

Kentucky Board of Social Work
Monthly Board Meeting
February 9, 2026

Board Members Present:

Hank Cecil, LCSW
Cowann Owens, LCSW
Genesia Kilgore-Bowling, CSW
Laura Guffey, LSW
Whitney Cassity-Caywood, LCSW

Staff Present:

Marc Kelly, Executive Director
Mark Brengelman, Board Attorney

Call to Order

Hank Cecil called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. ET.

Board Minutes:

January 12, 2026, board meeting minutes– a motion was made by Genesia Kilgore-Bowling and seconded by Cowann Owens to approve the January 12th meeting with amendments. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Operations Report – January 2026:

Marc Kelly, Executive Director, reported the following for the operations report:

Applications-64
LSW licenses-5
CSW Licenses-112
LCSW Licenses-66
Renewals-29
Temporary permits-20 clinical and 1 non-clinical
Supervision contracts- 76 approved (received both paper contracts and electronic) 0 deferred
CEU providers and sponsors – 11 approved (six providers and 5 sponsors)
Total number of active licenses – 8585

Meeting occurred at the University of Louisville and was well attended. Exam prep was discussed and a date was set for June 5th through 6th.

Exam Prep Workshop

Hank Cecil shared that we had 106 participants and all went great.

Financial Report – January 2026:

Cowan Owens, LCSW reported board expenditures and revenues for the month of January: expenses: \$54,490.38; revenues: \$43,331.63; fund balance: \$605,538.47; and appropriation balance: \$501,436.68.

Board Members Travel and Per Diem

Board members per diem and travel for the expenditures of retreat, board meeting, and travel to Louisville –motion made by committee to approve the Board’s per diem and travel for the February 7,8,9 meeting and retreat. Cowann Owen seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Committees

Application Committee

Laura Guffey, LSW

Applicant #1: Deferred due to dates showing graduation to be more than 6 weeks

Applicant # 2: Approval to be licensed in KY. Licensed currently in another jurisdiction.

Complaint Committee

Whitney Cassity-Caywood, LCSW

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to refer **Complaint Cases 25-118, 26-07,26-09, and 26-10 No. 25-112** to the board investigator for further investigation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to approve and enter an agreed order on **Complaint 25-65**. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to approve and enter an agreed order on **Complaint 24-75**. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A recommendation and motion were made by the committee to enter an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance on **Complaint 26-03** Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mark Brengleman reported on **cases 25-93,25-108, and 26-18**.

Old Business

ASWB updates.

Hank shared the ASWB exams are changing in August. He stated Dr. D should have information on this in the next workshop. There will be three content areas; more three option multiple choice, instead of four, questions; total questions is will be 112 questions; and 12 pretest questions. The time for the test remains at four hours. Check the ASWB website for more information.

Compact Licensing updates--

Hank shared that the data system needs to be set up and they are discussing the agreement with the selected vendor. The issue of privacy and security of social security numbers is critical decisions to be made. The data system will be able to notify all states of an adverse action in any member state.

Regulations update

Hank shared the draft KAR 201 23:070 qualifying experience and clinical experience for all to review. Cowann Owens asked if someone can have two jobs and two contracts. That is permitted but each must be at least 20 hours a week for the hours to count toward the 150 required before taking the LCSW exam. If the board wants to make any changes, now is the time. Having two job and two contracts can be problematic for both the CSW and the LCSW especially if one or both are less than 20 per week. Genesia Kilgore-Bowling shared that the application committee had a complex application with multiple supervision forms to review because there were many and the jobs overlapped and etc. So it made it hard to ensure the correct hours aligned with the initial supervision contract approval date and etc.

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2026 Legislation- The Social Work bill, HB 424, will be heard in the Licensing and Occupations Committee on Feb 11, 2026. If passed by the committee it will go to the House for a vote.

2026 Board Retreat

Board members reported a good retreat on Feb 8.

New Business

Warrant and Criminal Summons Application: Mark Brengleman reported that the criminal charge against Robin Snyder was to have been heard in Franklin Co court but was postponed. The harassing communications to the board have ceased since the filing of the charges.

Announcements

Danielle Smith, Ex Dir for NASW OH and KY, introduced herself.

The board interacted with students at the board meeting sharing the purpose of annual retreats and that it was great to be able to have a board meeting at UofL so well attended.

Adjournment – Genesia Kilgore-Bowling made a motion to adjourn. Whitney Cassidy Caywood seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.

Next meeting: Monday March 16, 2026 at 1130ET

Respectfully submitted,


Board Secretary *Chair*

Board Approved Date: 3-16-26