

South Dakota Board of Addiction and Prevention Professionals
Via Videoconference
April 24, 2026

President Kari Joldersma called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. central and determined a quorum.

Board Members Present: Tiffany Butler, Belinda Grave, Jodi Hepperle, Kari Johnston, Kari Joldersma, Tiffany Kashas, Kari Termansen, and Jennifer Tinguely

Board Members Absent: Seanna Regynski.

Others Present: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary; Natalie Young, Administrative Assistant; Court Roper, Board Legal Counsel, Department of Social Services; Erin Handke, Assistant Attorney General; Tracy Mercer, Department of Social Services; Stephanie Richards-Apple, Jonnilynn May, Darrell O'Apple, and Kelsey Hansen, members of the Public.

Motion to approve the proposed agenda by Johnston. Seconded by Butler. **Motion carried.**

Joldersma asked for comments from the public. There were no comments offered.

Joldersma welcomed new Board Member Tiffany Butler. Seanna Regynski was unable to attend the meeting.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2025 by Tinguely. Seconded by Kashas. **Motion carried.**

Motion to accept the March 31, 2026 financial report as presented by Butler. Seconded by Johnston. **Motion carried.**

The Board conducted the hearing in the Matter of the Application for ACT Status of Stephanie Richards-Apple.

Motion to grant the ACT Status of Stephanie Richards-Apple by Termansen. Seconded by Grave. **Motion carried.**

Motion to go into executive session for consultation with legal counsel for consideration of proposed contested cases for litigation and contract negotiations at 9:41 a.m. by Butler. Seconded by Johnston. **Motion carried.**

Joldersma declared the Board out of executive session at 10:16 a.m.

Motion to dismiss Complaints 2025-03 and 2025-05 by Tinguely. Seconded by Kashas. **Motion carried.** Butler recused.

Motion to accept the settlement agreement and issue a final order in Complaints 2025-10 through 13 and 2026-01 by Joldersma. Seconded by Johnston. **Motion carried.** Kashas recused.

Motion to authorize a settlement agreement offer or move the matter to a hearing in Complaint 2025-14 by Hepperle. Seconded by Johnston. **Motion carried.**

Motion to authorize a settlement agreement offer or move the matter to a hearing in Complaint 2025-15 by Hepperle. Seconded by Johnston. **Motion carried.**

Motion to authorize a settlement agreement offer or move the matter to a hearing in Complaint 2025-16 by Hepperle. Seconded by Johnston. **Motion carried.** Butler recused.

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2026-02 by Butler. Seconded by Johnston. **Motion carried.**

Motion to renew the contract for the Board's database software and maintenance services with Albertson Consulting in the amount of \$7,500.00 by Butler. Seconded by Tinguely. **Motion carried.**

Motion to renew the contract for executive and administrative services with Midwest Solutions as proposed by Termansen. Seconded by Kashas. **Motion carried.**

Motion to equate a NAADAC accredited school addiction counseling and prevention certificate to have the same work requirement hours as an associate's degree for purposes of qualifying for certification if the certificate evidences at least 15 credit hours of educational requirements for certification by Butler. Seconded by Hepperle. **Motion carried.**

The Board's Curriculum Review Workgroup provided an update.

Motion to find the University of South Dakota Social Work Curriculum does not meet the entirety of the educational requirements for certification or licensure as an addiction counselor by Hepperle. Seconded by Johnston. **Motion carried.** Termansen recused.

Stalley updated the Board on the 2026 Legislation.

Stalley updated the Board on the timeline for the administrative rule changes and presented a high-level overview of possible changes. The Board further discussed administrative rule changes.

Motion to appoint Hepperle, Termansen, and Kashas to a workgroup to provide feedback on proposed administrative rules by Joldersma. Seconded by Johnston. **Motion carried.**

Stalley provided an office update.

Mercer provided an update from the Department of Social Services.

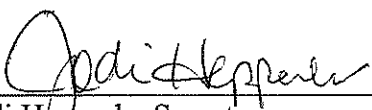
Motion to set the next Board meeting dates as June 12, 2026 and July 31, 2026 by Johnston. Seconded by Butler. **Motion carried.**

The Board's next meeting date is June 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. CT via zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Joldersma. Seconded by Butler. **Motion carried.**

The Board adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Hepperle, Secretary