



# MARYLAND Department of Health

Board of Social Work Examiners  
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## OPEN SESSION MINUTES June 12, 2026

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

### ATTENDANCE

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

**Board Staff:** Karen Richards, Executive Director; Kara Brooks-Tyson, Director of Compliance; Gail Wowk, Director of Continuing Education; Joey Orlandi, CE Coordinator; Mary McLaughlin, Health Occupations Investigator; Johna Gray, Health Occupations Administrator; Ulysses Preston, Health Occupations Investigator; Samuel Mitchell, Health Occupations Investigator; Lee Nyguen, Database Specialist; Pamela Price-Murray, Licensing Coordinator; Deborah Evans, Licensing Coordinator; Kellie Peay, Administrative Assistant

**Community Members:** Elisabet Martinez, LCSW-C, UMSSW Office of Cont. Ed.; Will Doyle, LICSW, Pathways to Housing; Tiffany Brown, LCSW-C, Baltimore County DSS; Gail Martin; Suanna Sung, LCSW-C, ASWB, Regulatory Services & Government Affairs; Crystal Williams, LMSW

**Approval of Minutes:** The board approved the minutes from the May 2026 open session.

### BOARD CHAIR REPORT

#### **Kevin Meenan, Board Chair**

- **Executive Committee Nominations:** The board held elections for the upcoming term beginning July 1, 2026:
  - **Board Chair:** Jamie Wilson was nominated and approved.
  - **Vice Chair:** Dr. Adrienne Eis was nominated and approved to continue in her position.
  - **Board Secretary:** Corey Zlowski was nominated and approved.
- **Transitions:** The session marked the final board meeting for current members Kevin and Leslie, who are vacating their positions on July 1, 2026. New members Cara and Heather Gardner are set to join on that date.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

#### **Karen Richards, Executive Director**

- **Social Work Compact:** Discussions regarding the compact commission included the retention of its current executive committee chair, Hank Cecil. The commission is currently recruiting an executive director, and initial multi-state licenses are projected to roll out around March 2027.
- **Licensing and Renewals:** The online renewal portal opens July 15, 2026. Licensees are reminded of a one-time requirement to complete an attestation for a structural racism course.
- **Supervision Forms:** Updated supervision contracts and verification forms have been implemented, though the board will continue to honor contracts signed before June 1, 2026.
- **License Statistics:** As of June 8, 2026, there are 20,944 total active licenses.

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**Statutes and Regulations Subcommittee:**

**Kevin Daniels, Committee Chair**

- The committee is focused on drafting regulations for a new provisional license, with a subcommittee meeting scheduled for June 22 to advance this work.

**Continuing Education Committee:**

**Adrienne Ekas, Committee Chair**

- The committee is transitioning its audit processes to mirror those used by the physical therapy board. There are currently 19 board-authorized sponsors, including non-profit and governmental agencies. The committee continues to meet with schools of social work to ensure compliance with provider forms and procedures.

No public questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

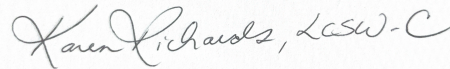
The open session was adjourned at 11:24 a.m., with the board scheduled to reconvene for an administrative session at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Kevin Meenan, LCSW-C, Board Chair**



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**Karen Richards, LCSW-C, Executive Director**