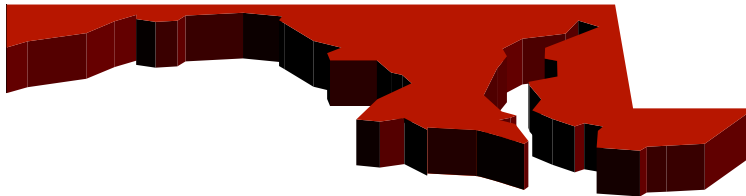


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
March 17, 2023, 10:30 AM
Teleconference Board Meeting**

Board Members: Via -Telephone Call-In

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

Board Staff:	Daphne McClellan	Executive Director
	Tony De Franko	OAG, Board Counsel
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist
	Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director of Compliance and Investigations (absent)
	Gail Wowk	Director of Planning and Continuing Education (absent)
	Gloria Jean Hammel	Director, Certification and Licensing Unit
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Wanda Franklin	Continuing Education Associate

Guest:	Bracha Poliakoff	LCSW-C, Continuing Education of Maryland
	Morgan Neibish-Gianni	Clinical Social Recruitment for DSS

CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:33 am by Board Chair Sondra Petty

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 10, 2023, Board Minutes – Approved Unanimously

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

BOARD CHAIR

Sondra Petty

- Sondra Petty opened the meeting with a discussion on bill hearing.
- Sondra Petty addresses the upcoming ASWB education meeting in April.
- Sondra Petty takes the vote on minutes from prior month

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Daphne L. McClellan

- Daphne McClellan opened the discussion with Senate Bill 730, Sunset Bill that has not been voted on. This Bill will be added to Bill 871. It has been discussed that the Sunset Bill should be for a period of 10 years opposed to 3 yrs. The Secretary of Health has recommended a 2 yr timeframe for the next Sunset.
- Daphne McClellan discussed Senate Bill 871 which is the Moratorium Bill and work group Bill, the Board testified in opposition to this bill.
- Daphne McClellan discussed Senate Bill 872 was also opposed, this Bill would allow LMSW's or LCSW-C's a temporary license. These licensees would have to meet all requirements other than taking the licensing exam. This temporary license would be held for a period of two years and in some extenuating circumstances it is possible to extend this temporary license for 2 additional years.
- Daphne McClellan discussed new employees that will be starting at the Board of Social Work Examiners that will help the workflow of getting applications processed in a timely manner.
- Update was given on where Gloria Hammel and Njeri Clay are with their applications.
- Update was given in reference to the timeframe applicants should be notified their application has been received, this should be a 60-day timeframe. The Board is in a 90–100-day window for receipt of application notices.

STATUTE AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Sondra Petty, Chair

- Presented under the Executive Report on the Bills impacting the Boards,

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Adrienne Ekas

- Adrienne Ekas shared that the committee made the recommendation to hire a full-time contractual staff member to assist the CEU unit.
- ASWB has completed the 2020 Audits and has submitted the results to the CEU office for processing.

- Adrienne Ekas shared how she and Karen have been continually meeting with ASWB's SWUR (Social Workers Unraveling Racism) Group. The goal is to submit a Regulation to the Secretary requiring social workers to take an Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice CEU. The next scheduled meeting with the group will be held on February 16, 2023.

Lillian Reese

- Lillian Reese shared that the moratorium has been removed from SB871
- Lillian Reese shared there is no longer a Senate Bill 730, it is not incorporated with Senate Bill 871.
- Senator Lamb offered an amendment to require the Board to open applications within 10 days of receipt and notify the applicant.
- Lillian Reese went over Senate Bill 78 and House Bill 196, a letter of information was submitted but has not been voted on by the House or Senate.
- Senate Bill 187 and House Bill 454, in second reading of the house.
- House Bill 694, letter of support was submitted by the Board. This Bill has passed the second reading of the house.
- House Bill 1070, letter of support was submitted by the Board. This Bill has not been voted out of committee at this time.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

The Open Session adjourned at 11:00 am.

Jamie Wilson (WOWE)

Jamie Wilson
Board Secretary/Treasurer

4/11/2023
Date

S. Petty, LCSW, C/CSW

Sondra Petty
Board Chair

4/11/2023
Date