

**One Hundred and Fortieth Meeting
of the Social Workers Registration Board
7 November, Monday, 7:00p.m., Conference Room
26th Floor, Eastern Commercial Centre**

Minutes

Present

Mr. Lun Chi-wai	Chairperson
Dr. Leung Chuen-suen	Deputy Chairperson
Mr. Wong Ka-ming	Hon. Secretary
Mr. Lo Wa-kei, Roy	Hon. Treasurer
Ms. Chu Wai-sum, Betty	Member
Mr. Hui Chung-shing, Herman	Member
Mr. Kwan Wing-shing, Vincent	Member
Mr. Lam Ka-tai	Member
Ms. Luk Ka-mei	Member
Mr. Ma Kam-wah, Timothy	Member
Mr. Tsang Kin-chiu	Member
Ms. Wu Lai-ling	Member

Absent with Apology

Mr. Chung Wai-lung, Rivalino	Member
Mr. Shiu Ka-chun	Member
Mr. Tan Tick-yee	Member

In-attendance

Mr. Leung Sui-keung	Registrar (Secretary)
Ms. Fan Lai-yee, Veronica	Assistant Registrar

Confirmation of minutes of the one hundred and thirty-ninth meeting

(business information deleted) The Chairperson, with the agreement of the members present, signed the minutes as constituting true records of the one hundred and thirty-ninth meeting held on 9 September 2016.

Matters arising from the one hundred and thirty-ninth meeting

Judicial Review on Complaint Case No. XXX

2. (business information deleted)

Proposed arrangements for Annual Meeting with RSWs in 2016

3. The Registrar reported that the three speakers for the Annual Meeting with RSWs to be held on 11 November 2016 were Professor Ho Sik-ying, Mr. Kwok Wai-keung and Mr. Shiu Ka-chun.

Draft publication of disciplinary orders in the Board's Newsletter

4. The Registrar reported that the draft publication of disciplinary order to be published in the Board's Newsletter were further refined by Board Members through circulation and could be published in the coming issue of Newsletter.

discussion.

Appointment of DC Panel Members for the term from
16 January 2017 to 15 January 2020

5. The Registrar reported that after the last Board Meeting, a final checking of nominees of DC Panel Members for the term from 16 January 2017 to 15 January 2020 under the category of social work diploma holders was conducted against the graduate lists received from tertiary institutes during summer 2016 and it was revealed that the following three nominees had obtained recognized social work degrees and should be gazetted as DC Panel Members under the category of holders of social work degrees:

(anonymized)

6. (anonymized) had assisted in this matter on an urgent basis to invite nominees for the Board's consideration. The new nominees would be submitted for the Board's consideration through circulation.

Appointment of Assessment Panel Members for the term from
1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019

7. The Registrar reported that appointment letters had been issued to the Assessment Panel Members. (business information deleted)

Interim report on qualification recognition assessment on
Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Social Work of

HKCT Institute of Higher Education

8. (business information deleted)

Application for registration lodged by (anonymised (Board Paper No.91/2016)

(business information deleted)

Report of the Special Panel on interview with (anonymized) (Board Paper No. 93/2016)

(business information deleted)

Application for registration lodged by (anonymised) (Board Paper No.94/2016).

(business information deleted)

Application for registration lodged by (anonymised) (Board Paper No.95/2016)

(business information deleted)

Application for registration lodged by (anonymised)(Board Paper No. 96/2016)

(business information deleted)

Application for registration lodged by (anonymised) (Board Paper No. 97/2016)

(business information deleted)

**Re-application for registration lodged by (anonymised)
(Board Paper No.98/2016)**

(business information deleted)

**Appointment of Disciplinary Committee for Complaint
Case No. XXX (Board Paper No.99/2016)**

(business information deleted)

**Four articles to be considered by the Board for publication
at the Board's Newsletter (Board Paper No.100/2016)**

58. (business information deleted) In view of the tight schedule of this Board Meeting, the Chairperson proposed and the Meeting agreed that discussion on Board Paper No.100/2016 would be deferred to the next Board Meeting.

59. The Deputy Chairperson suggested and the Meeting agreed that the 38th Issue of Newsletter should be printed and distributed to RSWs without waiting for the Board's decision on the issues covered by Board Paper No. 100/2016.

**Revised budget for 2016/17, budget for 2017/18 and annual
review on registration fee (Board Paper No.101/2016)**

60. The Registrar referred to Board Paper

No.101/2016 and briefed the Meeting that the revised budget for 2016/17 and draft budget for 2017/18 were prepared by the Board Office and then submitted to the (anonymized) for consideration. (anonymized) agreed that the same could be submitted to the Committee on Administration for consideration. At the meeting held on 26 October 2016, the Committee on Administration agreed that the revised budget for 2016/17 and draft budget for 2017/18 could be submitted to the Board for consideration.

61. In parallel, an annual review on registration fee was conducted. After taking into account the findings in the fee review exercise and also the financial situation of the Board as reflected in the revised budget for 2016/17 and draft budget for 2017/18, the Committee on Administration recommended that the existing level of registration fee should not be changed.

62. (anonymized) supplemented that no fee reduction was recommended as the reserve in the Board's account would not be sufficient to accommodate such reduction in registration fee.

63. (anonymized) also expressed that currently the Board had to make provisions to cover unexpected expenses such as law suits which were not faced by the Board of previous terms. In view of the above, a prudent approach should be adopted in examining proposals on fee reduction. Furthermore, the existing manpower of the Board Office might not be adequate to cope with the additional workload. The existing fee level should be maintained for the time being.

64. The Meeting endorsed the revised budget for 2016/17 and draft budget for 2017/18. The Meeting also adopted the recommendation put forward by the Committee on Administration that no change should be effected to the current level of registration fee.

**Re-application for registration lodged by (anonymised)
(Board Paper No. 102/2016)**

(business information deleted)

**Proposed revision to “Reference on Social Work” for
Board’s web-site (Board Paper No.103/2016)**

70. The Registrar referred to Board Paper No.103/2016 and invited the Meeting to consider the recommendation put forward by the Committee on Administration to adopt the latest definition on social work of The International Federation of Social Workers (“IFSW”) in the Board’s homepage by constructing a hyperlink to the web-site of IFSW.

71. The Meeting endorsed the recommendation put forward by the Committee on Administration. The Meeting also adopted by suggestion put forward by (anonymized) that the Board should write to IFSW to seek their consent for the hyperlink from the Board’s web-site to the IFSW web-site.

**Proposed revisions to Agency Reference Handbook (Board
Paper No.104/2016)**

72. The Registrar referred to Board Paper No.104/2016 and invited the Meeting to consider the proposed revisions to the Agency Reference Handbook as shown in track changes in the Appendix to the Board Paper. The proposed changes were effected to incorporate the last amendments to the Code of Practice for Registered Social Workers into the Agency reference Handbook. The Committee on Administration had examined the proposed revisions to the Agency Reference Handbook and agreed that the revisions could be put forward to the Board for consideration and endorsement.

73. The Meeting endorsed the proposed revisions to Agency Reference Handbook as set out in Board Paper No.104/2016.

**Re-application for registration lodged by (anonymised)
(Board Paper No.105/2016)**

(business information deleted)

**Invitation from Hong Kong Social Workers Association to
join the Organizing Committee of Social Work Day
2017(Board Paper No.106/2016)**

80. The Registrar referred to Board Paper No.106/2016 and invited the Board to consider the invitation from Hong Kong Social Workers Association to the Board to join the Organization Committee of Social Work Day 2017 (“the Social Work Day”).

81. In the past years, the Board had joined the Organizing Committee and contributed \$10,000 towards the costs for the activities.

82. (anonymized) proposed that the Board should not join the Social Work Day. He expressed that the activities of the Social Work Day did not help promote the social work professional.

83. (anonymized) suggested that the Board should continue to join the Social Work day so that the Board could bring in new ideas to the activities for the Social Work Day. (anonymized) further expressed sudden withdrawal from participation in the Social Work Day might appear to be too drastic.

84. (anonymized) expressed that the Board should continue to join the Social Work Day as the Board was the professional regulatory body of registered social workers. (anonymized) also indicated that he might join the Organizing Committee as the Board's representative if the Board so resolved.

85. (anonymized) also shared the view that the Board should continue to join the Social Work Day.

86. The Meeting then proceeded to vote on whether the Board should join the Social Work Day. Six Board Members, namely, (anonymized) voted for joining the Social Work Day. Five Board Members, namely, (anonymized)

against joining the Social Work Day. One Board Member, namely, (anonymized) abstained from voting.

87. Based on the voting result, the Meeting decided to join the Social Work Day and contributed \$10,000 towards the costs for the activities of the Social Work Day.

Date of Coming Three Board Meetings

88. The Board scheduled the next three Board Meetings as set out below:

(a) 141st Board Meeting:

Tuesday, 7 February 2017 at 7:00p.m.

(b) 142nd Board Meeting:

Wednesday, 19 April 2017 at 9:30a.m.

(c) 143rd Board Meeting:

Monday, 19 June 2017 at 7:00p.m.

89. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40p.m.

Chairperson

18 November 2016