



Virginia Department of  
**Health Professions**  
Board of Social Work

**Virginia Board of Social Work**  
**Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, June 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**  
**9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233**  
**Board Room 4**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Teresa Reynold, MSW, LCSW, Board Chairperson

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elke Cox, MSW, LCSW, Vice-Chairperson (*joined via Webex from Maine*)  
Joan Landolt, MSW, LCSW  
Martha Meadows, MA, LCSW  
Marshall Pattie, PhD, Citizen Member  
Denise Purgold, MSW, LCSW  
Sherwood Randolph, MSW, LCSW

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Victoria Cartagena, MSW, LCSW  
Kimberly Jackson, Citizen Member

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Krystal Blanton, Discipline & Compliance Case Specialist  
Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director  
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director- Discipline  
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director- Licensing (*joined via Webex*)  
Rebecca Walker, Licensing Specialist

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Erin Barrett, JD, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Health Professions  
Matt Novak, Policy & Economic Analyst, Department of Health Professions  
Arne Owens, Agency Director, Department of Health Professions

**BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT:** Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** Denise Daly-Konrad, Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF)  
Tania Hammock, LCSW, Choice. Respect. Independence. (CRI)  
Kofi Holder  
John Richardson-Lauve, LCSW, St. Joseph's Villa  
Mark Smith, Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work (GWSCSW),  
Virginia Society of Clinical Social Work (VSCSW)  
Ophelia Von Ludwig, LCSW, (VSCSW)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Reynolds called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** All Board members and staff were introduced. With seven members of the Board were present at roll call, a quorum was established.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Ms. Reynolds read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which was also the mission statement of the Board.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The Board reviewed the agenda for the June 6, 2025 meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Randolph made a motion, which Dr. Pattie properly seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No verbal public comment was provided.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting held on December 20, 2024.

**Motion:** Ms. Purgold moved to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2024, meeting as presented. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Meadows and passed, with one abstention.

#### **AGENCY REPORT:**

Arne Owens provided the DHP Director's Report consisting of the following updates:

- The agency is working on the biennial budget.
- The agency is preparing legislative proposals for the 2026 General Assembly session.
- Plans for disbanding the Board of Health Professions are underway based on passed legislation as the Board had outlived its usefulness.
- An agency efficiency workgroup continues to meet to identify cost saving measures.

#### **BOARD CHAIR REPORT:**

Ms. Reynolds welcomed Dr. Pattie to the Board and announced that the Regulatory Committee convened last month, marking its first meeting since 2022. She invited Board members to share any topics or concerns they would like the Committee to consider.

Mr. Sherwood requested that the Committee further examine the workforce licensure survey results, specifically regarding the services being provided by LMSWs. Ms. Hoyle noted that the survey questions are continually being refined to ensure accurate data collection related to LMSWs delivering clinical services.

#### **LEGISLATION & REGULATORY REPORT:**

Mr. Novak reviewed with the Board the current regulatory actions for the Board of Social Work as of May 29, 2025. A copy of the regulatory action chart was included in the agenda packet. He noted that the Music Therapy Regulations have progressed from the Department of Planning and Budget to the Secretary's Office.

#### **Petition for Rulemaking:**

Mr. Novak provided an overview of the petition for rulemaking process. The Board reviewed and discussed the petition and the public comment to amend 18VAC140-20-45 (endorsement section) to require an examination when the original licensing jurisdiction did not mandate or allowed alternative pathways to the examination at the time of initial licensure.

**Motion:** Ms. Purgold moved to deny the petitioner's request, citing pending legislative action, the relatively low number of individuals affected, and the fact that the Board previously addressed this issue two years ago. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Meadows and passed, with one abstention.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Ad Hoc Committee Report**

Mr. Randolph thanked staff for their assistance in developing the survey questions. He reported that, during the most recent meeting, stakeholders provided valuable input in refining the survey content. A series of surveys will be distributed in the near future to gather feedback from licensees and applicants regarding the ASWB examination and potential alternative pathways.

The Committee agreed to distribute three separate surveys, each tailored to a specific licensure level: one for the clinical ASWB examination (LCSW), one for the master's level examination (LMSW), and one for the bachelor's level examination (LBSW). The results will be reviewed and discussed at the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting, after which the Committee will present findings and recommendations to

the full Board.

### **Regulatory Committee Report**

Ms. Cox reported that at the recent Committee meeting, Mr. Novak provided an orientation on the regulatory process. She noted that the Committee will discuss House Bill 1897 from the 2025 General Assembly, which permits LMSWs to provide clinical services under supervision, at its September meeting.

### **LICENSING REPORT:**

Ms. Lenart indicated that staff continues to receive positive feedback, with a 96.8% satisfaction rating in Q3 2025. Appreciation was expressed to Ms. Walker for covering during Ms. Vaughan's absence. Together, they completed interviews and identified a candidate to support the growing volume of applications and inquiries.

All Social Work licenses expire June 30; licensees are reminded to renew on time to avoid late fees.

Efforts are underway with the BOT and IT teams to enhance the audit process through improved technology.

Outreach presentations were recently conducted at VCU and NSU, providing students with information on licensure and QMHP registration.

### **DISCIPLINE REPORT:**

Ms. Lang provided the following report on the status of open cases as of May 31, 2025:

- The Board of Social Work has 233 open cases being processed by staff, including 200 cases in probable cause review.
- An additional 40 complaints are being investigated by Enforcement.
- Ms. Lang, Ms. Palmore, and Ms. Blanton are actively working on 581 open cases for the three behavioral science boards.

Ms. Lang advised that she is working on hiring an additional part-time discipline case reviewer to address the backlog of cases in probable cause, and she and Ms. Blanton thanked board members for their assistance with the reviews.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. Hoyle welcomed Dr. Pattie to the Board and noted that the Board currently had no vacancies. Ms. Cartagena's first term expires on June 30, 2025.

Ms. Hoyle thanked staff for the tremendous amount of great work they do and always with a positive attitude.

Ms. Hoyle noted that elections for chair and vice-chair will be held at the September board meeting. The nomination committee will need to meet in advance of the meeting and present a slate of nominations. The current nominating committee consists of only one board member, Mr. Randolph, and has a vacancy. Ms. Landolt agreed to be on the committee.

Ms. Hoyle updated the Board on the Social Work Licensure Compact. It has been enacted in 28 states, with legislation pending in 11. It is not yet operational. The Board has regulations in the approval process to begin issuing compact privileges when it does become operational. However, the Board still needs FBI approval to begin requiring criminal background checks. DHP is considering additional legislation in the next session to facilitate that approval.

Ms. Hoyle is a member of the Social Work Compact Commission's Finance and

Rules Committees. They meet monthly.

Ms. Jackson attended the ASWB Conference in April and will give a report at the next meeting. However, Ms. Hoyle reported on the topics the Board Administrator's discussed during the conference. Jurisdictions are seeing an increase in complaints regarding social media, advertising, and dual relationships. They are also looking at ways to expand outreach to schools and also address the use of artificial intelligence. The next ASWB conference will be held in early November in Indianapolis. Additionally, they will host a new board member training in September in Alexandria.

Ms. Hoyle reported on the activities of the Boards of Counseling and Psychology that may of interest to the Board. The Board of Psychology is awaiting approval of exempt regulations to begin licensing Psychological Practitioners who will provide clinical services at the master's level. They are also looking at prescriptive authority for doctoral level psychologists and will be holding a workgroup meeting, pursuant to Senate Bill 752, in conjunction with the board of medicine to potentially recommend a pathway for this authority in Virginia.

The Board of Counseling has been busy implementing the new professions of Behavioral Health Technician and Behavioral Health Technician Assistant, as well as changes to the QMHP requirements.

**RECOMMENDED DECISION:**

**Consideration of Recommended Decisions**

Closed Meeting: Ms. Purgold moved that the Board of Social Work convene in a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia to consider an agency subordinate recommendation. She further moved that Brent Saunders, Jaime Hoyle, Jennifer Lang, Krystal Blanton, and Rebecca Walker attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Stacy Jones, Supervisee in Social Work**

**Registration No. 0906011639**

**Case No. 230731**

Ms. Jones did not appear before the board and was not represented by legal counsel. The board considered the agency subordinate's recommendation to place certain terms and conditions on Ms. Jones' registration to practice as a Supervisee in Social Work.

**Reconvene:** Upon a motion by Ms. Purgold having certified that the matters discussed in the closed meeting met the requirements of §2.23712 of the Code, the Board reconvened an open meeting and announced the decision.

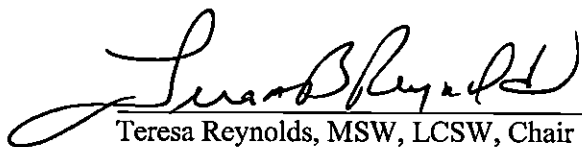
**Decision:** Ms. Landolt moved that the Board of Social Work accept the agency subordinate's recommendation as presented, in the matter of Stacy Jones, Supervisee in Social Work. The motion was seconded by Mr. Randolph and passed with a unanimous vote.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

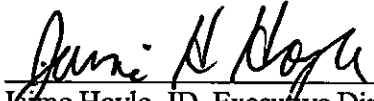
The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2025, at 10 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.



Teresa Reynolds, MSW, LCSW, Chair

  
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Jerme Hoyle, JD, Executive Director