

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation**  
**Division of Professional Regulation**  
**Illinois Social Work Examining and Disciplinary Board**

**Open Meeting**

**Date:** April 3, 2015

**Call to Order:** 11:01 a.m.

**Location:** Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation  
Division of Professional Regulation  
320 W. Washington St, Rm 376  
Springfield, IL

**Adjournment:** 12:41 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Philip C. Koehl IV, School LCSW, Chairperson  
Yolanda Jordan, Human Service Agency LCSW, Member  
Marilyn C. Oertley, LCSW Member  
Susan M. Razbadouski, LCSW, Member  
Valerie A. Sims-Rucker, LSW Member  
Kathryn C. Wehrmann Ph.D., LSW Member

**Board Members Absent:** Rita Renee Armstrong, Public Member  
Alexander S. Brown Ph.D., Not-for-Profit LCSW, Member  
Daniel M. Potter, LCSW Member

**Staff Members Present:** Robert Gerton, Board Liaison  
Azeema Akram, Assistant General Counsel

**Guests Present:** Sandie Kopels

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>CHAIRPERSON TIME</b>	<p>The Board reviewed the Open Session minutes from the October 10, 2014 meeting.</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m.</p> <p>Board members, staff, and guest introduced themselves.</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded to approve the October 10, 2014 Open Session minutes. Motion carried.</p>
<b>ELECTION OF OFFICER</b>	<p>An election for the office of Vice-Chairperson was held.</p>	<p>Following nomination, Yolanda Jordan was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Social Work Examining and Disciplinary Board.</p>
<b>DEPARTMENT TIME</b>	<p>Mr. Gerton discussed meeting dates for FY2016 with the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Gerton shared some information from ASWB regarding examination pass rates for Illinois Vs. North America.</p> <p>Mr. Gerton provided board members with an updated Board Member handbook.</p>	<p>The Board will meet: October 9, 2015 in Chicago &amp; April 1, 2016 in Springfield.</p> <p>Illinois pass rates were trending higher than the N.A. pass rate.</p>

<p><b>RULES</b></p>	<p>Board members reviewed and discussed incorporating the March 2, 2015 ASWB Model Regulatory Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice (ethics) into 68 IAC Section 1470.96.</p> <p>The Board had a lengthy discussion about a shared concern about unlicensed activity occurring under the guise of getting one's supervision hours. The Board discussed requiring one to first be licensed as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker before he or she could become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Azeema Akram indicated that a change to the licensure requirements would require a legislative change. The Department does not run legislation of this sort. There was a question about whether the supervised hours could be completed as a volunteer. Neither the Act nor Rules prohibit the hours from being completed as a volunteer.</p> <p>Board members discussed whether or not it would be valuable to have identified in Rules certain offenses on one's Criminal History Record that would be a bar to licensure as has been established for other professions.</p>	<p>Motion was made and seconded to recommend the current version be incorporated into the Rules. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded that the Board go on record as being concerned about protecting the public from unlicensed practice and interested in requiring LSW licensure as a requirement for LCSW licensure. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Akram would investigate the matter further and follow up at the next board meeting.</p>
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<p><b>MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION</b></p>		<p>Motion was made and seconded at 12:19 p.m. to enter into closed session pursuant to Section (2)(c)(15) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.  Philip Koehl – Yes  Yolanda Jordan – Yes  Marilyn Oertley – Yes  Susan Razbadouski – Yes  Valerie Sims-Rucker – Yes  Kathryn Wehrmann – Yes</p>
<p><b>MOTION TO OPEN SESSION</b></p>	<p>John <u>Kyser</u>  Action Sheet No. 150574</p> <p>Gregory <u>Gross</u>  Case No. 2014-03022</p>	<p>Motion was made and seconded to enter into Open Session at 12:37 p.m. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded to affirm the following recommendations made in closed session:</p> <p>Request be approved</p> <p>The Board recommended that the license be indefinitely suspended and fined \$1000.</p>
<p><b>SIGNATURES</b></p>		<p>Action Sheet No. 150574</p> <p>Findings of Fact for Case 2014-03022</p> <p>were signed by the Board.</p>
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>		<p>Meeting Adjourned at 12:41 p.m.</p>