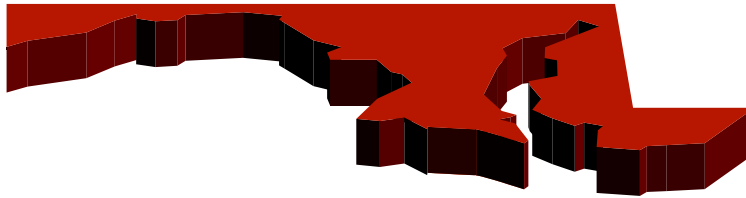


**State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners**



**Open Session Minutes  
July 14 , 2023, 10:30 AM  
Teleconference Board Meeting**

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**Board Members: Via -Telephone Call-In**

Susan Coppage	Professional Member, Chair
Adrienne Ekas	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Jamie Wilson	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Allyson Stanton	Professional Member
Maria Cole	Professional Member
Leslie Iampieri	Professional Member
Kori E. Olszewski	Professional Member
Tonya L. Hill	Professional Member (absent)
Kevin Meenan	Professional Member (absent)
Leslie Iampieri	Professional Member
David Goldman	Professional Member (absent)

<b>Board Staff:</b>	Daphne L. McClellan	Executive Director
	Donna Ridgell	Office Manager
	Kristen Fon Lim	OAG, Board Counsel
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist
	Gloria Jean Hammel	Program Manager, Certification and Licensing Unit
	Kara Brooks-Tyson	Program Manager, Compliance & Investigations
	Gail Wowk	Program Manager, Planning & Continuing Education
	Wanda Franklin	Continuing Education Associate
	Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Associate

<b>Guest:</b>	Kimberly Link	MDH Liaison to Board and Commissions
	Shannon Webb	Licensed Social Worker
	Bracha Poliakoff	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
	Katie Kirk	University of MD, Social Worker

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Open Session was called to order at 10:35 am by Board Chair Susan Coppage. She turned chairing the meeting to Vice-Chair Adrienne Ekas-Muetting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Adrienne Ekas moved that the minutes of the June 9, 2023 Board Meeting be accepted. Jamie Wilson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**Daphne L. McClellan**

Dr. McClellan started the meeting with the introduction of the new board members, Kori Olszewski and David Goldman. Tonya Hill was not present for this meeting and will be introduced at the August board meeting. Dr. McClellan announced the members of the Standing Committees of the Board for the coming program year:

**Disciplinary Compliance Review Committee (DCRC)**

Chair- Jamie Wilson

Members- Leslie Iampieri, David Goldman, and Adrienne Ekas

**Continuing Education Committee**

Chair- Adrienne Ekas

Members- Allyson Stanton and Kori Olszewski

**Statutes and Regulations Committee**

Chair- Maria Cole

Members- Kevin Meenan and Tonya Hill

- Dr. McClellan mentioned there are going to be some new regulations that will be coming out in the Maryland Register on July 28th. One of these new regulations has been before the board for several years now is a new requirement for continuing education. We will be adding a requirement for CEs in anti-oppressive practice focusing on race, culture and equity.
- In 2021, this Board submitted a regulation to the Department of Health that would amend 10.42.02.02. This will allow a new definition to private practice which would include settings. There would also be the addition of a new section 10.42.04.06 which refers to LMSWs approved

for Independent Practice and their relationship to being engaged in private practice. Lillian Reese received an email from AELR questioning the wording of the regulation, saying that they did not understand. Dr. McClellan saw the same issues that were being questioned. Unfortunately, some of the people who were involved in writing the regulation are no longer with the board, including the former executive director and the former board chair. Dr. McClennan asked if any of the current board members could clarify.

- Allyson Stanton and Maria Cole contributed thoughts on what they believed the regulation was about but stated that it had been a while. Maria Cole said that if the board wanted to look at it again she would be happy to take it back to her committee and revise the wording.
- Adrienne Ekas asked Lillian Reese if there was anything she wanted to add. Lillian stated that the regulations had technically been withdrawn. She clarified that when Dr. McClellan sent an email to AELR stating that we should pull the regulation back so the board could review it, there was no process for that. They interpreted it as being withdrawn. They will now have to be resubmitted. The board needs to have a formal vote to withdraw the proposed regulation.
- Adrienne Ekas moved to withdraw the proposal, with the understanding that the statutes and Regulation Committee will need to start over and resubmit. Jamie Wilson and Allyson Stanton both seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Adrienne moved to close the meeting. Jamie seconded.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION**

The Open Session adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

A vote was taken to go into Closed Session to discuss a matter with legal counsel.



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



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**Susan Coppage, LCSW-C**  
**Board Chair**

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