

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

Notes of the 72nd Meeting of the Committee on Professional Conduct

Date: 11 April 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, 26/F Eastern Commercial Centre, 83 Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong.
Present: Mr. LUN Chi-wai (Convenor)
Ms. CHAN Tsz-wai
Ms. MAN Yuen-ling, Connie
Dr. NG Yut-ming
Dr. TING Wai-fong
Mr. TSANG Kin-chiu
Apology: Ms. LIT Ming-wai (co-opted member)
Secretary: Mr. LEE Wing-po, Eric, Registrar and
Ms. FAN Lai-yee, Veronica, Assistant Registrar

Mr. LUN, Convenor of the Committee, presided the meeting.

Confirmation of notes of the last meeting

1. A member pointed out that Dr. NG Yut-ming was absent from the last meeting. Having got the notes revised, Members did not have other comments and endorsed the notes.

Matters arising from the last meeting

Review of Code of Practice

2. The Committee continued the discussion of the Review of Code of Practice as per the assignments by the Convenor made prior to the meeting. The agreed proposed amendments were marked in Annex 1. Since time ran short, the discussion adjourned at paragraph no. 25 and would be resumed at the next meeting.

To consider the proposal of developing a list of precedents and its possible uses

3. At the 154th Board meeting held on 18 March 2019, the Committee was instructed to consider the proposal of developing a list of precedents and its possible uses. The Secretary reported that from 1998 and thereafter, the Board made the decisions at a total of 31 RSWs having committed disciplinary offences and been subjected to disciplinary orders. Where a disciplinary order was made under section 30(1)(a), (b) or (c) of SWRO, the Board shall publish the order in at least one English and one Chinese language newspaper circulating generally in Hong Kong and the copies of the newspaper were circulated to the Committee for information and discussion. The Committee was invited to discuss how the information should be used and the extent of contents be released. The Committee considered that the information published in the newspaper was very limited and it was necessary to study the final decisions of all established cases before working out the framework. Dr. Ting

volunteered to take up the research work.

To discuss the revised disciplinary proceedings

4. The Secretary reported that the proposal was still under preparation by the legal adviser.

Progress report on the complaint cases

5. The report had already been circulated to all Board members and further discussion was not necessary.

Date of next meeting

6. Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on 5 June 2019 at 10:00 am.
7. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

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