

**State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners**



**Open Session Minutes  
November 8, 2019  
Metro Executive Building  
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

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**Board Members:**

Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member, Chair
Wrenn Skidmore	Professional Member, Vice Chair (Absent)
Karen Richards	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
April Cockrell	Professional Member
Martin P. Schnuit	Professional Member
Donald J. List	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member (Absent)
Letha Moszer	Professional Member (Absent)
Jamie Wilson	Professional Member (Absent)
Sondra G. Petty	Professional Member
Barbara Gassaway	Consumer Member
Susan P. Coppage	Professional Member

<b>Board Staff:</b>	Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director (Absent)
	Rhonda Edwards	OAG, Board Counsel
	Gail Wowk	Director, Planning and Continuing Education
	Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director, Compliance and Investigations
	Gloria Jean Hammel	Director of Certification and Licensing
	Tyrone Willoughby Jr.	Social Work Supervisor
	Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Aide
	Earnest A. Ford Sr.	Health Occupation Investigator
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist

**Guest:**

Sean Augustus	Board Intern
Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW – MD Chapter

Kim Lang

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Open Session was called to order at 10:49A.M. by Board Chair Sherryl Silberman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Not available

**ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**BOARD CHAIR**

**Sherryl Silberman**

- Sherryl Silberman asked Gloria Hammel and Tyrone Willoughby to provide an update on the License Renewals for 2019. As of November 8, 2019:
  - 6143**- Social Workers renewed
  - 529** - Have not renewed
  - 250** – Have applied for inactive status
  - 49** – Requested not to be renew

Gloria informed the Board, that a friendly reminder letter will be sent to those who have not renewed and did not apply for inactive status. In addition a confirmation letter will be sent to those social workers who requested not to be renewed. Since the renewal deadline **25** licensees have been reinstated and 6 licensees have been given 6 months extensions.

- Stanley Weinstein and Gail Wowk attended an annual meeting with ASWB on the prior 2018 Pre-Renewal Audits. It was noted that 93.8% licensees pass the 2018 audit. A new 3 year contract was signed and will go in effective in January 2020. The contract included a continuation of conducting random audits on 700 licensed social workers. In addition a closer look will also be given to the new required 3 supervision CEU. ASWB will be revising their forms to accommodate the new regulation.
- Sherryl Silberman asked if the 2017 audits were completed and what is the process for those who attempt to renew? Gloria Hammel shared licensees who have failed the Pre Renewal Audits and are not in compliance are flagged in the systems and therefore are unable to renew their license.
- Susan Coppage, gave a summary on the Strategic Planning Meeting held on October 18, 2019. The planning meeting was very successful. Highlights from the meeting included creating a 2023 Board magazine which included the achievements of the Board and future goals. A discussion was held on prioritizing goals, raising public awareness, leadership successors and providing orientation for new board members who start in the middle of their term. Stanley Weinstein met with Dr. Kimberly Lane who informed him due to the complexity and the different schedule of

Governor Appointments it was not plausible to hold orientation several times a year. The Executive Committee will hold a follow up meeting on November 15, 019.

- Tyrone Willoughby Jr. was asked to share with the Board the new forms and applications. The forms are currently in the approval process stage.
- Tyrone Willoughby Jr. gave an update on the Call –In project which was very successful. A conference call was held with several Catholic Charities satellites and included a total of 25 participants. Questions ranged from: when obtaining your 3 supervision hours are you allowed having multiple supervisors as oppose to one supervisor providing supervision hours other concerns were supervisors holding supervisees more accountable. It was suggested that Board presentations be held at additional universities and colleges.
- Sherryl Silberman informed the Board the Independent Practice forms are not yet reviewed. They will be finalized by the Statute and Regulations Committee and presented at the next Board meeting.

**Statue and Regulations Committee**

**Wrenn Skidmore, Chair**

Sherryl Silberman informed the Board members the Committee met on last Monday and are currently focusing on reviewing the Statute. The committee was able to review Chapter 1 and make necessary changes. The committee will begin reviewing Chapter 2 &3. In addition the committee will also be reviewing the new forms as they become available.

**Continuing Education Committee**

**Karen Richards, Chair**

The committee did not meet in October. The next committee meeting will be held on next week.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSSION**

The Open Session adjourned at 11:37 A.M.



**Karen Richards, LCSW-C**  
**Board Secretary/Treasurer**

**Date**

1/21/2020



**Stanley E. Weinstein, Ph.D., LCSW-C**  
**Executive Director**

**Date**

1/24/20