

MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting

ND Board of Social Work Examiners

Agenda

February 7, 2023

7:00 pm

Board Member Attendees: Cory Pederson; Lacey Corneliusen; Melissa Waind; Jennifer Boeckel; Rebecca Stutz; Rhonda Allery

Staff Attendees: Lisa Feldner (Olson Effertz) ; Terry Effertz (Olson Effertz); Dave Schaibley (Attorney General's office)

Public Attendees: David Bialik; Amy Phillips (NASW); Mandi Carroll (NASW)

- I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:02.
- II. Minutes - The minutes from the following meetings were approved. The motion was made by Cory Pederson and seconded by Melissa Waind. It was approved by a voice vote, with no opposition.
 - A. December 19, 2022 (regular board meeting)
 - B. January 23, 2023 (special board meeting)
- III. Ratification of Licensees (see below) - The licensees below were ratified through a motion by Cory Pederson, seconded by Melissa Waind. The motion passed with a 5-0-2 vote. (RA and HH absent)

Ratification

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LIC. REQUEST	TYPE	STATE	STATUS	SANCTIONS
Arthur	Kiersten	LMSW	New	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Barker Kitko	Barbara	LMSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Bellanger	Angela	LCSW	Reciprocity	MN	Licensed	No Sanctions
Bellecci-St. Romain	Lisa	LCSW	Reciprocity	KS	Licensed	No Sanctions
Buzick	Amber	LCSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Carter	Chelsea	LCSW	Reciprocity	TX	Licensed	No Sanctions
Crowers	Sarah	LCSW	Reciprocity	PA	Licensed	No Sanctions
Dachtler	Katherine	LMSW	New	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Degrenia	Kristen	LCSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions

Farrenkopf	Toby	LCSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Flores	Tiffany	LCSW	Reciprocity	NY	Licensed	No Sanctions
Gossett	Anna	LBSW	Recip	MN	Licensed	No Sanctions
Granlund	Ruby	LCSW	Reciprocity	MO, CO. KS	Licensed	No Sanctions
Hall	Tracie	LCSW	Reciprocity	TX	Licensed	No Sanctions
Hazangwi	Kelvin	LMSW	NEW	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Hemminger	Holly	LCSW	Reciprocity	NM	Licensed	No Sanctions
Johnson	Emily	LCSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Keith	Melissa	LBSW	Reciprocity	MN	licensed	No Sanctions
King	Kayla	LMSW	New	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Larsen	Elizabeth	LMSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Leben	Courtney	LMSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
LeBrun	Taylor	LCSW	Reciprocity	SD	Licensed	No Sanctions
Madewell-Buesgens	Sherie	LMSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
McAllister	Antania	LMSW	Reciprocity	AR	Licensed	No Sanctions
McGuire	Mindy	LCSW	Reciprocity	FL	Licensed	No Sanctions
Mennenga	Laura	LMSW	Reciprocity	MN	Licensed	No Sanctions
Milas	Keri	LCSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Mitchell	Caitlin	LCSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Moe	Emily	LBSW	New	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Potter	Alison	LCSW	Reciprocity	MN	Licensed	No Sanctions
Purcell	Rhea	LBSW	Reciprocity	MN	Licensed	No Sanctions
Rice	Emma	LMSW	NEW	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Roberts	Stephanie	LCSW	Reciprocity	VT	Licensed	No Sanctions
Sautter	Frederick	LCSW	Reciprocity	CA, AZ, NV	Licensed	No Sanctions
Saylor-Donnelly	Tanya	LCSW	Reciprocity	PA	Licensed	No Sanctions
Schell	Kasidy	LCSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Scherr	Sarah	LCSW	Reciprocity	SD	Licensed	No Sanctions
Scholberg	Valerie	LBSW	NEW	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Sedgwick	Courtney	LCSW	Reciprocity	MN	Licensed	No Sanctions
Smith	Melinda	LCSW	Reciprocity	MT	Licensed	No Sanctions
Suddeth	Rosimar	LCSW	Reciprocity	FL, CA, MN	Licensed	No Sanctions
Thomas	Adris	LCSW	Reciprocity	IL	Licensed	No Sanctions
Tretter	Michelle	LCSW	Reciprocity	MN	Licensed	No Sanctions
Vaughan-Fier	Jonathan	LCSW	Reciprocity	MN	Licensed	No Sanctions

Walksalong	Nicole	LCSW	Reciprocity	MT	Licensed	No Sanctions
Warden	Lisa	LCSW	Reciprocity	MI	Licensed	No Sanctions
Wiederholt	Sarah	LCSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions
Wolf Burdick	Maria	LMSW	Upgrade	ND	Licensed	No Sanctions

IV. Discipline

- A. David Bialik - David Bialik appeared in a return to practice capacity. David Schaibley explained the past settlement agreement which required the licensee to appear in person before the board before returning to practice. Mr. Bialik presented his CE credits that were required and engaged in the required counseling required by the board. His satisfactory progress reports were received and he completed his fitness evaluation as required. David Bialik's statements at the meeting included his understanding of what transpired, what he's learned, and how he will implement safeguards to ensure the situation will not occur again. He expressed remorse for the situation and expressed that he exercised bad judgment that resulted in boundary violations. He explained that he would like to return to doing good things. He plans on continuing his self-care work and plans on keeping his practice limited to telehealth during the initial period to keep some separation between the clients and Mr. Bialik. David Schaibley explained that Bialik said that he would need to reapply for licensure, but they can make a motion to lift the suspension and allow him to reapply or can push this down the road to the next meeting. Ultimately, Lacey moved to allow him to reapply for licensure, and Melissa Waind seconded the motion. It was passed in a 6-0-1 vote (Holly Hammarsten was absent).
- B. Toni McCarty - This licensee was placed on probation and had requirements including a 2-page report on boundaries and to submit proof of 2 CEs regarding boundaries. Administrator Feldner explained that the proof of the CE included someone else's name when a readable copy was included, not the licensee's name. The Board said they would like verification of the evidence that she completed the credits as required by her settlement agreement. She is still practicing as she is on probation, not suspension.

V. Policy Discussion

A. Legislation

1. SB 2203 - The Board reviewed this bill and the draft testimony as drafted by Jennifer Boeckel. Rhonda Allery suggested that the Board member that delivers the testimony should submit it the night before and plan on spending the day at the Capitol. Lacey Corneliusen moved to upload the testimony and Jennifer Boeckel seconded the motion. It passed in a 6-0-1 vote (Holly Hammarsten absent.) Administrator Feldner will complete final formatting and submit the written testimony to the Workforce

Development committee. The members of NASW offered to help moot the testimony questions. The committee will decide who is testifying after the hearing is scheduled.

2. HB 1332 - The Board reviewed an email received on this bill from NASW, who testified in-person and submitted written testimony.
 3. HB 1416 - Any willing provider - Administrator Felder gave a synopsis of the bill and explained that the sponsor was still looking for support after crossover.
 4. SB 2184 - The discussion about this bill surrounded the likely hoghouse and they decided to watch the proceedings and monitor the issue.
- B. CE Broker - The board discussed a participating addendum for CE Broker and the benefits of the software. Lacey moved and Cory Pederson seconded to enter into the addendum. The vote passed in a 6-0-1 vote and Dave Schaiabley will work on the paperwork.
- C. Electronic license verification from other states - Administrator Feldner explained that some states are no longer processing paper verifications, and will instead require us to verify on their self-service website. A discussion was held and Lacey moved to allow electronic verifications of licenses in other states. The vote passed 6-0-1 (HH absent).
- VI. Executive Session - Cory Pederson moved to enter executive session and Lacey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. They entered executive session at 8:21 and was adjourned at 8:50pm.
- A. The Board made a motion on Complaint 2022-06 - Rhonda moved to dismiss this complaint. Cory Pederson seconded. The motion passed unanimously in a 6-0-1 vote. (Holly was absent).
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Where noted, the discussion of some of the above topics may be held in executive session rather than during the portion of the meeting that is open to the public. If this is a regular meeting, additional topics may be discussed. If this is a special or emergency meeting, the governing body's discussion will be limited to the topics and executive sessions listed above.