

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2NDFLOOR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

April 22, 2019

10:00am -2:00pm

**Board of Social Work
MEETING MINUTES**

BOSW Mission Statement:

“To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through the provision of health care services.”

OPEN SESSION ATTENDANCE: April 2019

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
	DANIELLE NELSON, LSGW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
STAFF:		
	MAVIS AZARIAH– HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	DEB MOSS – INVESTIGATOR	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK – COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	AISHA NIXON, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
VISITORS:	MARGOT ARONSON, LICSW, GWSCSW DONNA GERACI, LICSW CHERYL AGUILAR, LICSW	

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	<p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></p> <p>Interim Executive Director, Ms. Aisha Nixon reported there are currently 5312 licensed Social Workers in the District. Ms. Nixon also informed the Board that the Social Work renewals will start on May 1 with a new licensure portal. Ms. Nixon provided a brief overview of the renewal portal. There will be no paper renewals available for this renewal and an email blast will be sent out to all Social Workers next Monday April 29 with information and directions about the new renewal portal.</p> <p>Ms. Nixon, also provided an update regarding the vacant LICSW position on the Board. The LICSW appointed to the Board should be sworn in next week and hopefully be present at the June Board meeting.</p> <p>In addition, Ms. Nixon also raised the issue of a request from a LICSW in private practice who wanted to find out if it was ok for him to hire a licensed person who had prescriptive authority at his practice. The Board agreed that the practitioner should seek his own legal counsel for direction as well as provide more information about his request since it was not clear if the prescriber would have independent judgement on these clients.</p>	
	<p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></p> <p>Ms. Spriggs reported that she and the other Board member and Board staff were present at the ASWB Spring meeting in Arlington, VA. The meeting was productive and the highlights include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some states have jurisprudence exams • ASWB is in the process of establishing a Task Force on supervision and the DC Board will be contributing to their research. 	
	<p><u>Board’s Attorney’s Report:</u></p> <p>None</p>	
0422-01	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>Motion made by Ms. Danielle Nelson to approve the Open Session Minutes from the March 2019 meeting. Ms. Selerya Moore</p>	

	seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
0422-02	<u>Discussion of Policy on LGSW’s practice in Private Practice setting:</u> The Board is still conducting its research regarding this matter and the final draft will be presented at the June Board meeting.	
0422-03	<u>Adjournment Motion</u> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations. The next meeting is scheduled for <u>June 24, 2019.</u>	