



**Virginia Board of Social Work**  
**Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, March 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233**  
**Board Room 2**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Dolores Paulson, PhD, LCSW, Chair

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Canek Aguirre, Citizen Member  
 Jamie Clancey, MSW, LCSW (*arrived at 10:18am*)  
 Maria Eugenia del Villar, MSW, LCSW  
 Michael Hayter, MSW, LCSW, CSAC  
 Teresa Reynolds, MSW, LCSW

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Eboni Bugg, MSW, LCSW  
 Gloria Manns, MSW, LCSW  
 Angelia Allen, Citizen Member

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Latasha Austin, Licensing & Operations Manager  
 Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director  
 Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director- Discipline  
 Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director- Licensing  
 Sharniece Vaughan, Licensing Specialist

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Erin Barrett, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Health Professions  
 David E. Brown, D.C., Director, Department of Health Professions  
 Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Health Professions

**BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT:** James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

**PRESENTATION SPEAKERS:** Debbie Oswalt, Executive Director, Virginia Health Care Foundation

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** Debra Riggs, NASWVA  
 Denise Konrad, Virginia Health Care Foundation

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Paulson called the board meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** Dr. Paulson requested a roll call. Ms. Austin announced that five members of the Board were present at roll call; therefore, a quorum was established.

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Board conducted a Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Board's proposed regulatory change to amend its regulations for: 1.) licensure by endorsement to eliminate all requirements for either supervised experience or active practice in another jurisdiction; 2.) reinstatement or reactivation of licensure to eliminate requirements for a person whose license has been lapsed for 10 or more years to provide evidence of either active practice in another jurisdiction or in an exempt setting, or supervised practice of no less than 360 hours in a 12-month period; and 3.) additions to the standards of practice to specify that persons licensed

by the board shall not engage in physical contact with a client when there is a likelihood of psychological harm to the client and shall not sexually harass a client.

There was no public comment provided for the public hearing.

The Public Hearing ending at 10:09 am.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No additional public comment was provided related to the agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board approved the meeting minutes from the Board Meeting held on January 14, 2022 as received.

**AGENCY REPORT:**

Dr. Brown informed the Board that Dr. Allison-Bryant retired from the agency. He also indicated that there is no longer a mask mandate for the building as data shows continued improvements related to COVID-19. Dr. Brown informed the Board that staff will return to the office as of April 4, 2022 and there will be more options for teleworking as teleworking has produced much productivity. Dr. Brown commended the Behavioral Science Boards for leading the way to show how effect teleworking has been. He also informed the Board that there is a new security team working for the building at the Perimeter Center.

Dr. Brown informed the Board that the Governor's office is still in transition as appointments are still being made. Dr. Brown informed the Board that his position is still undetermined.

Dr. Paulson asked about the progress of the LMSW survey. Dr. Brown had no update at this time.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Ms. Oswald conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the Assessment of Virginia's Licensed Behavioral Health Workforce. A copy of the PowerPoint was provided in the agenda packet.

**Motion:** Mr. Aguirre made a motion, which Ms. Clancey properly seconded for staff to include in their report that the Board supports the bill for a Workforce liaison. The motion passed unanimously.

Board took a break at 11:23am for lunch

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT:**

Dr. Paulson addressed supervision data compiled from the ASWB website. Virginia continues to require more supervision training than most other states. NASW does not support to proposed changes to reduce the subsequently continuing education requirements from 14 to 7 hours.

Ms. Paulson indicated that she was disappointment that the Governor office did not move forward with suggested changes to the laws allowing for supervisee in social work to be licensed. She is hopeful it will move forward next year.

Ms. Paulson congratulated Elaine on her retirements and express the Board's gratitude for her guidance and wisdom and wished her the best in retirement.

**LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ACTIONS:**

- **Chart of Regulatory Actions**

Ms. Yeatts discussed the chart of regulatory actions. A copy of the current actions was provided in the agenda packet.

- **General Assembly Report**

Ms. Yeatts discussed the Report of the 2022 General Assembly with the Board. A copy of the report was provided in the agenda packet.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Action on Proposed Regulations for Endorsement/Passage of Examination**

Ms. Yeatts reviewed with the Board the proposed regulations for endorsement/passage of examination. *The proposed regulations is considering an amendment to section 45 of licensure by endorsement that would allow acceptance of a state examination rather than the national examination, which is currently required for licensure in Virginia. A state examination would be acceptable only if another U.S. jurisdiction did not require the national examination at the time the social worker was initially licensed and if the examination was deemed to be a comparable level for the license being sought.* There were no public comments provided on the proposed amendments.

**Motion:** Ms. Clancy made a motion, which Ms. Reynolds properly seconded, to accept evidence that a national examination was not required for licensure by the other jurisdiction at the time the applicant was initially licensed. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Petition for Rulemaking**

Ms. Yeatts reviewed and discussed with the Board a petition for rule making that was submitted to the Board to request amendments to the requirement for licensure by endorsement. A copy of the petition submit by Darryl McCarroll was provided in the agenda packet. There were no public comments provided on the petition.

**Motion:** Ms. Clancy made a motion, which Ms. Reynolds properly seconded, to deny the request and take no action. The Board did not see a reason to amend the regulation based on the unique application situation of the petitioner. The motion passed unanimously.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Hoyle gave a verbal report

- Social Work Compact- Still in development. She was on the Technical Committee, but has now has been asked to be on the Document Committee to actually start drafting the Compact. The first meeting is in April.
- ASWB Updates – Education committee meeting is in Chicago at the end of April. If anyone is interested, please let her know. Jaime remains on the Finance Committee for ASWB for this year.
- Staffing Updates-Jaime is getting a new Executive Assistant that will help all Board staff with Board-related issues.
- Outreach/Training-Staff continues to provide outreach to schools across the Commonwealth.
- DHP Workgroups/Initiatives – Staff is working with the Virginia's Licensed Behavioral Health Workforce to help provide support and information on their initiatives.
- DHP Budget-Ms. Hoyle has not yet seen the budget because the new budget director has been busy acclimating and making sure all numbers across the agency align.
- Recognition-time to recognize Elaine for her time with Department of Health Professions since 1989. Her insight and knowledge is second to none.

**DISCIPLINE REPORT:**

Ms. Lang reported on the disciplinary statistics for the Board of Social Work from November 18, 2021 – February 16, 2022. A copy of the report given was included in the agenda packet.

**LICENSING REPORT:**

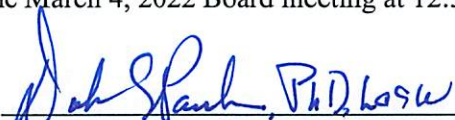
Ms. Lenart reported on the licensure statistics for the Board from September 2021-January 2022 and the satisfaction survey results. A copy of the report given was included in the agenda packet.

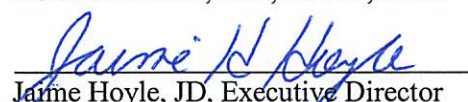
**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

Dr. Paulson announced that the next Regulatory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022 and the next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Paulson adjourned the March 4, 2022 Board meeting at 12:30 p.m.

  
Dolores Paulson, PhD, LCSW, Chair

  
Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director