asst.; Kara Brooks Tyson, Director of Compliance

Community: Bracha Poliakoff, Social Worker and Continuing Education Provider; Terri Green, LCSW-C OPD; Elisabet Martinez, University of MD SSW Cont. Ed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jamie Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of May 10, 2024 Open Session with amendments.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Susan Coppage, Chair

- Susan Coppage welcomed members of the public, staff, and Board members
- She thanked Allyson Stanton whose term ends June 30 - appreciation for her work on the Continuing Education Committee - also Maria Cole
- She shared resignation of Board Member - David Goldman, LCSW-C - due to health reasons and feeling he could not be present as much as he would like
- New Board members are starting July 1 - LBSW, LMSW and 2 Consumer Members

- Susan brought up topic of Supervision regulation and need to clarify the language and make things clearer around the LMSW - Independent practice regulation - if licensed by a certain date - you did not need a Board approved supervisor
- Stat & Reg committee will work on clarifying the language while also working on removal of the language about LCSW licensure since the Board no longer issues LCSW licenses
- Committee will work on clarification language and The entire Board will vote on changes
- Later, she again thanked the departing Board members - Maria Cole - for her work on the Stat & Reg committee

Executive Director REPORT

Karen Richards, Executive Director

- Paint & carpet project is done and we have fresh space to work - files and other items now have to be brought down from the 5th floor
- Thanked staff again for all of their hard work during this project - staff had to do the work along with their already very demanding jobs
- Introduced new Admin Assistant - Kellie Peay - who has already jumped in - handling the mail and answering phones
- Tyrone Willoughby started working part-time - worked with Board previously - is now a school social worker and is working part-time during the summer to help with licensing backlog
- Licensing unit is almost fully staffed with three part-time staff - full time Licensing Coordinator identified and interviews are starting for the Staff Social Worker
- Licensing Renewals - online portal opens on July 15
- Marianne Graham shared that licensees could start getting their Criminal Background checks done - Scan Serve and take to vendor of choice - be aware of additional charge if using a private vendor
- If you go to Reisterstown Rd Plaza Central Repository - charge is \$51.25 - \$31.25 goes to CJIS
- Question asked about getting fingerprints if not renewing this year
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**LEGISLATIVE REPORT Lillian Reese,
Legislative & Regulations Coordinator**

- No report this month

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statutes and Regulations Committee

Maria Cole, Committee Chair

- Committee met on June 13
- Lillian drafted regulation to take out the LCSW language from the regs - committee reviewed and discussed
- Committee also reviewed the CE regulation 10.42.06 and approved to send back to the CE Committee

Continuing Education Committee

Adrienne Ekas, Committee Chair

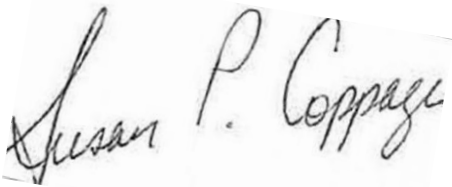
- Committee met on June 5 for a meeting to discuss the draft of 10.42.06. - committee will meet on June 20 for regular meeting and farewell lunch for Allyson Stanton
- Gail and Rhonda worked on the draft of 10.42.06 with review by the committee
- Plan is to have Draft for entire Board to review and vote on in July
- Thanked Gail Wowk and Stacie Rigby for all their continued hard work in the Continuing Education unit

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- No questions or comments this month.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

- At 10:59 am, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the open session.



Susan Coppage, LCSW-C
Board Chair



Karen Richards, LCSW-C
Executive Director, BSWE