

**SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD**  
**Notes of the 73rd Meeting of the Committee on Professional Conduct**

Date: 5 June 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.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. LIT Ming-wai (co-opted member)  
Dr. NG Yut-ming  
Mr. TSANG Kin-chiu  
Apology: Ms. CHAN Tsz-wai  
Ms. MAN Yuen-ling, Connie  
Dr. TING Wai-fong  
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. The Committee endorsed the notes of meeting.

**Matters arising from the last meeting**

Review of Code of Practice

2. The Committee continued the discussion of the draft of the revised Code of Practice from Section 5 paragraph 26 to 32 to Section 6, the last section of the Code. After discussion, members made amendments to some paragraphs which were marked as yellow in Annex 1.
3. At the previous two meetings, the Committee had commented that meanings of some paragraphs were unclear but no suggestions were provided. In response, the Convenor suggested the amendments and tabled the document of such to facilitate the Committee's discussion. The Committee made further revisions which were marked as blue in Annex 1.
4. During the discussion, it was identified that a few paragraphs required further clarification and discussion.
  - (a) Section 3 paragraph 2: the meaning of “國家本源”.
  - (b) Section 3 paragraph 3: whether self-realization was replaceable by self-actualization.
  - (c) Section 5 paragraph 6: legal advice would be required on liabilities arising from compliance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance and duties to safeguard

confidentiality of clients, this should be solicited before public consultation and opinions of social workers from family service should be consulted.

5. Other changes confirmed at the previous two meetings were incorporated in Annex 1.

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

6. As the responsible Committee member was absent from the meeting, this agenda item would be adjourned to the next meeting.

**To discuss the protocol for complainant's request to re-open case at 2BM stage**

7. The Secretary briefed that under the current protocol, the complaint would be referred back to the same 2 Board members after the complaint was refused and when the complainant requested for review of the result, with or without fresh evidence or arguments. At the last Board meeting, the Committee was asked to review the workflow, the rationale and the feasibility of assigning a new pair of 2 Board members to take over the case of such nature.
8. After discussion, the Committee came to the view that any one or both of the 2 Board members had the right to resign from the pair to attend to such re-submission by complainant, subject to reasonable grounds be given to the resignation. When such was received, the Registrar would then assign, per the standing protocol as if the Member had ceased to be so, the case to another pair of 2 Board members according to the roster. It was not necessary to make any changes to the current workflow.

**To discuss the revised disciplinary proceedings**

9. The Committee had no comment and agreed to put forward the proposal from the legal advisor to the Board for endorsement.

**Progress report on the complaint cases**

10. The Committee took note of the report.

**Date of next meeting**

11. Members proposed the meeting to be held on 31 July 2019 or 5 August 2019, both starting at 7:30pm. The Board office would check the availability of other members and confirm the date subsequently.
12. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

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