

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 January 12, 2026
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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 9:03 am
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15 **On record: 9:03am**
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17 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

18 Ann Wells, Chair
19 Stacey Stone
20 Ivy Villani
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22 **Board Members Absent**

23 Amber Taylor
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25 **Staff Members Present**

26 Alyssa Castles, Occupational Licensing Examiner III
27 Amberly Northcutt, Occupational Licensing Examiner III
28 Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I
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30 **Members of the Public Present**

31 Jessica Varn
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33 **Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda**
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35 **In a motion duly made by Stacey Stone, seconded by Ivy Villani with unanimous consent, it was resolved**
36 **to approve the January 12, 2026, agenda as presented.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Ann Wells, Chair	X			
Stacy Stone	X			
Amber Taylor				X
Ivy Villani	X			

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38 **Agenda Item – Ethics Disclosures**

39 All members said they had no potential ethics conflicts to disclose.
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41 In a motion duly made by Stacey Stone, seconded by Ivy Villani with unanimous consent, it was resolved
42 to approve the meeting minutes of October 10, 2025.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Anne Wells, Chair	X			
Stacy Stone	X			
Amber Taylor				X
Ivy Villani	X			

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45 **Agenda Item – Public Comment**

46 No Public Comment.

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

49 a. **FY25Q4 Report** – Melissa Dumas reviewed the fourth quarter report. She reviewed revenue,
50 expenditures, indirect expenditures, and license count.

51 b. **Fee Analysis** – Melissa Dumas reviewed the current fees and discussed a future fee increase for
52 the social work program.

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

55 a. **Investigative Report:** Jasmin reviewed the investigation period from September 4, 2025,
56 through December 05, 2025. This period has 20 open cases, and 15 cases closed this period.

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58 **Agenda Item – Regulation Review (Jeanne Pace)**

59 a. **AO 360:** Jeanne Pace reviewed the division’s recommendations for compliance with AO 360. The
60 board discussed and voted on which recommendations to send to the Governor.

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62 **Off Record – 10:13am**

63 **On Record – 10:24am**

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65 **Agenda Item - Regulation Review Continued**

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67 In a motion duly made by Stacey Stone, seconded by Ivy Villani, it was resolved to accept the reform
68 plan and decisional document as amended in this meeting.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Anne Wells, Chair	X			
Stacy Stone	X			
Amber Taylor				X
Ivy Villani	X			

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70 Jeanne Pace and Alyssa Castles discussed the steps that would be taken if the board wanted to pursue a
71 statute change.

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73 **Agenda Item – Old Business**

74 a. **Annual Report Updates (Alyssa Castles)** – Alyssa Castles discussed the annual report and
75 requested additional accomplishments to be included in the report.

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77 **Agenda Item – New Business**

78 **a. Board Correspondence (Alyssa Castles)**

79 **a. Use of CAIs in Social Work Practice**

80 **b. Supervision allowance under 12 AAC 18.113**

81 **b. Legislative Audit Representative Vote** – board elected representative to legislation for SB 211 in
82 regard to the sunset audit and extension of the board.

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84 **Stacey Stone moved to elect Anne Wells to be the board representative, Ivy Villani seconded that**
85 **motion.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Anne Wells, Chair	X			
Stacy Stone	X			
Amber Taylor				X
Ivy Villani	X			

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87 **c. Legislative Statute Project** – Jeanne Pace reviewed the recommendations for a statute project.

88 **d. Future Meeting** – February 9, 2026, at 10:00am Committee of the Whole to discuss a potential
89 statute change project.

90 **e. Elect New Board Chair**

91 **a.** Alyssa Castles requested each board member to send her an email with their
92 nomination for board chair. Anne Wells accepted the nomination. Stacey Stone called
93 for an election of Anne Wells to be board chair for another term. The votes were as
94 follows: Stacey Stone voted yes, Ivy Villani voted yes, and Anne Wells voted no.

95 **b.** Ivy Villani was also nominated for board chair. Alyssa Castles asked if she would accept
96 the nomination as vice-chair. Ivy Villani accepted the nomination. Stacey Stone then
97 called for an election of Ivy Villani to be vice chair. Stacey Stone voted yes, Anne Wells
98 voted yes, and Ivy Villani voted yes.

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100 **Agenda Item - Adjourn**

101 **In a motion duly made by Anne Wells, seconded by Stacey Stone with unanimous consent, it was**
102 **resolved to adjourn the meeting at 11:52am.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Anne Wells, Chair	X			
Stacy Stone	X			
Amber Taylor				X
Ivy Villani	X			

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Date final minutes approved by the board:	02/20/2026
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