Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners

Board Meeting Agenda for Friday, April 26, 2024, 10 a.m.

The April 26, 2024 meeting of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners will be held by videoconference call, as authorized under Texas Government Code §551.127. One or more board members may appear at the scheduled meeting via videoconference call or in-person, and the presiding member will be physically present at 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 4.300, Austin, Texas 78701. In the event of internet connectivity problems, the physical meeting location will be moved to 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 7.102 or 7.301, Austin, Texas 78701. These alternate locations will be open to the public, but seating is limited to first come, first served. Due to the size of these alternate meeting rooms, public seating will be limited by their relative occupancy ratings.

In lieu of attending in person, members of the public are encouraged to access and participate virtually in this meeting by entering the URL address https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86840894895 into their web browser. Telephone access numbers and additional videoconference call access information can be found in the attached addendum. An electronic copy of the agenda and meeting materials will be made available at www.bhec.texas.gov prior to the meeting. A recording of the meeting will be made available on the Council's YouTube channel after the meeting is adjourned. To obtain a copy of the recording, please contact the Council's public information officer at open.records@bhec.texas.gov.

For members of the public who wish to give public comment, after the meeting convenes and the public comment item is reached on the agenda, the presiding member will allow those who are attending in person to give public comment first and then ask those joining by computer to use the "raise hand" feature to indicate who would like to make a public comment. Those individuals who raise their hand will then be allowed to unmute and give public comment. Once all of the individuals with raised hands have been given an opportunity to make public comment, the individuals appearing by telephone will be asked whether they would like to make a public comment. (Those attending by phone use *6 to unmute.) Please note that public comment is not intended for a discussion or a question-and-answer session with the board. Additionally, when making a public comment, please identify yourself and whether you are speaking individually or on behalf of an organization. All public comments will be limited to 3 minutes, unless otherwise directed by the presiding officer. In lieu of providing public comment during the meeting, you may submit written public comments via https://forms.office.com/r/FLpnCDqcyJ. Only those written public comments received by 5 p.m. on the last business day prior to the meeting will be submitted to the board members for their consideration. No written comments received will be read aloud during the meeting.

Please note: The board may request input during the meeting from any interested parties or members of the public during its discussion of an agenda item.

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The board may go into Executive Session to deliberate any item listed on this agenda if authorized under Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Ch. 551.

The board may discuss and take action concerning any matter on the agenda and in a different order from what it appears herein.

SW BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024, 10 A.M.

(Brumley, Andrade, Delapena, Dollinger, Pryor, Rodgers, Saenz-Davila, Swords, Tatum)

- 1. Call meeting to order.
- 2. Public Comment.
- 3. Discussion and possible action to re-elect or replace Vice Chair Dolores Saenz-Davila, LCSW-S, per Texas Administrative Code §781.207 *Elections*.
- 4. Board review and possible action regarding appeals of application or licensure denials.

- 5. Board review and possible action regarding agreed orders to be executed by the Board.
- 6. Board review and possible action regarding contested cases from the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).
- 7. Report of agreed orders executed by the Council's Executive Director.
- 8. Report of cases dismissed by the Council's Executive Director.
- 9. Status report of quarterly enforcement case activities.
- 10. Report from Committee Chairs:
 - A. Report from Ethics Committee Chair Mr. Brumley.
 - B. Report from Licensing Standards and Qualification Committee Chair Ms. Saenz-Davila.
 - C. Report from Professional Development Committee Chair Mr. Brumley.
 - D. Report from Rules Committee Chair Mr. Dollinger.
- 11. Discussion and possible action concerning Licensing Standards and Qualification Committee's recommendation to defer consideration of rules that limit the number of supervisees to six in group supervisory sessions in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code, §781.102(28)

 Definitions and §781.404(b)(9)(B) Recognition as a Council-approved Supervisor and the Supervision Process.
- 12. Discussion and possible action regarding the Board's January 5, 2024, instruction to staff to accept ASWB's Advanced Generalist exam to satisfy national licensure examination requirement for Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and recommendation for rule change in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code, §781.401 Qualifications for Licensure.
- 13. Discussion and possible action regarding jurisprudence exam:
 - A. Board review and possible action concerning the quarterly summary from the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners' Jurisprudence Exam vendor.
 - B. Discussion and possible action related to changes in the Board's Jurisprudence Exam.
- 14. Report from the Board Chair concerning current challenges and accomplishments; lawsuits; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of Board members; conferences; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the Board.
- 15. Report from the Board's Delegates to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council regarding the activities of the Executive Council, including the Council's rulemaking actions taken at its Februbary 20, 2024 meeting with
 - A. Adopted rules;
 - B. Withdrawn rule; and
 - C. Other Council updates.
- 16. Update on quadrennial rule review plan and anticipated timeline for completion of the review, and discussion of method for providing guidance and feedback to staff during the rule review process.
- 17. Report from the Board Administrator concerning operations, organization, and staffing; workload processing and statistical information; status of rulemaking; customer service accomplishments, inquiries, and challenges; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; special projects; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the program.
- 18. Adjournment.

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Addendum: Additional Videoconference and Telephone Conference Call Information

When: Apr 26, 2024 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners' April 26, 2024 meeting

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