

State of Alaska  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSE EXAMINERS  
Minutes of the meeting April 02, 2025

By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.95.020, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, the scheduled meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners originated via Zoom.

**Agenda Item – Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Chair brought the meeting to order at 9:00 am

On record: 9:00am

**Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

Anne Wells, Chair, LCSW

Amber Taylor

Stacey Stone

**Board Members Absent**

None

**Staff Members Present**

Alyssa Castles, Occupational Licensing Examiner

Amberly Northcutt, Occupational Licensing Examiner

**Members of the Public Present**

Tonie Protzman, LPC

Kaytlin Rupert

**Agenda Item – Ethics Disclosures**

All members said they had no potential ethics conflicts to disclose.

**Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda**

In a motion duly made by Stacey Stone, seconded by Amber Taylor with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the 04/02/2025 agenda as presented.

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

**Agenda Item – Public Comment**

No public comment

**Agenda Item – New Business**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Off Record – 9:27 am

On Record – 9:37 am

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

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

**Agenda Item – New Business**

- a. **Schedule Future Meetings** – The board discussed the frequency of meetings, and decided to continue with quarterly meetings. Next dates were set for: Monday, June 2, 2025; Monday, September 15, 2025; Monday, December 08, 2025.
- b. **Board Correspondence** – Reviewed a letter from NASW-AK in support of the social work compact.

Off Record - 9:49 am

On Record - 10:01 am

**Statutes and Regulations**

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

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

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

#### **Agenda Item - Adjourn**

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

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

Off Record – 10:59 am

Date final minutes approved by the board:	May 2, 2025
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