#### State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

## Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners <u>April 14, 2020</u>

By Authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners was held <u>April 14, 2020</u>. The meeting was held via teleconference originating at <u>Juneau</u>.

# April 14, 2020

### Agenda item #1

## Call to order/Roll Call

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson **Danielle LaFon** at **4:00pm**.

Board Members present, constituting a quorum: Danielle LaFon, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, Board Chairperson Geoffry McCormick, Licensed Master Social Worker Colleen Vague, Public Member Mindy Swisher, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

<u>Board Members absent:</u> Brandon Ercanbrack, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

<u>Division Staff present:</u> Andy Khmelev, Records and Licensing Supervisor Lauren Bales, Occupational Licensing Examiner Sher Zinn, Executive Administrator

Public members present: Sarah Winter

## Agenda Item #2

## Review Agenda

A motion duly made by Colleen Vague, seconded by Geoffry McCormick, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

Agenda item #3Administrative BusinessCOVID-19 Response Measures:Mindy Swisher joins the meeting at 4:05pm.

The board discussed the need for notary seals on documents received for licensure, temporary or emergency courtesy licenses, renewals and continuing education.

A motion duly made by Colleen Vague, seconded by Geoffry McCormick, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to accept applications and other licensing documents without requiring a notary seal.

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A motion duly made by Colleen Vague, seconded by Mindy Swisher, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to, due to COVID-19 emergency response, only 3 hours of professional ethics required under 12 AAC 18.210 be required for the renewal period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

A motion duly made by Colleen Vague, seconded by Geoffry McCormick, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to, due to COVID-19 emergency response, accept continuing education credits earned from the previous licensing period be accepted for the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 renewal period.

The board stated for the record that should the Department of Law find that SB241 is enough to cover emergency courtesy license, the language proposed at this meeting be used as a draft for emergency courtesy license.

A motion duly made by Mindy Swisher, seconded by Geoffry McCormick, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to meet on April 23, 2020 at 4:30pm.

A motion duly made by Mindy Swisher, seconded by Colleen Vague, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:27pm.

Adjourned at 5:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted By:

Lauren T. (Osborn) Bales

Lauren Bales Occupational License Examiner State of Alaska, DCCED, CBPL 01/22/2021 Date

Mindy L Swisher

Mindy Swisher Board Chairperson Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners

1/21/21 Date