# 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**

<u>Board</u>: Kevin Meenan, Chair; Adrienne K. Ekas, Vice Chair; Leslie lampieri, 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

<u>Board Staff:</u> 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 lampieri, 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
- 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 31st
    - 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
  - o 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
  - o 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

Lewin Uleum LCSW.c	Karen Pichards, Lasw-C
Kevin Meenan, LCSW-C Board Chair	Karen Richards, LCSW-C Executive Director, BSWE

Jamie Wilson.

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