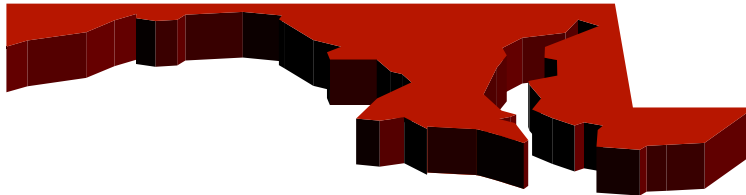


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
February 14, 2020
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

Board Members:

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

Board Staff:	Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
	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 (Absent)
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist
	Sean Augustus	Board Intern

Guest:

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW – MD Chapter
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CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:40A.M. by Board Chair Sherryl Silberman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from January 10, 2020 - were approve 12 votes unanimously

Minutes from February 3, 2020 – were approve 12 votes unanimously

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Reminder – Financial disclosures are due

The Board is still accepting nomination ballots for the (3) Executive positions.

BOARD CHAIR

Sherryl Silberman

- Sherryl Silberman informed Board members Stanley Weinstein will be accepting nominations for the Executive Board positions. All nominations are due by March 1, 2020. Voting for these position will take place at the March 13, 2020 Board meeting which, will allow the new Executive Team to attend the Leadership training held in March. However these positions do not go into effect until July 1, 2020
- Sherryl Silberman reminded board members that April’s board meeting will be held on April 3, 2020 instead of April 10th due to the holiday.
- Congratulations to Coppin State University on their 50th Anniversary.
- Sherryl Silberman informed the Board that the Licensing Review Committee has been meeting the last three months. She explained why the committee was formed and the *process*. If an application is received and there is a criminal background concern, the application process is a follows:
 - Step I - Reviewed within the Licensing Unit,
 - Step II - Reviewed by the Director of Certification & Licensing and the Executive Director
 - Step III - Sent to the Licensing Review Committee for further review
- Sherryl Silberman asked if any Board members were available to represent the Board’s position on the “Teletherapy” Bill at the hearing held in Annapolis on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020.
- Rhonda Edwards, Board Counsel informed the board that the Maryland General Assembly website has a list of all the Bills, hearing etc.
- Clarification was given for Bill 1387 vs Bill 317 which was tabled for further discussion.
- The “Criminal background Check process has been tabled for further discussion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Stanley Weinstein informed the Board that he attended and testified at the hearing held in Annapolis on House Bill 527/SB245. In addition, he had a meeting with the President of NASW, Maryland Chapter, Dr. Anthony Estreet to discuss proposed language changes to HB527/SB245.
- Tyrone Willoughby Jr. shared with the Board he spoke at UMBC. The students were very passionate about the regulations. Tyrone spoke with the students that they are the future and that they will dictate the type of profession
- Gender Designation on Board Forms is postponed until further notice.
- Stanley Weinstein open the floor for discussion on the following bills: The results are as follows:
 - Bill No. 402 - Board voted to support with Amendment
 - Bill No. 1387 - Board voted to support
 - Bill No. 317 - Board voted to support with Amendment
 - Bill No. 541 - Board voted to support with Amendment
 - Bill No. 448 – Board voted to support with amendment
 - Bill No. 820– Board voted to take no position
 - Bill No. 639 - Board voted to take no position
 - Bill No. 611 – Board voted to oppose and write a letter of opposition

Statute and Regulations Committee

Wrenn Skidmore, Chair

Wrenn Skidmore shared with the Board the committee is still reviewing the Statute and are making progress. The Committee will meet again in March.

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards shared with the Board there was no meeting held in January however, the committee will meet on February 21, 2020.

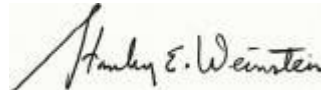
ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSSION

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



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

____09/14/2020_____
Date



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

____09/14/2020_____
Date