

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
SOCIAL WORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025
APPROVED MINUTES**

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel.

Social Work Advisory Committee Members. Advisory Committee members present by Zoom included Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Cynthia Schendel, Sarah Berens, Annas Boyer, Lee Ann Gingery, Yelando Johnson, Christy Sanders, Eric Schoenecker, and Callie Werth. Donna Hoener-Queal, Jasmine Cohen-Young, Mary Gill, Mike Gillet, and Robin Unruh, were absent.

BSRB Staff Members. David Fye and Leslie Allen were present by Zoom.

II. Possible Modifications to Agenda. Annas Boyer made a motion to approve.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meetings on August 12, 2025, and October 14, 2025. Eric Schoenecker moved to approve. Yelando Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Executive Director’s Report. David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, provided updates on BSRB operations, Legislative items, and updates from the most recent Board meeting.

V. Updates from 2025 Annual Meeting of the Association of Social Work Boards. The Executive Director attended the 2025 annual meeting of ASWB in Indianapolis, IN. The Executive Director provided updates from the conference, including a summary of discussion on a proposed bylaw amendment to the ASWB bylaws, which would have changed the qualifications for a board member position to have allowed more attendees to be eligible to serve on the ASWB Board. One ASWB board position is currently limited to public members of licensing boards and the bylaw amendment would have allowed this position to be treated as an at-large position. While several states voted in favor of the change, the majority of attendees rejected the proposed amendment. Several changes to the ASWB Model Act were proposed by an official committee charged to review the Model Act. The Executive Director noted he voted in favor of most of the proposed changes, but voted against two proposed changes: (1) a change that if board member positions on state or jurisdiction licensing boards are not filled within 6 months of a vacancy, licensing boards would gain authority to fill these positions and (2) a change that replaced reference to “administrative procedures” with “jurisdictional law.” The Executive Director noted he opposed the first item, because while he saw the benefit from a quorum standpoint, he thought it could be interpreted in a negative way by states and jurisdictions adopting the Model Act, possibly as a power grab by jurisdictions. The section item was opposed because there may be very specific reason that “administrative procedures” were noted, such as making certain statues and regulations fall under the administrative procedures act of certain jurisdictions. While there was support for both sides of these two issues, both proposed changes to the ASWB Model Act had sufficient support to be passed, so the ASWB Model Act was amended accordingly. The Executive Director noted other updates, including that information on changes to the ASWB licensing examination were provided in a closed session, so he could not share much news on those items, but it was expected that ASWB would make an official announcement with some of that information in the spring 2026. It was noted that ASWB was providing test prep services to all applicants through an agreement with 5th Theory, a service that previously was only provided to individuals who had failed the licensing examination at least once.

VI. Updates on Social Work Multi-State Compact. The Executive Director, who serves as the Compact Commissioner for Kansas, provided updates on the Social Work Multi-State Compact. Additionally, the

Executive Director serves as a member of the Finance Committee and Rules Committee. The Executive Director attended the annual meeting of the Social Work Compact. The Executive Director noted that funding for the creation of the social work compact is mostly being provided by ASWB, in part through a HRSA grant obtained by ASWB to support the financing of the compact. It was noted that 30 states have effective language to be compact members. The compact has selected a vendor for the data system, however the contract with that vendor is still being finalized, then the data system will be constructed by the vendor. The Executive Director noted that while the compact creation is going more quickly than the creation of previous compacts, the launch is estimated to be about 9 months away.

VII. Old Business

- a. **Continued Review and Discussion of Survey of Licensees.** The Executive Director previously asked Advisory Committee members to review and be ready to discuss survey responses from licensees. At this meeting, the Executive Director summarized the last two questions on the survey and the responses by licensees.
 - i. **Negative Issues Involving Supervision.** Advisory Committee members discussed survey responses from licensees on the topic of negative issues involving supervision. Members noted concerns about supervisors not supervising. Members discussed the value of additional information about helping supervisees better understand what they should be getting from their supervisor. Another issue has become the difficulty in finding a supervisor. Advisory Committee member the supervisor needs to attest to what the supervisee has covered during meetings and the type of clients being treated.
 - ii. **Use of Artificial Intelligence in Practice.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting.
- b. **Continued Discussion of Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting.
- c. **Continued Discussion on Alternative Pathways to Licensure.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting.
- d. **Update on Possible Legislation on Required Hours Providing Psychotherapy and Assessments for Clinical Social Worker Applicants.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Discussion on Recent NASW Reorganization.** Advisory Committee Members discussed recent changes at the national level by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), which included consolidating state-level executive directors for several chapters, so that a smaller number of executive directors would be sharing responsibilities over multiple states. It was noted that the previous executive director for NASW-KS, Becky Fast, had lost her role as Executive Director for NASW-KS due to these changes. The Executive Director for the Iowa chapter of NASW would now be charged to provide executive director support to both the Iowa and Kansas chapter of NASW. Separately, it was noted that there was a recent meeting with Kansas social workers who might be interested in forming a different state association for social workers in Kansas, separate from NASW-KS. Advisory Committee members expressed a desire to continue tracking information relevant to this topic.
- b. **Review of Regulations.** At a previous meeting, the Executive Director asked Advisory Committee members to review several regulations and be ready to provide feedback on whether the regulation language needed updated or if other changes were appropriate. Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager for the BSRB, provided proposed edits reflected below:
 - i. **K.A.R. 102-2-2a Application for licensure.** The Assistant Director proposed the following changes:
 1. **(a)** – Revise language to reflect transition to electronic application process, rather than using traditional application form, and remove language about the forms being requested from the director.

2. **(c)(2)** – For the LSCSW application, the regulation currently requires two professional references, but it was proposed that the language be changed to match other professions regulated by the BSRB, stating two professional references are required if they were not previously provided.
3. **(c)(3)** – This section of the regulation was proposed to be struck.
4. **(e) and (f)** – Modify the language to reflect that a temporary license would last for 24 months, rather than 6 months. Also in (f), after the reference to “extenuating circumstances,” add “as defined in K.A.R. 102-1-1a.”
5. **(g)** – Add language after “extenuating circumstances,” that would state “as defined in K.A.R. 102-1-1a.”
6. **(i)** – It was proposed that this section be struck, as the definition of “extenuating circumstances” is already provided in
7. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended all of these proposed changes and that they be forwarded to the BSRB Board for approval.

- ii. **Review of Other Regulations.** Due to time constraints, the review of additional regulations on the agenda were tabled until the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- c. **Discussion on topics for 2026. Advisory Committee members discussed.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting.
- d. **Discussion on meeting date and time. Advisory Committee members.** By consensus, the Advisory Committee agreed for the standard date and time for meetings in 2026 to be the first Tuesday of the month, every-other-month, at 10am.

IX. Additional Items. None.

X. Next Meeting. February 4, 2026, at 10am (Remote Meeting)

XI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned.