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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Video Conference

September 12, 2025-11:00AM MDT / 12:00 PM CDT

Members Present:

Susan Kornder, President
Kelli Willis, Member
Chantelle Blue Arm, Member – joined at 12:04 PM CDT
Rachel Gangle, Member
Jenna Brandt, Member
Amber Zandstra, Lay Member

Members Absent:

None

Others Present: Brooke Tellinghuisen-Geddes, Executive Secretary; Katie Funke, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Marso, ABA Committee; Amber Bruns, ABA Committee; Lisa Stanley, ABA Committee; Greg Tishkoff, Legal Counsel, DSS; Renee Stellagher, Prosecuting Counsel, Attorney General's Office; Ruth Kaspar, Public Member

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

Roll Call: Kornder requested Tellinghuisen-Geddes call the roll. Kornder, yes; Willis, yes; Gangle, yes; Blue Arm, absent; Zandstra, absent; Brandt, yes. A quorum was present.

Corrections or additions to the agenda: None.

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

Public Comment: None.

Approval of the Minutes from Board meeting June 27, 2025: Brandt made a motion to approve the minutes from June 27, 2025. Willis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FY Financial Update: Tellinghuisen-Geddes reported fiscal year-end figures as of June 30, 2025: expenses of \$128,477.52; revenue of \$202,836.24 and a cash balance of \$516,094.25.

ABA Updates: None.

Annual Review of Open Meeting Laws (SDCL 1-25-13): Tellinghuisen Geddes provided an overview of the guide to South Dakota's Open Meeting Laws, prepared by the Attorney General's Office as required by SDCL 1-25-13.

2025 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly-November 7-8, 2025, Indianapolis, IN:

Willis advised she will be in the same location the day prior for the Social Work Compact meeting and would be willing to represent the Board at this meeting as well. Gangle made a motion for the Board to fund Willis to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly. Blue Arm seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Officers- Secretary Treasurer Only: It was reported that Bjork has resigned from the board and therefore the board should elect a new secretary/treasurer since that position was held by Bjork. Gangle volunteered to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Willis made a motion to elect Gangle as Secretary/Treasurer. Brandt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Social Work Licensure Compact-Background Check Updates: Willis advised the compact commission had a meeting last week and will be meeting again in Indianapolis, Indiana in November. For background check updates, Tellinghuisen Geddes advised that the board has run into issues obtaining their federal ORI number which will allow the board to facilitate background checks for the licensure compact. It was reported that the board will need to bring a bill to the 2026 legislative session to give the board authority to conduct background checks. Willis made a motion to bring legislation for the board to add legislative authority for background checks into statutes for multistate licenses. Gangle seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Kornder, yes; Willis, yes; Gangel, yes; Blue Arm, yes; Brandt, yes.

Schedule Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2025, at 11 a.m. MST/12 p.m. CST via Microsoft Teams.

Any other business coming in between date of mailing and date of meeting: None.

Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2: Willis made a motion to enter executive session at 12:22 p.m. CDT. Blue Arm seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote. All others exited the meeting. The Board exited executive session at 12:30 p.m. CDT.

Complaints/Investigations:

Complaint #312: Gangle recommended the board accept the stipulation as presented for complaint #312 for the voluntary surrender of Ruth Kaspar's CSW-PIP license #1179. Willis made a motion to accept the stipulation as presented. Brandt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote: Kornder, yes; Willis, yes; Gangel, abstain; Blue Arm, yes; Bjork, yes; Brandt, yes.

Other Complaints/Investigations: The Board office reported the dismissal of complaint #313 due to lack of probable cause. One other complaint was reported as pending.

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

Waldner, A.: Supervision with Sedlacek beginning September 29, 2025;
Murano, J.: Supervision with Johnson beginning September 29, 2025;
Wright, G.: Supervision with Jacobson beginning August 18, 2025;
Mammenga, M.: Supervision with Sorensen beginning August 13, 2025;
Theel, A.: Supervision with Weires beginning August 13, 2025;
Miller, D.: Supervision with Thaler beginning September 1, 2025;
Erickson, R.: Supervision with Healy beginning September 4, 2025;
Schultz, A.: Supervision with Meester beginning August 1, 2025;
Parks, L.: Supervision with Satterwhite beginning July 14, 2025;
O'Connor, G.: Supervision with Johnson beginning August 18, 2025;
Leadercharge, L.: Supervision with Smith beginning July 29, 2025;
Boer, A.: Supervision with Walker beginning July 28, 2025;
Nordvold, W.: Supervision with Johnson beginning July 21, 2025;
Yockey, S.: Supervision with Anderson beginning June 21, 2025;
Mednansky, A.: Supervision with Genzlinger beginning September 29, 2025;
Ronk, J.: Supervision with Mileham beginning August 22, 2025;
Ragle, A.: Supervision with Bice beginning August 13, 2025;

Any Other Business: None.

Willis made a motion to adjourn at 12:34 p.m. CDT. Brandt 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.

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