

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
April 9, 2010**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held in Juneau, Alaska at 333 Willoughby Avenue.

Friday April 9, 2010

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Darrell Allman, Chair, at 8:30 a.m. Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board, were:

Darrell Allman, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Anchorage
Gail La Rose-Henderson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Wasilla
Jason Floyd, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, Nome
Laura Thiesen, Licensed Master Social Worker, Glennallen
Barbara Paddock, Public Member, Juneau

Present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

Kathy Mason, Administrative Manager
Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner
Karen Wilke, Paralegal
David Newman, Investigator (by telephone)

A welcome was extended to the two new members, Barbara Paddock and Laura Thiesen.

Agenda Item 1 Review Agenda

Added to agenda: Division Operations Procedure
ASWB statistics
Update on Board renewal

Agenda Item 2 Board Elections

Elections were held for Chair of the Board and Vice-Chair.

On a motion duly made by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson and it was

RESOLVED that Darrell Allman be nominated for Board Chair.

There was no further nominations. All voted for Darrell Allman as Board Chair.

On a motion duly made by Jason Floyd, seconded by Laura Thiesen, it was

RESOLVED that Gail La Rose-Henderson be nominated for Board Vice-Chair.

There was no further nominations. All voted for Gail La Rose-Henderson as Board Vice-Chair.

Agenda Item 3 Review Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 7, 2009, meeting.

On a motion duly made by Jason Floyd, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson and passed unanimously it was

RESOLVED that the Board accept as amended the August 29, 2009, meeting minutes.

Agenda Item 4 Applications/Audit Review

The Board reviewed applications

On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Jason Floyd, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to go into executive session with staff in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and (3) for the purpose of discussing an application.

Into executive session: 3:50 pm

Out of executive session: 4:00 pm

On a motion by Barbara Paddock, seconded by Gail La Rose-Henderson, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to approve the following Social Work applications:

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

ALTEPETER, CAROL

BRAY, LINDSEY

KUBLER-HOFFMAN, DAFFNEY

MACK, MARILYN

GREENOUGH, PHOEBE

KVAME, TONYA

MAHON, RITA

MCCARTHY, MARY

RIVARD, BEVERLY

RUSS, WINDY

SCHROEDER, JILLIAN

TESTER, LESLIE

VANAIRSDALE, MARY

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS

STANLEY, DENISE

WING, AUBRI

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EAMINATION

EDMONDSON, BONNIE

HARDEE, JILL

MAITLAND, AMY

NORTON-CRUZ, LAURA

REYNOLDS, BROOKE

SCHREUR, EMILY

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIALS

SCHWARTZ, SARAH

SMITH, STEPHANIE

TIRRELL, TERRY

BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAMINATION

MALECHA, JENNIFER

BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER BY CREDENTIAL

HICKEY, LYNN

EXTENTION OF EXAMINATION TIME

MARENAH, DENISE

LEBORGNE, STEPHANIE (PENDING)

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER'S APPROVAL

ALASKA ATTACHMENT & BONDING ASSOC

Attachment Disorder 301: Holding the Hope

ALASKA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

NASW Conference/Licensing Social Workers in Alaska

BARTON SLOAN

The Science of the Art of Psychotherapy

LORMAN BUSINESS CENTER, INC

Working With Challenging Parents: Strategies and Techniques

LORMAN BUSINESS CENTER, INC

Techniques for Treating Young Clients Who Suffer From Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

KATHERINE PAULICK/LYNN CANAL COUNSELING

Applying Theoretical Frameworks in Family Therapy and Family Skill Development

Agenda Item 5 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 6 Investigator's Report

Investigator Newman gave the Board the report regarding cases opened and closed. Seven complaints/Investigations have been closed since last meeting.

On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Jason Floyd, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and (3) for the purpose of discussing an application.

Into executive session: 1:35 pm

Out of executive session: 1:50 pm

On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Jason Floyd, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and (3) for the purpose of discussing correspondence. With Friendly Amendment from Jason Floyd to include staff.

Into Executive Session 1:55 pm

Out: 1:59 pm

Agenda Item 7 Budget Report

Administrative Officer Cathy Mason gave the budget report. She informed the Board that, as of this time, this board is in good financial shape.

The renewal fees are now \$310.00 and will be reduced for the upcoming renewal period to \$250.00. These fees are being public noticed.

Agenda Item 8 Old Business

A. PSA possibilities

The Board is not allowed to allocate money for advertising, but Jason will check with ASWB to see if they have notices they use regarding public safety and making sure your social worker is licensed.

B. ASWB By-Laws proposal

This discussion was regarding the Association of Social Work Boards raising the examination fees as a way of self-insurance of the exams/exam protection. It is to assure the ASWB examination will continue to operate if there is a catastrophic breach.

The Chair is on the fiscal committee for ASWB and he will see what direction they take and then see if there is any need for our Board to become involved, for instance, by supporting a by-law proposal from ASWB. For now it is tabled, per Chair.

C. Regulation 12 AAC 18.990 Definitions (8)

The Board previously requested that the Attorney General's Office give their interpretation of 12 AAC 18.990(8)(A) and (B), regarding "student".

The AG's office responded that a person meets the definition if the person meets the description in EITHER paragraph (8) (A) or (B) below:

Sec. 08.95.100. License required. (a) A person who practices clinical social work without obtaining a license under this chapter to practice clinical social work is guilty of a class B misdemeanor unless the person is
(2) practicing clinical social work as a student in a social work program approved by the board.

12 AAC 18.990. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter and in AS 08.95.....

(8) "student in a social work program approved by the board" includes

(A) a person with a master or doctorate degree in social work who is practicing clinical social work under the supervision of a person who meets the requirements of AS 08.95.110(a)(2); or

(B) a student enrolled in a social work degree program at a college or university approved by the board.

There was discussion regarding this definition of "student". It is not the intention of the Board that a person would continue working for years and years in the student category.

On a motion by Gail La Rose-Henderson, seconded by Laura Thiesen, and approved unanimously it was

**RESOLVED to change 12 AAC 18.990.(8)(A) to read as follows:
(changes underlined)**

12 AAC 18.990. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter and in AS 08.95.....

(8) "student in a social work program approved by the board" includes

(A) a person with a master or doctorate degree in social work who is practicing clinical social work for the purpose of licensure under the supervision of a person who meets the requirements of AS 08.95.110(a)(2) to not exceed ten years; or

Agenda Item 9 Correspondence

A. Hamel

Mr. Hamel was not pleased with his response from Investigations, although he did have a meeting set up to discuss public notification with Investigator Newman. He also was concerned in the lack of transparency of the board and their web site information. After discussion with the Investigator, the Board determined that no action is necessary.

B. LeRoy

Ms. DeRoy was suggesting more notification regarding CEUs and asked for the NASW website be updated. It was noted that every license receives a letter regarding how many CEUs will be required and that the Board has no authority regarding NASW. No further action taken.

Agenda Item 10. Paralegal

Paralegal Karen Wilke joined the meeting and introduced herself to the new Board members and explained what her role was.

Agenda Item 11 New Business

A. NASW Conference Speaker Request

The Alaska Chapter of the National Association of Social Work Boards has requested the Board to give a presentation at this year's conference, being held October 6-8, 2010. They would like the Board to give a presentation on licensing, audits, etc.

The Board will give a course at the conference on October 7, 2010, from 2:00 pm through 4:00 pm. The course will be entitled "The Licensing of Social Workers in the State of Alaska".

B. Update on Board Renewal

This was an "FYI" regarding how the Division will handle "Yes" answers on the professional fitness questions on renewals. Previously, it would be renewed and then sent to Investigations. It will now go to Investigations prior to renewing.

C. ASWB Statistics

The Board discussed the ASWB yearly examination pass/fail report. It was noted that the Alaska percentage of passing is higher than the national rates.

National rates: 60.5
Alaska rates: 76.3

Agenda Item 12 Board Business

A. Task List

None

B. Sign Wall Certificates

The wall certificates were signed.

C. Schedule future meetings

The meeting dates were changed. The dates are:

July 23, 2010 Anchorage

October 8, 2010 Fairbanks

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

D. Sign Meeting Minutes

The December 7, 2009 meeting minutes were signed by the Board Chair.

E. Discuss Travel Authorizations/collect & sign

Travel Authorizations were signed by the Board members and turned in.

F. Ethics reports

There were no ethics violations reported.

G. Training/conferences

The Board Chair requested ethics training for the next meeting.

New members Thiesen and Paddock have been approved by the Division to attend the ASWB new board member training in June. ASWB pays for this training.

Darrell Allman and Gail La Rose-Henderson will be requesting to attend the November 11-13, 2010, ASWB annual meeting. At the next meeting, the Board will discuss whether or not anyone will be requesting to attend the CLEAR conference.

Upon a motion by Laura Thiesen, seconded by Barbara Paddock, and approved unanimously it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner

Approved:

Darrell Allman, Chair
Social Work Examiners Board

Date: _____