

State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



Open Session Minutes

September 09, 2022

Teleconference Board Meeting

Board Members: Via Google Meet

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

Board Staff:

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director
Kristen Fon Lim	OAG Board Counsel
Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist
Kara Brooks-Tyson	Program Manager, Compliance, and Investigations
Gail Wowk	Program Manager, Planning and Continuing Education
Gloria Jean Hammel	Program Manager, Certification and Licensing Unit
Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Associate
Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide

Guest:

Emanuel Wilkerson	Recent MSW Graduate
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CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:35 am by Vice Chair, Sondra G. Petty

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

Board Chair Report

Sondra G Petty

- Sondra Petty, Vice Chair opened the meeting by introducing two new Board members: Leslie Iampieri and Kevin Meenan.
- Leslie shared with the Board that she has been a social worker for nearly 30 years practicing on the east and the west coast. Her field of practice has been medical social work. She is currently, on the Ethics committee at Howard County General Hospital located in Columbia, Maryland
- Kevin Meenan, shared with the Board, he has been a licensed social worker since 2014 and is currently working in an Alcohol and Substance abuse program.
- Danielle Artis, who became the Board's new consumer member in June was asked to formally introduce herself to the Board. Danielle is a registered nurse and on the faculty at Coppin State University.
- Sondra Petty introduced the new Executive Director, Dr. Daphne McClellan to the Board. Daphne McClellan has been a social worker for 42 years, has taught at several schools of social work and was most recently the Executive Director of NASW.
- The meeting was then turned over to Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulations Specialist. Lillian shared the upcoming Sunset Review 2023 is scheduled to begin on 1/11/2023. The Sunset Review is a Departmental Bill, which would renew our practice act and allow the Board to function for another 10 years. She further stated a hearing will be scheduled and will require a Board member to attend and testify.
- Board members held a discussion on whether to continue to hold Board meetings virtually or to hold in-person meetings. Due to the rising Covid virus numbers, it was voted to hold in-person meetings every other month beginning in October. The Case Review Committee (CRC) will continue to meet virtually until further notice or until a request is made to hold an in-person meeting.

Executive Director

Daphne McClellan

- Daphne McClellan gave a brief summary of her first 11 days as Executive Director. She informed the Board members that she was able to meet with all the staff members individually. In addition, the Board has hired a new Database Specialist, Lee Nguyen who is currently serving several boards. His position will become solely dedicated to our board. She shared there are still several staff positions that need to be filled.
- Daphne shared that she has some knowledge of the Licensing and Continuing Education; however, the Compliance Unit has several components that she needs to learn. Overall, she has enjoyed her first week and looks forward to serving the Board.

- The Board was informed by Daphne, that the ASWB training for New Board Members will be held next month and the following board members will be attending, Danielle Artis, Gabrielle Kallmeyer, Leslie Lampieri and Kevin Meenan; In addition, Daphne will be in attendance.
- A new Committee Member List was sent out to all Board members with a few adjustments. Jamie Wilson will be the new Chair for the Disciplinary Case Review Committee (DCRC). Daphne shared the board was informed that at this time Susan Coppage is unable to fulfill her duties as Board chair, however she will be remaining on the Board as a board member.
- Daphne shared the fact that ASWB has published a report on its exam scores by demographics.

New Business

- Since it has been reported that Susan Coppage is unable to continue to serve as Board Chair, it was moved that the new officer positions be as follows: Sondra Petty, Board Chair, Adrienne Ekas, Board Vice Chair and Jamie Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer. This motion was passed unanimously.

STATUTE AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Sondra Petty, Chair

- Sondra Petty shared the Statute and Regulations Committee will resume meeting the Monday before the Board meeting.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Adrienne Ekas

- The Continuing Education Committee meeting will resume next month

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

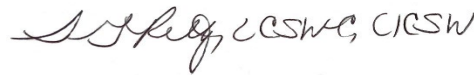
The Open Session adjourned at 11:10 am.



**Jamie Wilson, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer**

9/15/23

Date



**Sondra Petty
Board Chair**

9/15/23

Date