

Applications and nominations for the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners are being accepted through

Date October 23rd, 2020

The Board of Social Work Examiner is accepting applications through October 23, 2020 for the following Board seats:

- LCSW-C
- Consumer Member

Interested candidates should carefully review all membership criteria and the time commitment noted below before applying. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all application documents and nomination materials are submitted by 10/23/2020.

Criteria:

The criteria for members is outlined in the Board statute, Health Occupations §19-202 which is attached. Terms are for four years. The applicant must be actively licensed, be in good standing with the Board and be a resident of Maryland.

Board member duties:

- Attend month Board meetings which are held on 2nd Friday of the month at the Board office located at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215. The meeting includes a closed and a public (open) session. Members receive a stipend of \$150.00 per meeting plus mileage. Members receive documents in advance of the meeting for review. There are attendance requirements in order to remain a board member.
- Members serve on various Board committees including:
 - Statue and Regulations Committee
 - Continuing Education Committee
 - Disciplinary Case Review Committee

Committees meet once per month in person or teleconference.

- Members participate in disciplinary hearing and case resolution conferences.
- Board members may be asked to testify before the General Assembly regarding legislation that affects consumers and/or licensees.
- Board members are subject to the State Ethics Law and are required to file an annual financial disclosure with the Maryland State Ethics Commission.

Please note that all applicants are thoroughly vetted and may be interviewed by a subject matter expert. The Governor appoints all board members with the advice of the Secretary of the Department of Health

(and advice and consent of the Senate – check your statute to confirm whether applicants are confirmed).

All interested applicants are required to submit a formal application through the Governor's Appointments Office website at <http://govappointments.maryland.gov/> no later than **10/23/2020.**

Please be aware that one of the application documents, Appointee Exemption Disclosure (AED) form, is required by the Maryland State Ethics Commission (MSEC) to document any potential conflicts of interest. On the AED form, applicants should request an employment exemption for all current employment. Applicants that are self-employed, own or co-own a business should also request a financial exemption on the AED form.

If an applicant is serving in an official capacity with Board/Association, the applicant should list their role and note their willingness to resign immediately if appointed to the Health Occupation Board. Applicants may contact the MSEC at 410-260-7770 with questions or to request guidance.

*Please note that the Board statute also requires that applicants be nominated by **one** of the following:*

- *A Professional association representing social work in the State;*
- *a statement of nomination signed by at least **15** social workers licensed in the State*
- *social worker licensed in the State (a sample petition is attached);*
- *the secretaries of public agencies of the State where social workers are employed*

The nomination is also due by the deadline for applications. Nominations may be submitted via e-mail or mail to:

*Kim Bennardi, Administrator
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Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations
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Any additional questions regarding applications or nominations may be addressed to Kim Bennardi at kim.bennardi@maryland.gov or 410-767-4049.