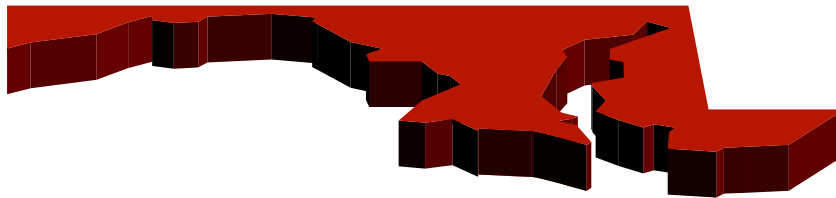


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
October 14, 2022
Department of Health Building
4201 Patterson Avenue Room #106
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

Board Members:

Sondra G. Petty	Professional Member, Chair
Adrienne Ekas	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Jamie Wilson	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Leslie Iampieri	Professional Member
Allyson Stanton	Professional Member
Maria Cole	Professional Member (Absent)
Kevin Meenan	Professional Member (Absent)
Danielle Artis	Consumer Member (Absent)
Susan P. Coppage	Professional Member
April A. Cockrell	Professional Member (Absent)
Martin P. Schnuit	Professional Member

Board Staff:

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director
Kristen Fon Lim	OAG Board Counsel
Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist
Gloria Jean Hammel	Program Manager, Certification and Licensing Unit
Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Associate
Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
Wanda Franklin	Continuing Education Associate

Guest:	Gisele Ferretto	University of Maryland School of Social Work
	Jennifer Segovia, LMSW	Social Worker
	Bracha Poliakoff, LCSW-C	Social Worker
	Scott Tiffin	NASW

CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:48 am by Sondra G. Petty, Board Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 9, 2022 – Approved Unanimously

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

Board Chair Report

Sondra G Petty

- Sondra Petty reminded licensees the renewal period for 2022 will end at 11:59 on Monday, October 31, 2022. She asked that licensees submit their renewal applications in a timely manner to avoid a delay in processing
- Sondra Petty shared, in the future, if guests have questions for the Board; they should submit the questions in writing at least two weeks in advance to allow the Board time to review the questions and provide appropriate answers.

Executive Director

Daphne McClellan

- Daphne McClellan informed the Board that 8000 licensees were scheduled to be renewed this year. As of October 14th, only 2713 licensees have renewed their license. She stated, there are two weeks remaining for licensees to renew.
- Daphne shared that the Board will be sending a reminder email by the close of business reminding licensee about the Implicit Bias Training required by the State. She further shared, if a licensee takes the Implicit Bias training provided by a Board approved Sponsor the licensee can count the training as a CEU.
- It appears some licensees have not updated their contact information and have not been receiving the Boards updates. Daphne McClellan shared that Board staff will be sending reminders informing licensees to keep their information current.
- It's that time of the year again, Daphne invited Board members to begin submitting articles for the Fall Newsletter.
- The Board was informed by Daphne, that she and several of the new Board members attended the ASWB New Board Members Training which was held September 15-17 in Alexandria, Virginia. She informed the Board that she learned a lot of pertinent information pertaining to her role as an Executive Director. Other Board attendees were Danielle Artis, Leslie Iampieri and Kevin Meenan.
- Leslie Iampieri was asked to share her experience at the conference. Leslie informed the Board there were representatives from 32 states. The conference was very informative and that ASWB provided the attendees with resource information.
- Lillian Reese was asked to give her Legislation and Regulations report. Lillian informed the Board, there is a tentative meeting scheduled for Friday, 10/21 for the Secretary to review the Continuing Education Regulation proposal. If he signs off, it will then go to the AELR Committee. We are also still waiting on the Teletherapy Regulations to be sent to AELR. The Secretary has signed off on that proposal.
- Lillian received word from the Office of Gov't Affairs that the Governor's office decided to change the extension date on all of the sunset bills to 3 years instead of 10. This is due to the new administration coming in.

New Business:

- New Board Policy – Gloria Hammel, Program Manager for Certification and Licensing informed the Board, effective October 17, 2022, applications received on and after the 17th that the applicant will receive a message through the online message system when their documents are received and which staff member the application was forwarded to. In addition, the applicant will be alerted to what documents are still required.

STATUTE AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Sondra Petty, Chair

- Sondra Petty shared the Statute and Regulations Committee and is currently looking for a new Statute and Regulations Chair. In addition, in the interim, Martin Schnuit will be spearheading the jurisprudence exam. The next committee meeting will be held in November.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Adrienne Ekas

- Adrienne Ekas informed the Board that the Continuing Education Committee met on September 14, 2022. On October 6th two representatives from ASWB met Dr. McClellan and the Continuing Education staff to discuss the Continuing Education Audit process and sign the 2022 contract. The next meeting will be held October 20th.

Public Questions & Answers:

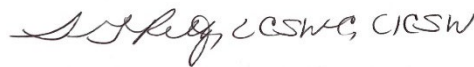
- Gisele Ferretto, from the University of Maryland School of Social informed the Board that the school is currently offering Implicit Bias trainings that will be counted as CEU's earned. In addition, she informed the Board there are other sites that are offering courses that will count as CEU's earned as well.
- Jennifer Segovia, LMSW shared her concern with the lack of communication from the Board concerning her application. Gloria Hammel, Program Manager informed the Board she will address the concern with the licensee after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

The Open Session adjourned at 11:16 am.



Jamie Wilson, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer



Sondra Petty
Board Chair

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