

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Thursday, January 22, 2015
9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Finocchiaro, LICSW
Connie Gallo, LCSW
Barry Noel, LCSW
Sandra Munroe Wunschel, LICSW

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Ronda Jones, MSW, QRC
Kimberly Perry, MSW
Dr. Mary Ann Shallcross-Smith

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Karl Beauregard, Legal Counsel
Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Enrique Gonzalez
Elena Hopkins
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1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM on a motion by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Barry Noel. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the November 20, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Sandra Munroe Wunschel and seconded by Lynn Finocchiaro to accept the Open Session minutes of November 20, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

- Board members received correspondence announcing the new ASWB guide to the Work Exams which replaces the study guide.
- The board was provided the names of candidates licensed in December by the primary application reviewer.

4. Old Business

- Arlene will draft a code of conduct for Social Workers licensed in Rhode Island based on the Association of Social Work Boards Model Practice Act Code of Conduct for the board to review at a future meeting.

5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Barry Noel to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:07AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

6. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Sandra Munroe Wunschel and seconded by Barry Noel at 11:20 AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

7. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 18 applications and denied 0 applications; and proposed action on 0 cases. The votes for approval were unanimous.

8. Adjournment

The next Board of Social Work Examiners meeting will be held Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Barry Noel to adjourn at 11:21AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Hartwell
Board Manager
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