



STATE of OREGON
BOARD of LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
Board Meeting
Friday, April 17, 2020
3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302

Board Members Present: Brenda Dennis, *Public Member, Chair*

Approved June 19, 2020

Rachel Jensen, *LMSW, Vice Chair**

Kathy Outland, *LCSW**

John Fant, *Public Member**

Stephanie Manriquez, *Public Member**

Mollie Janssen, *LCSW**

Board Counsel Present: Kyle Martin, *AAG, Oregon Dept. of Justice**

Staff Members Present: Randy Harnisch, *Executive Director*
Kim Coleman, *Licensing Manager*
Mindy Tucker, *Senior Compliance Specialist*
Troy Clinton, *Investigator*
Abe Dedek, *Investigator*

Public Present: Len Ray*

Excused Absences: Ebony Sloan Clarke, *LCSW*

* = Participation by phone, all others present at the Board Office

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dennis called the Board Meeting to order at 11:19 a.m., and provided brief opening remarks.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

Chair Dennis asked for review of the draft agenda.

- i. **Outland moved to approve and adopt the agenda as presented.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. MINUTES:

Chair Dennis asked if the Board members had an opportunity to review the minutes for the February 21, 2020 Board meeting:

- i. **Manriquez moved to approve the minutes for February 21, 2020 as presented.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**

- iii. **Motion passed with 5 votes in favor, and 1 abstention.**

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Dennis announced that the Board would now enter into Executive Session to conduct Board business, pursuant to ORS 162.660(2)(b)(f)(h)(i)(l). The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. **Chair Dennis moved the Board out of Executive Session at 12:29 p.m.**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jensen presented the Consumer Protection Committee report.

In the matter of case 2019-41:

- i. **Jensen moved to close the case.**
- ii. **Manriquez seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Outland provided the Licensing and Examination Committee report, announcing that committee had reviewed and approved two previous hours requests for LCSW applicant **Amy Hughes** and CSWA **Margaret Yamasaki**, as well as three exam extension requests for CSWAs **JoAnna Smith**, **Rachel Cochenour**, and **Yeng Xiong**.

Manriquez provided the Continuing Education Committee report and advised that committee had approved three CE request from LCSWs **Diane Murray-Fleck**, **Angela Loerzel**, and **Carol Swanson**.

6. SPECIAL REVIEWS

[No special reviews]

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Harnisch provided a technology update. Board staff continue to have weekly conference calls with Thentia's project managers and developers. The product is getting close to having a go live date. The Board's contract with payment processor NIC USA is currently being reviewed by DOJ for approval. Harnisch is looking at June for a go live date.

Harnisch provided a 2019-21 budget update. Harnisch put in an increase request in the February short session to fund the limited duration Investigator 2 position through the rest of the biennium. Due to senate members not returning, the bill died. The Board's request will likely go to the E-Board.

Harnisch provided a 2021-23 budget development update. Harnisch does not anticipate the Board's revenue decreasing. The Board's flat rate agreement with DOJ will be discontinued in the next biennium, and will move to the standard hourly rate for DOJ services. Harnisch is going to build in a policy option package for the limited duration Investigator 2 position which is an additional amount above current service level for the 2021-23 biennium.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- i. **Manriquez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.**
- ii. **Fant seconded.**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimously.**

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

[No public comment]

10. OLD BUSINESS:

[No old business]

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Harnisch discussed temporary rule changes regarding disasters or emergencies declared by the Governor.

i. **Outland** moved to direct **Randy Harnisch** to file temporary amendment to **OAR 877-001-0020** to allow the Board to waive late fees upon written request for any licensee during a disaster or emergency declared by the Governor for a time period of 180 days.

ii. **Manriquez** seconded.

iii. Motion passed unanimously.

i. **Jensen** moved to direct **Randy Harnisch** to file temporary amendment to **OAR 877-020-0010** to allow all supervision to be conducted via electronic video conference or telephone with no requirement for in-person meetings during a disaster or emergency declared by the Governor for a time period of 180 days.

ii. **Fant** seconded.

iii. Motion passed unanimously.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

[No correspondence]

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dennis reminded Board members that the Board's Consumer Protection Committee would be meeting next month.

Chair Dennis adjourned the Board meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Coleman
Licensing Manager