

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
SOCIAL WORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026
DRAFT MINUTES

I. Opening 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 Sarah Berens, Annas Boyer, Mike Gillet, Lee Ann Gingery, Yelando Johnson, Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Christy Sanders, Eric Schoenecker, Robin Unruh, and Callie Werth. Donna Hoener-Queal and Jasmine Cohen-Young were absent.

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

II. Possible Modifications to Agenda. None

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meetings on December 9, 2025. Lee Ann Gingery moved to approve the minutes. Andrea Perdomo-Morales seconded. Motion passed.

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. The Executive Director noted that Advisory Committee member Mary Gill informed him that she would need to resign her seat on the Advisory Committee due to health reasons. The Executive Director thanked her for her service on the Advisory Committee.

V. Updates on Social Work Multi-State Compact. The Executive Director, who serves as Compact Commissioner for Kansas, provided updates on the Social Work Multi-State Compact, including his service as a member of the Finance Committee and the Rules Committee for the Compact.

VI. Old Business

A. Continued Discussion on NASW-KS Transition. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) recently decided to consolidate executive director positions in states and eliminated 23 individual state chapter executive director positions, which meant some executive directors would begin covering multiple states. Social workers in Kansas met around 6 weeks ago to consider establishing an alternative social work advocacy group, that would not necessarily be in lieu of NASW-KS membership but could exist alongside. Advisory Committee members have been connecting with the president of NASW Kansas to continue advocating for Kansas social workers.

B. Continued Review and Discussion of Survey of Licensees

i. Use of Artificial Intelligence in Practice (page 29 and pages 157-175). Advisory Committee members noted the majority of respondents stated they do not currently use AI in practice; however, for individuals who did report using AI stated it is most commonly used for summarization purposes, developing training or lessons, along with proof reading.

ii. Additional Ways the BSRB Could Protect and Serve Consumers of Services Offered by BSRB Licensees (page 31 and 201-239). Due to time constraints, this topic was tabled until the next meeting.

iii. Additional Comments and Feedback (page 33 and 240-277). Due to time constraints, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

- C. **Continued Discussion of Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting.
- D. **Continued Discussion on Alternative Pathways to Licensure.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

VII. New Business

- A. **Review of Regulations.** Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager for the BSRB, proposed several changes to the following regulations:
 - i. **K.A.R. 102-2-2b Application for licensure based on reciprocity.** The Assistant Director proposed merging bachelor's and master's level sections; striking statute and replacing with 65-6322, as the statute number has changed; adjusting language that applicants will request the reciprocity application from the Board. Next, for letter 'B', updating the statute number, and changing reference from 5 continuous years to 12 months of licensure as a social worker at the clinical level, that immediately proceeds the date when an individual applies, BSRB will need a history for that 12-month period. Page 3, statute numbers be updated, and changing to master's as requirement, which will state a master's degree in social work with the examination. Striking 'most of' and adding that the applicant must show proof that they hold a license registration or certification with a similar scope of practice to a Kansas LMSW. For 'C', in addition to complying with that, the applicant will have to provide two of the following three forms of documentation. Number '1', on page 4, striking the applicant score on the exam, as the exam company does not give specific numerical scores anymore, only states 'passed/failed'. Number '3', adding language for an attestation that the applicant has demonstrated competence in diagnosis or treatment of mental disorders, which will need to be signed by a professional licensee to practice as an MD, psychologist, or licensed clinical social worker, licensed to diagnose and treat mental disorders in an independent practice. These changes will also take effect for LBSW/LMSW, which means that they must show they've been licensed at that level for at least 12 months, or the standards are substantially equivalent. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended all these proposed changes and that the proposed changes be forwarded to the BSRB Board for consideration.
 - ii. **K.A.R. 102-2-2c Applicants for LBSW or LMSW license; waiver of examination requirement on the basis or reciprocity.** The Assistant Director noted she would propose merging this regulation with K.A.R. 102-2-2c, making adjustments consistent with the recommended changes by the Advisory Committee in K.A.R. 102-2-2b. By consensus, the Advisory Committee approved this modification.
 - iii. **K.A.R. 102-2-9 Examinations.** The Assistant Director proposed several changes to the regulation, including striking language in '1' and '2' due to not being the language being used currently, as there is no score information to provide, as the examination company solely states 'pass or fail'. No changes to the language regarding an applicant applying 4-months prior to graduation, for bachelor's and master's level. For 'D', this is being struck, as it talks about the applicant shall pay a fee required by BSRB for the examination; however, BSRB no longer has the exam information, as that is done through the national exam company, ASWB. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended all these proposed changes and that they be forwarded to the Board for consideration.
 - iv. **K.A.R. 102-2-11 Renewal and reinstatement.** The Assistant Director proposed for 'E', changing language to say if the applicant does not submit their renewal before the date the license expires, rather than 'in a timely manner.' In section '2', adding language that if the license has expired for one year or less, the applicant will have to pay a penalty fee. If the license has been expired for over one year, that penalty fee is no longer applicable. Subsection, 'f', struck 'in timely manner' and added 'the date before the license expires'. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended all these proposed changes and that the changes be

forwarded to the Board for consideration.

v. K.A.R. 102-2-11a Renewal audit. The Assistant Director recommended in ‘C’, subsection ‘2’, striking ‘the original’ and adding ‘copies of the’ continuing education documents; adding in number ‘3’ language that allows applicants to have all their information in a system approved by the Board (clarifying use of a system like CE-Broker). By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended these proposed changes be forwarded to the BSRB Board for approval.

vi. K.A.R. 102-2-13 Licensee consult with physician when determining symptoms of mental disorders. Advisory Committee members reviewed this regulation, but no changes were recommended.

vii. K.A.R. 102-2-14 Designation of referral source for use in the diagnosis and treatment on mental disorders. The Assistant Director proposed adding language to clarify the current version is the fifth edition, text revision, rather than the current language which references the fifth edition. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended this proposed change and that it be forwarded to the BSRB Board for consideration.

viii. K.A.R. 102-2-15 Services rendered to individuals located in this state. Advisory Committee members reviewed this regulation, but no changes were recommended.

B. Discussion on topics for 2026. None.

VIII. Next Meeting. April 7, 2026, at 10am (Remote Meeting)

IX. Adjournment. Lee Ann Gingery moved to adjourn. Co-Chair Andrea Perdomo-Morales seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.