

**State of Maryland**  
**Board of Social Work Examiners**  
**Open Session Meeting**  
**In Person**  
**4201 Patterson Ave., Room 110**  
**Baltimore, MD 21215**  
**October 10, 2025**  
**11:00 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Open Session was called to Order at 11:00 AM.

**ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

No adjustments or additions were made 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 (arrived late); 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 (Absent); Kara Brooks-Tyson, Director of Compliance; Gail Wowk, Director of Continuing Education; Stacie Rigby, Continuing Education Associate; Joseph Orlandi (absent); Jean James, Social Work Supervisor; Pamela Price-Murray, Licensing Coordinator(absent); Brenda Neale, Social Worker; Glendia Cook, Licensing Coordinator; Jacqueline Monroe-Moore, Fiscal Administrator; Kellie Peay, Administrative Assistant; Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator (absent); Lee Nyguen, Database Specialist; Marianne Graham, Director of Licensing; Mary McLaughlin, HO Investigator II; Adam Yates, HO Investigator III

Community: Sharon Davis, Elisabet Martinez, University of MD School of Social Work, Gail Martin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Leslie Iampieri, Secretary/Treasurer**

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

**Kevin Meenan, Chair**

- No new business
- Reminder for Board Members to check emails – Board only meets once a month – there are often items that need Board attention in between the monthly meetings

## Executive Director REPORT

**Kara Brooks-Tyson, Director of Compliance**

- Any articles or suggestions for the next digital newsletter can send them to Karen Richards at [karen.richards2@maryland.gov](mailto:karen.richards2@maryland.gov)
  
- Renewal Updates – **Marianne Graham, Director of Licensing & Certification**
  - 3320 licenses have renewed
  - 5748 still need to submit renewal application
  - Social Workers who still need to renew have until 11:59pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>
    - Don't wait as the system could have technical difficulties and your application will miss the processing time window
  - If renewal date is missed, license will be in “non-renewed” status, and the licensee is not able to practice as a licensed social worker
  - If non-renewed, licensee will have to apply for Reinstatement of their license
  - Board Member – Adrienne Ekas asked about the fees for renewal and reinstatements. They are as follows:
    - LBSW – Renewal - \$100 – Reinstatement - \$125
    - LMSW – Renewal - \$226 – Reinstatement - \$225
    - LCSW-C – Renewal - \$301 – Reinstatement \$300

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Statutes and Regulations Committee

**Kevin Meenan, Committee Chair**

- Committee did not meet in October
- The next meeting is November 13<sup>th</sup>

### Continuing Education Committee

**Adrienne Ekas, Committee Chair**

- The CE committee did not meet in September
- New sponsors are getting registered - there are 8 approved with more pending
- Adrienne and Gail Wowk have been meeting with Social Work programs that provide CEUs
  - Had a meeting with Copping State
  - Most recently met with Morgan State Center for Continuing Professional Studies on October 9
  - Going down the list and planning meetings for Bowie State and Hood College
- Next meeting is October 30<sup>th</sup>

## QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- There were no questions or comments submitted to Board Chair prior to meeting

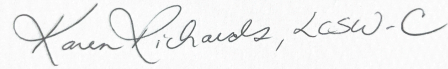
## ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

- At 11:17 am, Kevin Meenan made a motion to adjourn the open session and it was seconded by Jamie Wilson.



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Kevin Meenan, LCSW-C  
Board Chair



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Karen Richards, LCSW-C  
Executive Director, BSWE