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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES
Video Conference
November 6, 2026-11:00AM MST / 12:00 PM CST

Members Present: Susan Kornder, President
Rachel Gangle, Secretary/Treasurer
Kelli Willis, Member
Jenna Brandt, Member
Amber Zandstra, Lay Member
Kristen Mion, Lay Member

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Brooke Tellinghuisen-Geddes, Executive Secretary; Katie Funke, Executive Assistant; Amber Bruns, ABA Committee; Kimberly Marso, ABA Committee; Greg Tishkoff, Legal Counsel, DSS; Tracy Mercer, DSS;

Call to Order/Welcome: Kornder called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. CST.

Roll Call: Kornder requested Tellinghuisen-Geddes call the roll. Kornder, yes; Willis, yes; Gangel, yes; Zandstra, yes; Brandt, yes; Mion, yes. A quorum was present.

Corrections or additions to the agenda: None.

Approval of the agenda: Willis made a motion to approve the agenda. Mion seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of the Minutes from Board meeting on August 7, 2026: Gangle made a motion to approve the minutes from August 7, 2026. Willis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FY Financial Update: Tellinghuisen-Geddes reported fiscal year-to-date figures as of September 30, 2026: expenses of $51,619.12; revenue of $61,290.32 and a cash balance of $640,710.41.

ABA Updates: Marso reported that DSS will be sending billing guidelines to licensed ABA's regarding Medicaid billing. Bruns reported the South Dakota ABA Chapter held its first conference and had about 80 attendees. Tellinghuisen Geddes reminded board and committee

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members that there is a vacant lay member position on the ABA Committee since Stanley has reached her term limits, and recommendations should be sent to the Board office.

ORI Number Update: Tishkoff reported that an e-mail had just been received from SD DCI regarding the ORI denial. The e-mail stated while a "multistate license" is defined in SDCL 36-26A-1, a "multistate license" is not defined outside of the Compact. As OGC CJILU does not approve a state statute that relies upon any interstate compact to define the licenses subject to a fingerprint-based national criminal history record check, South Dakota could amend SDCL Chapter 36-26-46 to specifically identify the license types that are subject to a background check. Tellinghuisen Geddes stated that a draft bill, addressing these issues, has been sent to DSS to bring during the 2027 Legislative Session. Tishkoff advised that the bill had been approved by the Governor's office.

SW Compact Updates/Member Implementation Checklist: Willis updated the board that the compact is still set to become operational in Spring of 2027. It was also reported that she was elected as Chair of the Executive Committee starting in January. Kornder thanked Willis for her service to the Compact Commission and the Board.

ASWB Annual Meeting- Salt Lake City, Utah, November 6-7, 2026: Willis reported the main topics of this meeting, so far, have included Ethics of AI, discussion on challenges states are having, and discussion on remote exams. It was reported that remote exams have been temporarily suspended, and applicants are currently being required to test at a physical testing locations.

Schedule Next Meeting: The next meetings are scheduled for February 5, 2027, at 11:00 a.m. MST/12:00 p.m. CST and April 16, 2027, at 11:00 a.m. MST/12:00 p.m. CST.

Any other business coming in between date of mailing and date of meeting: No other business.

Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2: Willis made a motion to enter executive session at 12:12 p.m. CST. Mion seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote. All others exited the meeting. The Board exited executive session at 12:21 p.m. CST.

Complaints/Investigations: The Board office reported one pending complaint. Dismissed complaints by the investigative committee pursuant to SDCL 36-1C-4, were reported individually to Board members on the following dates:

Complaint #321, Dismissed August 27, 2026

Complaint #322, Dismissed September 9, 2026

Complaint #323, Dismissed October 28, 2026

Complaint #324, Dismissed October 29, 2026

CSW-PIP Supervision Contracts: Gangle made a motion to approve the following contracts. Willis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Shaw, M.: Supervision with Rickel beginning October 5, 2026;

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Minor, L.: Supervision with Woudstra beginning November 1, 2026;

Fullerton, A.: Supervision with Warren beginning November 1, 2026;

Geditz, A.: Supervision with Lockwood beginning October 26, 2026;

Titze, C.: Supervision with Thompson beginning September 30, 2026;

Kantarevic, E.: Supervision with Digatono beginning September 25, 2026;

Murano, J.: Supervision with Sedlacek beginning September 28, 2026;

Russell, D.: Supervision with Bunkers beginning October 1, 2026;

Bainbridge, S.: Supervision with Ulmer beginning September 21, 2026;

Roberts, C.: Supervision with Rembold beginning September 21, 2026;

Sorensen, B.: Supervision with Johnson beginning October 1, 2026;

Robeck, N.: Supervision with Schneider beginning September 21, 2026;

Kinley, A.: Supervision with Dornheim beginning September 17, 2026;

Craig, E.: Supervision with McClintock beginning September 14, 2026;

Umberger, B.: Supervision with Turner-Newman beginning October 6, 2026;

Bentson, J.: Supervision with Ling beginning September 11, 2026;

McDonald, W.: Supervision with Pennock beginning September 8, 2026;

Jensen, R.: Supervision with Walker beginning September 8, 2026;

Oliver, L.: Supervision with Harris beginning September 14, 2026;

Davis, B.: Supervision with Wilson beginning August 31, 2026;

Leach, C.: Supervision with Bass beginning September 1, 2026;

Ringing Shield, N.: Supervision with Wilcox beginning August 28, 2026;

Theel, A.: Supervision with Lahammer beginning August 24, 2026;

Harrington M.: Supervision with Evans beginning August 24, 2026;

Harrington, M: Supervision with Hunter beginning August 24, 2026;

Reeves, J.: Supervision with Townsend beginning September 1, 2026;

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Rau, H.: Supervision with Stricherz beginning August 17, 2026;

Koistinen, K.: Supervision with McKee beginning August 17, 2026;

Weiss, A.: Supervision with Stricherz beginning August 3, 2026;

Brown, M.: Supervision with Forgy beginning July 31, 2026;

Saucerman, T.: Supervision with Gangle beginning July 27, 2026;

Abernathy, J.: Supervision with Shaffer beginning July 24, 2026;

Nelson, M.: Supervision with Rembold beginning July 22, 2026;

Webb, A.: Supervision with Thompson beginning July 22, 2026;

Rembold, A.: Supervision with Tucker beginning July 20, 2026;

Richardson, C.: Supervision with Boer July 16, 2026.

CSW-PIP Out-of-State Supervision Vote: Willis made a motion to approve twelve months of out-of-state supervision for Torkelson towards the total requirement. Brandt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Willis made a motion to adjourn at 12:21 p.m. CST. Mion seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes

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Executive Secretary

1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.