

**Child Welfare Employee Licensure Board
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2015
DCFS Field Office, 1619 W Jefferson, Joliet, Illinois**

Board Members Present

Karen Major
Mary Ochman-Ahmed
Debra Dyer-Webster
Tiffany Jones
Judi Bradley

Members Absent:

Hope Carbonaro
Jeanne Flynn

Others Present

Janet Ahern, DCFS Legal
Christi Sullivan, CWEL Office

Meeting was called to order by Karen Major at 10:09 a.m.

Welcome/Introduction:

Karen welcomed members to the meeting. Three guests were invited and scheduled to attend the meeting today. Two candidates are eligible for the University member position on the board and one eligible to fill the private agency member position. Board members met with Craig Perri and Karen Blum. Phone and scheduling issues prohibited Jade Stanley from meeting with the board members.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting were introduced. Debra Dyer-Webster moved to accept the minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting as presented. Judi Bradley seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carries. Minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting approved as presented.

Minutes from the October 7, 2015 teleconference were introduced. Tiffany Jones moved to accept the minutes from the October 7, 2015 teleconference as presented. Mary Ochman-Ahmed seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous. Motion carries. Minutes from the October 7, 2015 meeting approved as presented.

Board Openings:

Christi Sullivan reminded members of the vacant POS position and one university faculty position. Karen Major's term will end this summer and the board will need an additional POS candidate. Board members made suggestions for board candidates. Darren Holt and Laura Raper were suggested to fill the POS vacancy. Shirlyn Garrett-Wilson and Ronald Harris were suggested to fill the University vacancy.

Karen Major called for a motion to close the meeting to discuss cases. Judi Bradley Jones moved to close the meeting to discuss cases and vote on board candidate recommendations. Mary Ochman-Ahmed seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous. Motion carries. Meeting is closed to review cases and board member recommendations at 12:14 p.m.

Closed Session:

Candidate Recommendations: the board discussed and voted on the recommendations to fill the vacant positions on the board. One (1) vacancy was filled. It was determined the other vacancy would not be filled at this time and the search for candidates would continue.

ELRT Report: Christi provided and ELRT report and an update on open cases to board members.

Case Review:

Two (2) cases were brought to the CWEL Board. Two (2) cases were brought to the board for consideration of suspension. Two (2) licenses were suspended pending the OIG investigation and AHU process.

Debra Dyer-Webster moved to end the closed session and open the meeting. Judi Bradley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries and meeting is opened.

Closed session adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Open Session:

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2016 in Bloomington. Karen Major will work on securing a room.

The remaining meetings for 2016 are as follows:

June 13, 2016 in Joliet

September 12, 2016 in Bloomington

December 12, 2016 in Joliet

Adjournment:

Mary Ochman-Ahmed moved to adjourn the meeting. Judi Bradley seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.