

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners
April 7, 2020 – Emergency Meeting

By Authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners was held April 7, 2020. The meeting was held via teleconference originating at Juneau.

April 7, 2020

Agenda item #1 **Call to order/Roll Call**

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Danielle LaFon at **9:00am**.

Board Members present, constituting a quorum:

Danielle LaFon, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, Board Chairperson
Mindy Swisher, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Geoffry McCormick, Licensed Master Social Worker
Brandon Ercanbrack, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Board Members absent:

Colleen Vague, Public Member

Division Staff present:

Sara Chamber, Division Director
Andy Khmelev, Records and Licensing Supervisor
Lauren Bales, Occupational Licensing Examiner

Public members present:

Gina Rittacco, Director of Boards and Commissions
Sarah Winter

Agenda Item #2 **Review Agenda**

A motion duly made by Geoffry McCormick, seconded by Mindy Swisher, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

Director Sara Chambers joins the meeting at 9:30am.

Agenda item #3 **Administrative Business**

COVID-19 Response Measures:

Sara Chamber presented information regarding SB241 and the boards capabilities within the bill. The board discussed topics such as supervision requests via teletherapy due to COVID-19, teletherapy across state lines, potential leniency with the renewal continuing education regarding teletherapy, and discussed the potential of an Emergency Courtesy License.

Colleen Vague joins the meeting at 10:45am.

The board also discussed allowing an extension of renewal dates in order to allow licensees impacted by the pandemic to received continuing education.

The board decided to meet again on April 14, 2020 in the late afternoon to conduct board business.

A motion duly made by Mindy Swisher, seconded by Colleen Vague, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to meet on April 14, 2020 at 4pm.

A motion duly made by Geoffry McCormick, seconded by Colleen Vague, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to approve the Position Statement regarding alternative supervision presented at this meeting.

Task List:

- OLE will reach out to regulation specialist regarding questions imposed by board.

A motion duly made by Mindy Swisher, seconded by Geoffry McCormick, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05am.

Adjourned at 11:05am.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Lauren T. (Osborn) Bales

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Occupational License Examiner
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Board Chairperson
Alaska State Board of Social Work Examiners

Date