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Minutes of the 146th Meeting of the Social Workers Registration Board

Date: 18 December 2017 (Monday)
Time: 7:15pm
Venue: Conference Room, 26/F, Eastern Commercial Centre, 83 Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong
Present: Mr. CHUNG Wai-lung, Rivalino
Mr. HUI Chung-shing, Herman
Mr. KWAN Wing-shing, Vincent
Mr. LAM Ka-tai
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen
Mr. LO Wa-kei, Roy
Ms. LUK Ka-mei
Mr. LUN Chi-wai
Mr. MA Kam-wah, Timothy
Mr. SHIU Ka-chun
Mr. TSANG Kin-chiu
Mr. WONG Ka-ming
Ms. WU Lai-ling
Apologies: Ms. CHU Wai-sum, Betty
Mr. TAN Tick-yee
Secretary: Mr. LEE Wing-po and Ms. FAN Lai-yee, Veronica

1. As Mr. LUN was still on his way, Dr. LEUNG, Vice Chairperson of the Board, presided the meeting.
2. The Chairperson told the meeting that both Ms. CHU and Mr. TAN had sent in apology. Messrs. CHUNG, KWAN, LAM and LUN were yet to arrive.
3. The Chairperson further reported that the presiding members of the Disciplinary Committees for three cases would be arriving at around 7:30pm, but then the meeting would move to agenda item 4 to receive those reports first.

Confirmation of minutes of the 145th Meeting

4. The minutes of the 145th meeting of the Board were confirmed as the true records of the said meeting.

Matters arising from the previous meetings

Judicial review on Complaint Case no. XXX

5. The Secretary reported that nothing had been heard from the court on its judgment.

Meeting with the Labour & Welfare Bureau

6. The Secretary reported that nothing had been heard from the Bureau. To the enquiry of the Chairperson, (anonymized) reported that he had followed this up with Dr. CK Law, Secretary for Labour & Welfare, who had advised that the draft reply was in his hand for review.

(Mr. KWAN arrived at this juncture.)

7. To the enquiry of (anonymized) on another draft letter to the Bureau which had been

deliberated by the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration also on the Category Two issue, (anonymized) reported that the letter was prepared in light of a repeat act of a social service agency to offer employment to persons who were yet to be RSWs. At the invitation of (anonymized), the Secretary reported that during the enquiry of the latest case, it was learnt that the employment was of a project with public funding from the Social Welfare Department, that it was considered necessary to draw the Bureau's attention to the case, and he further reported that the Committee had decided to copy the letter also to the agency to keep it posted of the views of the Board. (anonymized) added that there was no bearing on the application, which had indeed been approved, but the letter was to add more pressure on relevant parties including the agency in dealing with this issue. After clearance of enquiries on a phrase used and the person to be addressed when copied to the agency, there were no adverse comments on the letter and it would be signed off by (anonymized) of the Board.

Nomination of additional disciplinary panelists

8. The Secretary reported that the suggestion of including a notice for such in the newsletter would be arranged for its next issue.

Report of Special Panel

- *For the application from* (anonymized)

9. (business information deleted)

(Mr. CHUNG and Mr. LAM arrived at this juncture.)

10. (business information deleted)

(In view of the arrival of the DC presiding members, the Chairperson adjourned the discussion at this juncture for receiving the DC reports.)

Report from Disciplinary Committee on Case no. XXX

((anonymized), presiding member of the Disciplinary Committee on Case no. XXX, was invited to the meeting.)

(business information deleted)

(Mr. LUN arrived at this juncture and took over the chair from Dr. LEUNG.)

11. (business information deleted)

12. (business information deleted)

((anonymized) retired from the meeting.)

13. (business information deleted)

14. (business information deleted)

Report from Disciplinary Committee on Case no. XXX

((anonymized), presiding member of the Disciplinary Committee on Case no. XXX, was invited to the meeting.)

15. (business information deleted)
16. (business information deleted)
- ((anonymized) retired from the meeting.)
17. (business information deleted)
18. (business information deleted)
19. (business information deleted)
20. (business information deleted)
21. (business information deleted)
22. (business information deleted)

Report from Disciplinary Committee on Case no. XXX

- (Mr. HUI declared interest in the case as he knew the agency and the complainant.)
- ((anonymized), presiding member of the Disciplinary Committee on Case no. XXX, was invited to the meeting.)
23. (business information deleted)
 24. (business information deleted)
 - ((anonymized) retired from the meeting.)
 25. (business information deleted)
 26. (business information deleted)
 27. (business information deleted)
 28. (business information deleted)

(Mr. MA retired from the meeting at this juncture.)

(Resumption of the deliberation on (business information deleted))

29. (business information deleted)

Policy and procedures in relation to suspected violation of Section 34 of the Social Workers Registration Ordinance

30. The Secretary walked through the Board Paper no. 123/2017 and invited the meeting to give directions on any change to the current policy and procedures in regard to this matter. (business information deleted)
31. In the ensuing discussion, the meeting agreed that having taken into account of the workload to the Board Office, the current policy should stay, and when there were any cases of clear intention to do so, even the duration would be shorter than a month, such cases should be raised.
32. The meeting also decided that the current practices of notifying employing agencies of the

renewal and de-registration status should be scrapped to mitigate the unnecessary risks arising there from.

33. (business information deleted)

34. (business information deleted)

(business information deleted)

Follow up matters arising from Complaint Case no. XXX

35. (business information deleted)

36. (business information deleted)

37. (business information deleted)

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(business information deleted)

Registration matters

(anonymized) *(re-application)*

(business information deleted)

39. (business information deleted)

40. (business information deleted)

(anonymized) *(re-application)*

41. (business information deleted)

42. (business information deleted)

43. (business information deleted)

(anonymized) *(re-application)*

44. (business information deleted)

45. (business information deleted)

46. (business information deleted)

(anonymized) *(Notice of conviction and renewal application)*

47. (business information deleted)

48. (business information deleted)

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50. (business information deleted)

51. (business information deleted)

(At this juncture, in view of the late hours at night, the Chairperson proposed and the meeting agreed to deal with those matters requiring immediate attention first and adjourned the meeting to another day for dealing with the remaining agenda items.)

Appointment of Disciplinary Committees

52. The meeting took note of the list of the available members of the Disciplinary Committee Panel, in particular their background and case load. The two Disciplinary Committees were appointed and named as follows:-

(business information deleted)

Reports from the Committees

Qualification Assessment and Registration

(Mr. LAM retired from the meeting at this juncture.)

(business information deleted)

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63. (business information deleted)

Appointment of Assessment Teams

64. The meeting approved the appointment of two assessment teams as set out in Board Paper no. 139/2017.

Qualification Review

- (business information deleted)

65. (business information deleted)

- (business information deleted)

66. (business information deleted)

67. (business information deleted)

68. (business information deleted)

Administration

Account Enquiry Services of (anonymized)

69. The meeting took note of the services required and adopted the resolution as set out in Board Paper no. 135/2017 for subscribing such services.

(Messrs. HUI and LO retired from the meeting at this juncture.)

Any Other Business

70. As time was running out, there was no other business deliberated by the meeting.

Date of next meeting

71. The next meeting would be held on 15 January 2018 (Monday) at 7:00pm.

72. The meeting adjourned at 11:30pm.

Chairperson