BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
SOCIAL WORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 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 Cynthia Schendel, Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Annas Boyer, Jasmine Cohen-Young, Mike Gillet, Lee Ann Gingery, Christy Sanders, Eric Schoenecker, and Robin Uruh. Donna Hoener-Queal, Yelando Johnson, and Callie Werth were absent.

BSRB Staff Members. David Fye was present by Zoom.

II. **Possible Modifications to Agenda.** None

III. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meetings on April 7, 2026.** Eric Schoenecker moved to approve of the minutes. Lee Ann Gingery 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.

V. **Updates to 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.

A. **Finance Committee.** Last met May 12, one topic that was discussed was a rule on fees. The language that was passed gives the Commission authority to charge fees in different ways. The preferred method of funding most compact commissions has been to include an administrative fee when certain transactions occur, and this fee would be retained by the commission or sent back to the commission, depending on who was handling the transaction. The Committee has been discussing the amount of the administrative fee, but that amount has not been finalized yet. The amount will depend on the anticipated volume of individuals that will pursue obtaining a multi-state license.

B. **Rules Committee.** Discussion by Committee has included ways to make sure that social workers will be able to transfer their multi-state licenses when moving between states and the process to perform that action. For someone to obtain a multi-state license, when the Compact goes live, they would need to live in a state that has passed the compact legislation and implemented such licensure option. Another topic of discussion is that if someone does have past disciplinary history, so the Rules Committee is discussing a rule on adverse actions. Another rule relates to background check requirements, as the social work compact does require a background check for someone to obtain a multi-state license and to practice; however, other compacts have given states that do not require a background check a grace period to allow individuals to practice under the compact for a certain period, while the state makes arrangements for the background check be processed fully, and approved from the federal government.

VI. **Updates on the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)**

A. **2026 ASWB Education Meeting, April 17-18, 2026 in Newport, RI.** Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager for the BSRB, will be attending the ASWB 2026

Midyear / Education meeting with Board member and Social Work Advisory Committee Co-Chair Cynthia Schendel.

B. **Launch of New Version of Licensing Examination in August 2026.** The Executive Director noted information on the launch of the new licensing examination is linked on the BSRB website from ASWB. A couple of the most significant changes in the new version of the exam will be shifting from four option answers to a question down to three option answers, along with the number of questions going down significantly.

VII. Old Business

A. **Continued Review and Discussion on Alternative Pathways to Licensure.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. **Advisory Committee Membership**. The Executive Director noted that 72 social workers submitted letters of interest and resumes/CVs for the four open positions on the Advisory Committee. Members of the Advisory Committee discussed applicants and recommended the following four individuals be added to the Advisory Committee: (1) Tiffany Gleason, (2) Jennie Marsh, (3) Joshua Robertson, and (4) Jessica Snyder. The Executive Director noted he would forward these four names to the Chair of the Board for possible appointment to the Advisory Committee at the next BSRB Board meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026.

IX. Special Thanks to Outgoing Members. The Executive Director and Co-Chairs thanked the following outgoing members of the Advisory Committee: Mike Gillett, Lee Ann Ginger, and Robin Unruh.

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

XI. Adjournment. Annas Boyer moved to adjourn. Jasmine Cohen-Young seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

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