

**OPEN SESSION Minutes**  
**November 14, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kevin Meenan called the meeting to order at 11:03am. There were no changes or adjustments to the agenda.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board:** Kevin Meenan, Chair; Adrienne K. Ekas, Vice Chair; Leslie Iampieri, Board Secretary/Treasurer; Stephen Liggett-Creel, Board Member; Kevin Daniels, Board Member; Jamie Wilson, Board Member; Kori Olszewski, Board Member; Shannon Webb, Board Member; Tonya Hill, Board Member; Barbara Tunstall, Consumer Board Member

**Board Staff:** Joshua Frazer, Board Counsel; Karen Richards, Executive Director; Kara Brooks-Tyson, Director of Compliance; Gail Wowk, Director of Continuing Education; Stacie Rigby, Continuing Education Associate; Pamela Price-Murray, Licensing Coordinator; Glendia Cook, Licensing Coordinator; Mary McLaughlin, Health Occupations Investigator; Johnta Gray, Health Occupations Administrator; Ulysses Preston, Health Occupations Investigator; Jacqueline Monroe-Moore, Fiscal Administrator; Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator; Lee Nyguen, Database Specialist; Marianne Graham, Director of Licensing

**Community:** Crystal Williams; Tawana Lee, LMSW, LICSW, Will Doyle, LICSW, Christine Krone,

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jamie Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes for Open Session – October 10, 2025 – Adrienne Ekas seconded the motion. Minutes approved with no changes.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

- Kevin Meenan welcomed members of the public, staff, and Board members.
- Board Members need to be vigilant and check emails at least once daily
  - Kara has requests for Case Resolution Conferences (CRC)
  - Legislative session starts on January 14 and Lillian will need us to respond to legislation impacting the Board

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- No digital newsletter in October due to renewals and staff being out. Planning to get one out in November – Board members can send articles or ideas
- Staff update – Health Occupations Investigator – Adam Yates – left last week for a job with Harford County sheriff's office – near his home

- Will recruit and ask for exemption to hiring freeze as Board needs to address backlog of complaints – along with the continued new complaints received every month
- Executive Director attended the virtual meeting of the Social Work Compact Commission
  - Database provider selected – “Compact Connect” – used by other Compacts – Professional Counselors
  - Rules around data collected were discussed and are still in draft form
    - One piece of data will be FBI background checks which Maryland already collects so we are in good position to be ready for that data point
  - For multi-state license, social worker’s home state will be “anchor” license
    - Apply for compact license through anchor state
  - No specific date but they hope to start issuing licenses in Spring/Summer 2026
  - Look for updates on websites, in newsletters, and via email blast

## **RENEWALS Update**

Marianne Graham, Director of Licensing and Certification reported on 2025 Renewals

- Board can process up to 9000 renewals each year
- 8141 for 2025
- 609 licenses went to “non-renewed” status on November 1<sup>st</sup>
- 280 licensees requested their licenses be put on “non-active” status
  - Letters emailed to non-renewed and inactive reminding them they have five years - up to October 31, 2030, to reinstate their license
    - Beyond five years, they must apply for a new license
- Reminder to make sure email address is current with Board as this is primary way Board communicates with licensees

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Statutes and Regulations Committee**

Kevin reported the Stats and Regs Committee met on November 13.

- Discussed the regulation change 10.42.02.06 which was pulled back after public comments
  - Forming a sub-committee to review and make recommendations to committee for language and changes based on public comments
    - If any Board members are interested, it may not be a huge time commitment but there will be homework in reviewing all of the comments – if interested, let Kevin know
- Petition submitted by member of public
  - In the Open Session folder on Google Drive for Board members to review
  - Petition is seeking to make change to domestic abuse reporting in regulation

- Board must give response to Secretary's office in 60 days
- Please review – will discuss and vote at December meeting
- MUST have our response to Secretary's office by December 15

### Continuing Education Committee

Adrienne Ekas reported that Continuing Education Committee met on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

- New Sponsor update from regulation change – 1 Maryland Non-Profit added
  - Total 10 new sponsors
- Clarified on “Activities not Accepted” – “students” added to supervision
  - *Supervision - Individual, Peer, or Group including **Social Work Field Placement Students***
- Committee discussion of upcoming 2025 CE Post-Renewal audit

### QUESTIONS

- Kevin Meenan reminded audience that questions and comments from the public must be submitted prior to the Open Session
  - If questions cannot be addressed in the Open Session, an email response will be sent
  - Board will respond in Open Session to the best of their ability
- One public member question posted in chat – Can the Board send Renewal Reminders via text?
  - Karen Richards responded as it was a quick answer – “no, not at this time but it is something the Board has considered and may be possible with new Zoom phone system.”

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

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