

Open Session Teleconference Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
February 14, 2022
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room, #526
Des Moines, Iowa

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 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

Members Absent

Jody Weigel, LMSW
Amy Courneya, LISW

Staff Present

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief
Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General
Ana Dixit, Assistant Attorney General
Tony Alden, Board Executive
Janelle Larson, Board Executive

Maureen Barton, Investigator
Vicky Winter-Clearman, Assistant to Board Administration

Guests Present

Denise Rathman, NASW, Iowa Chapter

Approval of Open Session Minutes

November 22, 2021

Begley moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of November 22, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive Report – Legislative Update

Alden reported on SSB3003, which proposes to establish a student loan repayment program for mental health professionals. He stated HF2225 proposes to merge the Boards of Social Work and Behavioral Science. Alden stated SF2529 proposes to add charges to assault cases of social work professionals.

Alden reported there are currently 2,366 active licensed independent social workers, 1,723 masters' level active licensed social workers and 641 active licensed bachelor level social workers.

Administrative Rules

Joint supervision rules ARC 6142C – Review of comments, motion to approve Board of Behavioral Science Adoption

Alden said 18 comments were received noting psychologist's exclusion as supervisors and six comments requesting a grandfathering provision for those currently receiving supervision. He noted additional comments were on the direct observation and direct client contact hours.

Raymer moved the Board approve the Joint Supervision Rules ARC 6142C as discussed, to include the addition of language to requests for supervisors

must be approved by the Board prior to the beginning of the supervised experience, 1500 direct client contact hours and including a grandfathering clause. A second was received by Begley. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Requests

Request to waive Rule 645-280.6(4)a(2) regarding supervision qualifications – Joella Gerber

Begley moved the Board deny the waiver request to waive Rule 645-280.6(4)a(2) regarding supervision qualifications for Joella Gerber. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Request to waive rule 645.280.5(2)a regarding CSWE Accreditation – Dordt College

Plugge moved the Board approve the request to waive rules 645.280.5(2)a regarding CSWE Accreditation of Dordt College. A second was received by Daubitz. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Request to waive rules 645.280.14(3)a(2) regarding reactivation continuing education requirements – Karinda Bacon

Begley moved the Board deny the Request to waive rules 645.280.14a(2) regarding reactivation continuing education requirements for Karinda Bacon. A second was received by Daubitz. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

New Business

Impaired Practitioner Program

AAG Dixit narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the Impaired Practitioner Program.

Board Budget Recap

Bureau Chief Garrison referred to the documents included in the Board meeting materials.

Public Comment

Ms. Denise Rathman with the Iowa Chapter of the National Association of Social Work said she will contact the Assistant Attorney Generals' office for information on the Impaired Practitioner Program. She noted there is currently a proposed bill SSB3014 that proposes to eliminate the requirement of an school transcript for licensure with the exception of medicine and nursing. Ms. Rathman spoke briefly on the bill proposed by the Ombudsman's office.

The Board recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Closed Session Agenda

Review Closed Session Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2021

Request for Reinstatement – Amanda Borgod, Case 19-0105

Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order in 21-0213

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 11:52 a.m.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2021

Begley moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of November 22, 2021 as amended. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Begley moved the Board approve the Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order in 20-0213 as presented. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Begley moved the Board approve the Settlement Agreement in 20-0212 as presented. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Daubitz moved the Board close the following: 21-0258, 21-0312, 21-0314 and 22-010 as discussed. A second was received by Raymer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings:

May 9, 2022

Adjournment

Raymer moved the Board adjourn at 11:54 a.m. A second was received by Begley. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.