

State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
May 14, 2021, 10:38 AM
Teleconference Board Meeting**

Board Members: Via Telephone Call-In

Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member, Chair
Karen Richards	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Donald J. List	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasure
Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member
Adrienne Ekas Mueting	Professional Member
Allyson Stanton	Professional Member
Maria Cole	Professional Member
Sondra G. Petty	Professional Member
Barbara Gassaway	Consumer Member (absent)
Susan P. Coppage	Professional Member
April A. Cockrell	Professional Member (absent)
Martin P. Schnuit	Professional Member

Board Staff:	Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
	Rhonda Edwards	OAG, Board Counsel
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist
	Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director of Compliance and Investigations
	Gail Wovk	Director of Planning and Continuing Education
	Gloria Jean Hammel	Director, Certification and Licensing Unit
	Tyrone Willoughby	Board Social Work Supervisor
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Associate

Guest:	Brenda McCoy	Clinical Social Worker
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CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:38 am by Board Chair Gerard Farrell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 14, 2021 Board Minutes - approved unanimously

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

BOARD CHAIR

Gerard Farrell

- Gerard Farrell opened the meeting by reminding the Board members the importance of attending all Board meetings and hearings, i.e. Open Session, Administrative Session and Board Hearing. Board participation is a commitment and enables the Board to serve the public effectively. In addition, all Board members must be visible on camera for virtual Board meetings.
- Gerard Farrell shared Barbara Gassaway was nominated to become the next Secretary/Treasurer for the Board. There were no objections; a vote was taken and approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Dr. Stanley Weinstein informed the Board there are 778 social workers who have not renewed their license from the 2020 renewal period. The Board has sent out emails reminding licensees the deadline is June 30, 2021. Licensees who have not renewed by the deadline will no longer be allowed to practice social worker.
- A handout was shared by Dr. Weinstein, on the Demographic Data on Social Workers by County in the State of Maryland. The data represent social workers by race, gender, licensure, and county.
- Dr. Stanley Weinstein shared with the Board a video presentation from the ASWB Education Conference on "Anti-Racism, Privilege and Social Justice in Regulatory Practices". Topics included Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Implications for Social Work Regulations,

STATUTE AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Sondra Petty, Chair

- Sondra Petty reported the Committee did not meet on last month.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Karen Richards, Chair

- Karen Richards shared the Committee will be preparing to conduct the 2020 Post Renewal Audit this summer. In addition, the Board will be on schedule to conduct the 2021 Post Renewal Audit in January 2022.
- The committee reviewed ACE Handbook on criteria for acceptable course topics and overall criteria for CE's
- The Committee discussed the CE learning objectives must meet the following criteria
 - maintenance and enhancement of professional competence
 - ongoing improvement of professional skills and knowledge
 - enrichment of social work services provided to public
- Committee members met with the members of NASW-SWUR on April 21 as we continue to get input on the future implementation of the new CE regulations.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSSION

The Open Session adjourned at 11:39 am

Donald G List

**Donald List, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer**

6/11/2021

Date

Stanley E. Weinstein

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

6/11/2021

Date