

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

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ALASKA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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 Workers was held on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Anchorage Alaska.

Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laura Thiesen at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

**Marilyn Kerr**-License Clinical Social Worker

**Zachary Paulson**- License Clinical Social Worker (unexcused absence until 9:10 a.m.)

**Danielle Lafon**-Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker

**Laura Thiesen**-Licensed Master Social Worker

**Board Staff:**

Angie Parker- Licensing Examiner

Dawn Hannasch-Records and Licensing Supervisor

Ethics Report

There were no ethics conflicts to report

Agenda Item 1      Review Agenda

- The Board added NASW report and the ASWB conference report to new business

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- The Board added the spring educational meeting to the Liaison/conference reports

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Agenda Item 2      Review minutes

**Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Lafon, seconded by Ms. Kerr, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the February 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting minutes, as amended.**

Agenda Item3      Liaison/Conference Reports

Board member Paulson reported that he has presented licensing and regulations information to new graduates. The Board has requested that he send a copy to Board staff to present to the Board at its next meeting in August. Mr. Paulson stated that scope of practice has not been covered yet in his presentations.

Board member Marilyn Kerr reported on the NASW. At this time Alaska does not have an Executive Director through the NASW. We are sharing the ED with the state of MO. The NASW still has their local meeting in Alaska. Ms. Kerr forwarded the Alaska Board's questions to the NASW and requested to be presenters at their next meeting. Ms. Kerr will work with the Board to gather the pertinent information and presentation materials to send into the NASW.

The Board recessed at 9:28 a.m.  
Back on the record at 9:33 a.m.

Board Chair Thiesen reported on the spring ASWB education meeting. It was reported that the Medical, Nursing and Psychology fields were all represented at the meeting and reported to the group. It was discussed that Canada has a type of license that a Practitioner can use in all provinces. A majority of the discussion was about mobility and tele-treatment. There are no easy answer to the situation as of yet. Questions like "who will pay" and "who takes on the licensure responsibility" were asked but unanswered. Another item that will need to be addressed is the need for technology to be able to provide such care. They will meet again in July. The Board recognized that they will need to wait until the ASWB takes action to decide on their position.

The annual ASWB meeting will be in Ft. Lauderdale Florida, November 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2015. It was decided that Marilyn Kerr will go to represent the Board.

The Board recessed at 9:50 a.m.  
Back on the record at 9:52 a.m.

**Agenda Item 4**

**Budget report and Division update**

The Board was joined via teleconference by Division Director Janey Hovenden and Operations Manager Sara Chambers.

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report was reviewed by the Board.

The Board requested information as to the staff changes in CBPL and how that would affect the financials for the Social Worker Board. It was discussed by the Division and by the Board that there is no financial change to the Board as they will still be paying for one staff member and a Supervisor as work on their program is needed.

The Social Workers Board is in a deficit of more than \$18,000. The Board will need to discuss this situation further with the Division and look a possible raise in licensing fees. All fees will be reviewed by the Division and the Board as this program grows closer to renewal time. Mr. Paulson suggested that the Board wait on raising any fees until the CBPL reports back with their assessment.

Ms. Chambers notified the Board that over the next few weeks the Division will be working on a "write up" to update the Board on the Legislative session and the Divisions impact.

The Board also went on record to notify the Division of its concern that they are still lacking a 5<sup>th</sup> Board member. Dawn Hannasch, Records and Licensing Supervisor said that she will speak with Boards and Commissions while in Anchorage and report back to the Board.

**Agenda Item 5**

**Investigative report**

The Board was joined by Investor Michelle Wall-Rood at 10:30 a.m.

Investigator Wall-Rood reported that the Board had opened 7 cases and closed 7 cases. All 3 probation licenses are in full compliance. There were also 3 new intake complaints registered with the Division.

The Board clarified with Investigator Wall-Rood that when a Board member is reviewing a file with action on it, that the file is to be kept confidential with just that Board member. The reviewing Board member can contact the Investigator for more information.

**Agenda Item 6**

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments

Agenda Item 7 New Business

The Board discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> party reimbursement from the ASWB for Board member Lafon's CBPL travel last fall. It was discussed that Ms. Hannasch will look into the matter and make sure that the reimbursement has been credited to the Board.

The Board also discussed the procedures for travel when a 3<sup>rd</sup> party reimbursement is involved. Ms. Hannasch will provide the Board with the travel procedures for future travel.

Board member Marilyn Kerr presented the NASW report to the Board. It has been decided by the Board that they will present at the next NASW meeting regarding licensure in Alaska. The paper work needs to be submitted to the NASW by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. The Board members will work independently on the presentation and then come back together at the August meeting to finalize the information.

The Board broke for a lunch break at 11:30 a.m.  
The Board went back on the record at 12:50 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 New Business (continued)

The Boards annual report is due to the Division no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> 2015. The Board worked on a draft of the annual report, Chairperson Thiesen will complete the report and sent the draft into the Division.

Agenda Item 8 Application review

The Board began the process of application reviews at 2:05 p.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Ms. Kerr, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing a pending application.**

The Board entered executive session at 2:20 p.m.; Board staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 2:32 p.m.

The Board continued to review applications.

The Board requested Investigator Wall-Rood join the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Ms. Lafon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

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**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing an application. Applicant remained unnamed to confirm confidentiality.**

The Board entered executive session at 2:37 p.m.; Board staff and Investigator Wall-Rood remained for the session.

The Board went back on the record at 2:58 p.m.

The Board continued with application review

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the investigation of an applicant. Applicant remained unnamed to confirm confidentiality.**

The Board entered executive session at 3:25 p.m.; Board staff and investigator Wall-Rood remained for the session.

The Board went back on the record at 3:39 p.m.

The Board recessed for a break at 3:44 p.m.

The Board went back on the record at 3:52 p.m.

The Board continued with Application review

The Board recessed for the day at 4:58 p.m.

**Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laura Thiesen at 9:17 a.m.

**Marilyn Kerr**-License Clinical Social Worker

**Zachary Paulson**- License Clinical Social Worker (unexcused absence until 11:09 a.m.)

**Danielle Lafon**-Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker

**Laura Thiesen**-Licensed Master Social Worker

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**Board Staff:** Angie Parker- Licensing Examiner

**Agenda Item 8**

**Application review (continued)**

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The Board continued to review new applications.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:15 a.m.

The Board returned at 11:40 a.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for Clinical Exam licensure in Alaska:**

Catherine Holloway  
Angela Christianson  
Brandy Aday-Springer

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for Clinical Credential licensure by credentials in Alaska:**

Leigh A Bolin  
James T Bolin  
Mary Smits

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants as CEU providers in Alaska:**

Kodiak Area Native Assoc.  
ACCA AK Center for Children  
RACAP 2015 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kaserack

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicant's reinstatement in Alaska:**

Bryan J Talbott-Clark

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**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for Bachelor by Credentials licensure in Alaska:**

Lena Anderson

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for a Masters by Exam licensure in Alaska:**

George Subeldia  
Dana Webster  
Kendall Jackson  
Joel Renna  
Autum C Pudge

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for Clinical Exam licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application file:**

Adriana Shipowick  
Denise Weyhmiller  
Sean White  
Katherine Coffman

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for Clinical Licensure by credentials in Alaska, pending completion of their application file:**

Aimee Peters  
Megan Stalter  
Angela Calcaterra

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for Bachelor by Exam licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application file:**

Ruth Thorum

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for Bachelor by Credentials licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application file:**

Janet Engan

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for Masters by Exam licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application file:**

Nicole Sammans  
Rachel E Briethaupr  
Danielle J Gambles-Baez-Afleje  
Luvenia Johnson  
Kelly Smart  
Ron Wilmot  
Joel Wilkinson  
Sonia Suban-Quintyne  
Linda J Brown  
Mary K Nisson

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, and seconded by Ms. LaFon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for Masters Exam licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application file:**

Esther Hopkin



The Board was notified by the Division that they received no public comments regarding the proposed regulatory changes.

The Board reviewed the Regulations as drafted.

**Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Lafon, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the regulations as written.**

- A. 12 AAC 18.150 Ethics- change date to 2008**
- B. 12 AAC 18.160 Standards of Practice-2012**
- C. 12 AAC 18.210 - discussion (e), (f)**

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Correspondences

The Board reviewed a letter from the Psychology Board regarding a "Mental Health Summit". The Board resolved to write a letter of interest to the Board and request that they keep the Board apprised as to the date and time and the tentative agenda.

The Board reviewed an email sent from Lynn Klassert, inquiring about the requirement for licensure. The Board requested that the Licensing Examiner reply back to Ms. Klassert informing her that to be a Social Worker in the State of Alaska you must meet the requirements in 08.95.100 of the regulations.

The Board reviewed a request from an applicant to grant another extension to them for taking and passing the Exam. The Board decided that they will not grant this request, as this applicant has already be granted 2 other extensions. The Board directed the Licensing examiner to notify the applicant that they can reapply.

The Board recessed at 2:22 p.m.

The Board went back on the record at 2:33 p.m.

Agenda Item 7

New Business (continued)

The Board decided to work in teams of 2 toward the presentation for the NASW meeting. Chair Thiesen and Ms. Kerr with work together, Mr. Paulson and Ms. Lafon will also work as a team. All corresponding will go to the Licensing examiner for distribution.

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Agenda Item 12

Board business

The Board plans to meet August, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Anchorage Alaska

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Adjournment

There being no further business:


**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mr. Luppen, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**


**RESOVLED to adjourn the meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

  
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Dawn K Hannasch  
Records & Licensing Supervisor  
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Laura Thiesen, Board Chair  
Alaska State Board of Social Work  
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