

1 State of Alaska
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSE EXAMINERS
6 Minutes of the meeting April 02, 2025
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9 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.95.020, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62,
10 Article 6, the scheduled meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners originated via Zoom.
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12 **Agenda Item – Call to Order/Roll Call**

13 The Chair brought the meeting to order at 9:00 am
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15 On record: 9:00am
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17 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

18 Anne Wells, Chair, LCSW
19 Amber Taylor
20 Stacey Stone
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22 **Board Members Absent**

23 None
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25 **Staff Members Present**

26 Alyssa Castles, Occupational Licensing Examiner
27 Amberly Northcutt, Occupational Licensing Examiner
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29 **Members of the Public Present**

30 Tonie Protzman, LPC
31 Kaytlin Rupert
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33 **Agenda Item – Ethics Disclosures**

34 All members said they had no potential ethics conflicts to disclose.
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36 **Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda**
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38 In a motion duly made by Stacey Stone, seconded by Amber Taylor with unanimous consent, it was
39 resolved to approve the 04/02/2025 agenda as presented.

| Board Member | Approve | Deny | Recuse | Absent |
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| Ann Wells, Chair | X | | | |
| Stacey Stone | X | | | |
| Amber Taylor | X | | | |

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43 **Agenda Item – Public Comment**

44 No public comment

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46 **Agenda Item – New Business**

47 **FY 2025 Annual Report Update** – Anne Wells discussed the draft and requested additional information
48 from board members to add to the accomplishments that the board achieved in the past year.

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50 **Agenda Item – Division Report (Melissa Dumas)**

51 a. **Quarterly Report FY2025** – Melissa Dumas reviewed the second quarter report covering July 1,
52 2024, to December 31, 2024. In this report, she discussed revenue, expenditures, indirect
53 expenditures, and license count.

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55 **Agenda Item – Investigations (Jasmin Bautista)**

56 a. **Investigative Report:** Jasmin reviewed the investigation period from November 24, 2024,
57 through March 19, 2025. This period has 26 open cases, and 2 cases closed this period.

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59 **In a motion duly made by Stacey Stone, seconded by Anne Wells with unanimous consent, it was**
60 **resolved to enter executive session to discuss investigations case number 2024-000818. Board staff,**
61 **Alyssa Castles, and Investigator Bautista to remain during this session.**

| Board Member | Approve | Deny | Recuse | Absent |
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| Anne Wells, Chair | X | | | |
| Stacey Stone | X | | | |
| Amber Taylor | X | | | |

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63 Off Record – 9:27 am

64 On Record – 9:37 am

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66 **In a motion duly made by Stacey Stone, seconded by Amber Taylor with unanimous consent, it was**
67 **resolved to adopt the imposition of civil fine in case number 2024-000818.**

| Board Member | Approve | Deny | Recuse | Absent |
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| Anne Wells, Chair | X | | | |
| Stacey Stone | X | | | |
| Amber Taylor | X | | | |

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70 **Agenda Item – New Business**

71 a. **Schedule Future Meetings** – The board discussed the frequency of meetings, and decided to
72 continue with quarterly meetings. Next dates were set for: Monday, June 2, 2025; Monday,
73 September 15, 2025; Monday, December 08, 2025.

74 b. **Board Correspondence** – Reviewed a letter from NASW-AK in support of the social work
75 compact.

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77 Off Record - 9:49 am

78 On Record - 10:01 am

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80 **Statutes and Regulations**

81 A. **HB 110** - Glenn Saviers discussed the proposed social work compact and its
 82 structure/qualifications. She explained that the social work compact involves a multi-state
 83 license that allows you to practice in all other states that have joined the compact unless your
 84 license has been disciplined. She emphasized that the compact would not change the current
 85 licensing structure, as Alaska social work would still have single state licenses. Operations would
 86 be the same, with an additional license option for any social workers who qualify. The multi-
 87 state license will likely appeal to licensees who live somewhere else part time or want to offer
 88 telehealth. They can do so under this multi-state license without having to obtain expensive
 89 licenses in each state. The board tabled the letter for the support of HB110 for their June
 90 meeting.

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 92 Stacey Stone expressed interest in pursuing endorsements or specialization certificates,
 93 particularly in Alaska Native issues. The board discussed what this might entail and how this
 94 might mitigate the compact allowance for differing continuing education requirements based on
 95 home-states.

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 97 Glenn Saviers also presented two bills introduced by the governor that the division is requesting
 98 support from all boards. HB 149 is a bill that pertains to the nurse compact, and HB 158 & SB
 99 145 address universal temporary professional licensing. The board tabled consideration for
 100 support to the June meeting.

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 102 **Agenda Item - Adjourn**

103 **In a motion duly made by Stacey Stone, seconded by Amber Taylor with unanimous consent, it was**
 104 **resolved to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 am.**

| Board Member | Approve | Deny | Recuse | Absent |
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| Anne Wells, Chair | X | | | |
| Stacey Stone | X | | | |
| Amber Taylor | X | | | |

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 106 Off Record – 10:59 am

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| Date final minutes approved by the board: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onboard | May 2, 2025 |
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