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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Video Conference

February 20, 2026-11:00AM MST / 12:00 PM CST

Members Present:

Susan Kornder, President
Kelli Willis, Member
Chantelle Blue Arm, Member
Rachel Gangle, Member
Jenna Brandt, Member
Amber Zandstra, Lay Member
Kristen Mion, Lay Member (joined at 12:03 PM CST)

Members Absent:

None

Others Present: Brooke Tellinghuisen-Geddes, Executive Secretary; Katie Funke, Executive Assistant; Amber Bruns, ABA Committee (exited at 12:30 p.m. CST); Greg Tishkoff, Legal Counsel, DSS; Tracy Mercer, DSS; Renee Stellagher, Prosecuting Counsel, SD Office of the Attorney General; Will Anderon, Vivian Steavenson, Charlene Riffel, Jody Indermuhhle, and June Hubert.

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; Gangle, yes; Blue Arm, yes; Zandstra, yes; Brandt, yes; Mion, absent. A quorum was present.

Corrections or additions to the agenda: None.

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

Public Comment: None.

Hearing in the Matter of the Application of Vivian Steavenson for Licensure as a Certified Social Worker: Tishkoff recognized the time and place for the Hearing in the Matter of the Application for Vivian Steavenson for Licensure as a Certified Social Worker. Renee Stellagher from the Attorney General's Office served as prosecutor. Witness testimony and exhibits were received into evidence. Following deliberation, Willis made a motion to deny the application of Vivian Steavenson for licensure as a Certified Social Worker. Gangle seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote: Kornder, abstain; Willis, yes; Gangle, yes; Blue Arm, yes; Zandstra, yes; Mion, yes; Brandt, yes.

Mion exited the meeting at 1:27 p.m. CDT.

Approval of the Minutes from Board meeting December 5, 2025: Willis made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2025. Brandt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FY Financial Update: Tellinghuisen-Geddes reported fiscal year-to-date figures as of December 31, 2025: expenses of \$71,233.54; revenue of \$151,751.01 and a cash balance of \$598,411.72.

ABA Updates: None.

Legislative Updates: Tellinghuisen Geddes mentioned two bills that were withdrawn that would have impacted Social Workers. HB1144 which would restrict the use of AI in therapy and HB1145 that would have eliminated the clinical exam requirement for CSW-PIP's. Lastly, it was reported that the Board's bill (HB 1028) to establish a provision for background check for multistate licenses under the compact passed and has been signed by the Governor.

Election of Officers: Willis made a motion to keep the slate of officers the same with Kornder as the President and Gangle as the Secretary/Treasurer. Brandt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Lake Area Technical College-AAS Degree in Social Work: The board discussed the request to review Lake Area Technical College AAS Degree in Social Work. This program is being re-worked from the current AAS degree in Human Services, which is a Human Services Technical program, and had previously been approved by the board as equivalent pursuant to SDCL 36-26-16, to meet the education requirements for the Associate's level license. Willis mentioned that the course outline includes foundational courses one would expect for an associate's degree in social work and licensure preparation. Gangle made a motion to approve Lake Area Technical's AAS Degree of Associate of Social Work for Associate Level testing and ultimately licensure. Willis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Schedule Next Meeting: The next meetings are scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. MST/ 12:00 p.m. CDT and July 17, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. MDT/12:00 p.m. CDT.

Any other business coming in between date of mailing and date of meeting: Tellinghuisen Geddes mentioned that ASWB is having their Education meeting April 17-18 in Newport, RI and asked if anyone is interested in attending. Kornder may be interested in attending and will be in touch with the board office.

Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2: Blue Arm made a motion to enter executive session at 1:35 p.m. CST. Willis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote. All others exited the meeting. The Board exited executive session at 1:38 p.m. CST.

Complaints/Investigations: There are no pending complaints.

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

Nelson, C.: Supervision with Van't Hul beginning December 8, 2025;

Cruz, D.: Supervision with Sivesind beginning January 9, 2026;

Mask, S.: Supervision with Shoffner beginning December 11, 2025;

Grimshaw, J.: Supervision with Johnson beginning November 21, 2025;

Seale, S.: Supervision with Van't Hul beginning November 24, 2025;

Stahl, S.: Supervision with Auch beginning December 5, 2025;

Templeton, K.: Supervision with Urlacher beginning December 15, 2025;

Mazour, C.: Supervision with Johnson beginning January 1, 2026;

Mullins, J.: Supervision with Rembold beginning January 1, 2026;

Saukel, A.: Supervision with Gray beginning January 1, 2026;

Blocker, A.: Supervision with Schulz beginning December 15, 2025;

Larson, C.: Supervision with Holbeck beginning January 5, 2026;

Scotting, A.: Supervision with Holbeck beginning January 5, 2026;

Owens, T.: Supervision with Jonson beginning January 5, 2026;

Torkelson, A.: Supervision with Jacobson beginning December 29, 2025;

Uthe, T.: Supervision with Sivesind beginning January 9, 2026;

Brower, A.: Supervision with Jacobson beginning January 12, 2026;

Brower, A.: Supervision with Bartmann beginning January 12, 2026;

Ringing Shield, N.: Supervision with Jackmon beginning February 2, 2026;

Ray, S.: Supervision with Harris beginning February 1, 2026;

Thomson, G.: Supervision with Fett beginning February 2, 2026;

Drevlow, L.: Supervision with Sanderson beginning January 21, 2026;

Conemac, A.: Supervision with Patzlaff beginning January 23, 2026;

Price, K.: Supervision with McClintic beginning January 26, 2026;

Waldner, A.: Supervision with Johnson beginning February 1, 2026;

Hoff, S.: Supervision with Barnes beginning February 1, 2026;

Hulsebus, B.: Supervision with Digatono beginning March 1, 2026;

Miller, D.: Supervision with Fortuna beginning February 1, 2026;

Anderson, J.: Supervision with Thaler beginning February 1, 2026.

Any Other Business: None.

Willis made a motion to adjourn at 1:39 p.m. CST. Blue Arm seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes
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.