

## BCASW BOARD AGENDA & MINUTES



**Date:** June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Location:**

### Attendance

<b>Executive</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Mach – President  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Crawford – Past President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vanessa Key Craig – Vice-President  <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant – Indigenous Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fiona Lewis – Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Biffard – Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glen Schmidt – CASW Rep
<b>Members at Large</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dixon Sookraj	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hanna Tontsch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chloe Rajah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tara Scheirer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Guiaya
<b>Student Rep</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Altenhof				
<b>Branch Reps</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Ash Okanagan  <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant – Fraser River	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kayla Walker Northern  <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant - Northwest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Hagen Kootenays  <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant - Richmond/Delta/ Burnaby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorry-Ann Austin Thompson Nicola  <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant - Vancouver Sea to Sky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ming Huey Chang Vancouver Island

Guests

☐ None

Topic	Items	Purpose	Notes & Minutes
Call to Order			6:04pm
Welcome and Land Acknowledgement			<i>We acknowledge that our office is in the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkʷəṽəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations and that our members live and work in unceded territories across British Columbia. We acknowledge territory and Indigenous Peoples and commit to genuine and ongoing work to forge real understanding, and to challenge the legacies of colonialism. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant communities.</i>
Approval of Minutes	Call for corrections		April 2025 minutes approved
Approval of Agenda	Call for additions		No additions.
Welcome New Board Members	Introductions		
Member Delegations	None		
Reports from Officers	I. President		Met with MCFD leaders twice to discuss social work regulation and discuss removal of exemptions for full title protection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Merging SWA into the HPOA</li><li>• Moving SWA under HPOA</li><li>• Adding social work to the College of Health &amp; Care Professions of BC</li></ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full regulation of child protection workers for protection of the public.</li> </ul> <p>Met with Josie Osborn Minister of Health, ADM ted Patterson and ED of the Allied health Policy Secretariat Lorrie Cramb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented case regarding removal of exemptions and moving SWA/SR under the MOH as part of the HPOA.</li> <li>• Minister Osborn invited BCASW to participate in the review of the Mental Health Act.</li> </ul> <p>RCSW advocacy meetings continue. Scanning for opportunities for advocacy. Attended CASW Federation meetings. Discussed linkages between BCCSW board and BCASW board.</p> <p>Ongoing work around new ED hiring.</p>
	II. Executive Director		<p>(attached to email)</p> <p>Regulation meeting with MCFD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlights need to communicate with clarity. A lot of need to clarify understanding of regulation and title protection.</li> </ul> <p>Attended at CASW Federation meetings.</p> <p>Post-AGM work completed.</p> <p>Preparation for retirement from ED position.</p> <p>Addressed fraudulent social work claims.</p> <p>Meeting with Lorrie Cramb re: employed students' program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will likely continue in the fall following a pause.</li> <li>• Provisional licensing considerations.</li> </ul> <p>Private Practice Roster update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complex search/filter system likely not in reach due to budget.</li> </ul>
	III. Treasurer		<p>(attached to email)</p> <p>Private practice roster has gone over original budget. Budget is in good state but warrants close watching.</p>

			Revenue from membership fees this year over last are up about \$6,000. Ad revenue has dropped.
	IV. CASW Representative		Glen stepping down from CASW Rep position.  President will facilitate the selection process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal to finalize prior to next board meeting in September.</li> </ul>
	V. Members-at-large		
Reports and Recommendations from Committees	I. Awards II. CPD III. Finance IV. Membership V. Nominations VI. Personnel/HR VII. Policy Governance VIII. Student IX. Strategic Planning		
Reports from Branches	I. Kootenays II. Northern III. Okanagan IV. Thompson Nicola V. Vancouver Island		
(OPTIONAL) Reports from Communities of Practice or Interest Groups	I. Anti-Racism and Cultural Advocacy		

	II. Advocacy Circle III. Child and Youth IV. Disability V. Health Advocacy VI. Indigenous VII. MHSU VIII. Private Practice IX. Racialized Social Workers X. Retired SWs XI. RCSW Advocacy XII. Seniors Issues XIII. Sexual and Gender Diverse		
Unfinished Business	I. New member orientation working group II. Meeting with BCCSW board III. Employed Student Social Workers IV. Continue discussion regarding strategic plan		
New Business	I. Reduce number of required meetings in by-laws	Discussion/Decision	
	II. Stand-down Finance Committee	Discussion/Decision	
	III. Information management for board (e.g. Dropbox,	Discussion/Decision	

	OneDrive, Google Drive)		
	IV. Branch Reps to join membership committee	Discussion/Decision	
	V. Requesting Terms of References for all Committees	Discussion/Decision	
	VI. New Board participation on Committees & COPs	Discussion	
	VII. Attendance at Primary Care Summit	Discussion	
	VIII. Endorsement of Health Justice Mental Health Act Review Framework	Discussion/Decision	<p>Notes: Recording of HJ community briefing with CMHA click <a href="#">here</a> Passcode: 1.5@\$3IX</p> <p>HJ Mental Health Act review page click <a href="#">here</a> Full framework click <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Minutes:</p>
	IX. Review and of ARCA Islamophobia & Antisemitism statement	Discussion/Decision	<p>Statements attached to meeting invite and pre-read email for reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to endorse releasing a statement.</li> <li>• Invite ARCA to come to the next board meeting for discussion.</li> </ul>
<p>Action Items</p> <p><i>Tasks for board members to complete prior to next meeting</i></p>	<p>1. President: MOH review of the Mental Health Act</p> <p>2. President: ARCA statements</p>		<p>1. Minister Osborn invited BCASW to participate in the review of the Mental Health Act. Need to follow up and indicate a decision.</p> <p>2. Invite ARCA to come to the next board meeting.</p>

	<p>Islamophobia &amp; Antisemitism</p> <p>3. President to facilitate selection of new CASW Representative.</p>		
Adjournment		7:30pm	