

Open Session Teleconference Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
May 9, 2022
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room, #526
Des Moines, Iowa

A hybrid meeting was held in conference room #526 of the Lucas State Office Building. Some attendees attended in-person and some attendees attended virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Raymer.

Roll Call/Introductions

Members Present

Lane Plugge, Public Member

Jillyn Kaufman, LISW

Megan Begley, Public Member

Teresa Daubitz, LBSW

Tony Raymer, LISW

Aaron Culley, LMSW

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief

Tony Alden, Board Executive

Beth Jorgenson, Compliance Administrator

Guests Present

Denise Rathman, NASW, Iowa Chapter

Nicole Baumgartner, Intern, Iowa Chapter

Election of Officers

Chair

Begley moved the nomination of Raymer as Board Chair. A second was received by Daubitz. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Vice Chair

Raymer moved the nomination of Plugge as Board Vice Chair. A second as received by Daubitz. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Approval of Open Session Minutes

February 14, 2022 & March 15, 2022

Plugge moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of February 14, 2022 as presented. A second was received by Begley. All ayes, nays none, motion carried. Begley moved the Board approved the open session meeting minutes of March 15, 2022 as present. A second was received by Rayner. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive Report – Legislative Update

Alden reported there are currently 2,445 active licensed independent social workers, 1,729 masters' level active licensed social workers and 644 active licensed bachelor level social workers.

Alden attended a virtual ASWB meeting. The meeting presented useful information on how board's regulate. Topics like communication with stakeholders, incorporating data and research into your decision making.

Board members discussed a special meeting date to finalize incomplete agenda items from today's meeting as the hearings are expected to take most of the day. The Board agreed on June 13, 2022 for a Board meeting to finish up any remaining business.

New Business

Nominations for ASWB delegate assembly August 4, 2022. Alden will attend.

Request to waive IAC 645-280.6(7) regarding supervision plan requirements – Mary Doherty

Begley moved the Board deny the waiver request to waive Rule 645-280.6(7) regarding supervision plan qualifications. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Administrative Rules

Discussion and Vote on Proposed Adoption and Filing: Amendments to 645 IAC Chapters 31 and 280 regarding joint supervision rules (ARC 6142C). Raymer moved to adopt these rules. A second was received by Begley. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Proposed Notice of Intended Action: Amend Chapter 280 rules 280.5 regarding notarized diploma, rule 280.7 and 280.14 regarding verification of license requirements. A notarized copy does not help the staff that much so looking to reduce a regulatory burden. Same for verifications. Propose to change to the last jurisdiction and attest that the applicant is not under any public discipline. Begley moved to adopt these actions. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Public Comment

Denise Rathman, NASW, Iowa Chapter gave a progress report on the compact and getting it introduced to the legislature. When the new joint supervision rules are finalized, they will put that into their supervision training.

Hearings

Case 21-0239 (Joni Hunley) – 10:00 a.m.

ALJ Morgan called the hearing to order at 10:07 a.m. Hearing was closed at the discretion of the licensee.

Board entered closed session at 11:20 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 17A to deliberate. . A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Raymer – Aye. Begley – Aye. Kaufman – Aye, Plugge – Aye, Daubitz – Aye. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 11:40 p.m. Begley moved the ALJ draft the decision and order as discussed in closed session. Culley second it. Motion carried.

Closed Session Agenda

Review Closed Session Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2022 and March 15, 2022

Raymer moved to go into close session at 10:58 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(21)(a), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings, and pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case according to the provisions of 17A. A second was received by Daubitz. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Raymer – Aye

Begley – Aye

Kaufman – Aye

Plugge – Aye

Daubitz – Aye

Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 12:08 p.m.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2022 and March 15, 2022

Begley moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Begley moved the Board approve the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges in case 22-0040. A second was received by Plugge. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Begley moved the Board close the following: 21-0036, 21-0144, and 21-0304 as discussed. A second was received by Plugge. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Case 19-0105 (Amanda Burgod) – 1:00 p.m.

ALJ Morgan called the hearing to order at 1:00 p.m. Hearing was closed at the discretion of the licensee.

Board entered closed session at 1:45 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 17A to deliberate. . A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Raymer – Aye. Begley – Aye. Kaufman – Aye, Plugge – Aye, Daubitz – Aye. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 2:07 p.m. Begley moved the ALJ draft the decision and order as discussed in closed session. A second was received by Raymer. Motion carried.

Future Board Meetings:

August 8, 2022

Adjournment

Raymer moved the Board adjourn at 2:09 p.m. A second was received by Begley. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.