

IDCFS CHILD WELFARE EMPLOYEE LICENSURE BOARD

Meeting Minutes

2/6/2023 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Open Session

Board Members Present

Tiffany Johnson

Brenda Lindsey

Shea Kamp

Judi Bradley

Angela Brown-Love

Board Member Absent

Deneca Winfrey Avant

Carly Jones

Others Present

Shelia Riley, CWEL Office

Marjorie Moore, IDCFS, OLS

Brandon Hudson, IDCFS, OLS

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Marjorie Moore reminded everyone to complete the mandatory DCFS FY2023 Annual Ethics, Harassment, and DEI Trainings via One Net by July 31, 2023. She explained that the trainings recently completed by several Board members fulfilled the FY2022 training requirement and that other non-DCFS employer-provided similar trainings could not be substituted for the specific DCFS trainings. She added that the trainings are very important and the Department has to report the status of completions to the Governor's Office.

Welcome/Introduction

Board Chairperson Tiffany Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Status on Public/Private Not-for-Profit Sector Vacancies

Shelia Riley provided a status update on the public/private sector vacancies. She stated that the April 2022-May 2022 Public/Private Not-for-Profit Vacancy Announcement was intended to fill the seats held by Janet Ahern (Public/Private Not-for-Profit) and Angela Brown (General Public) but an announcement for the

General Public vacancy is necessary because the requirements for General Public and Public/Private Not-for-Profit representatives are different in the Children and Family Services Act, 20 ILCS 505/5d. As a result, the two candidates approved by the Board on 12/12/2022 meet the requirements for Public/Private Not-for-Profit but not General Public. There were no questions about or objections to the forthcoming new General Public announcement.

Tiffany Johnson requested a status update on the DCFS administrative process to seat the two candidates approved by the Board on 12/12/2022. Shelia Riley stated that she was conferring internally to locate the appropriate background check documents and send them, along with a notice, to the two candidates and the goal is to complete the entire process in time for the two new members to join the 3/13/2023 Quarterly Board Meeting.

Accredited University Faculty Vacancies

Shelia Riley stated that she met with DCFS' Office of Information Technology (OITS) on Friday, 2/3/2023, to resolve technical issues with the announcement and the announcement for the two accredited university faculty vacancies would be forthcoming in the near term.

Preliminary Suspensions

Shelia Riley discussed the notices and DCFS Rule 412.90 a) and b) (Preliminary Suspension by Board Action) regarding the outcome of OIG investigations after licensure preliminary suspensions and the expiration of preliminary suspensions/licensure reinstatement. She also discussed the impact of decisions on substantive and procedural due process. Tiffany Johnson responded that it has been the Board's practice to require that the Board formally lift preliminary suspensions. She further stated that current practice is based on a 2019 agreement between the OIG, the Board, and the CWEL Office. After further discussion, it was agreed that a meeting would be scheduled to further discuss the matter.

Tiffany Johnson called for a motion to go into Closed Session. Judi Bradley moved for the meeting to go into Closed Session. Motion seconded by Brenda Lindsey. The motion was properly moved and seconded. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting went into Closed Session at 10:21 a.m.

Meeting is Closed.

Judi Bradley moved for the meeting to return to Open Session and adjourn. Carly Jones seconded the motion. The motion was properly moved and seconded. Vote was taken: Unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting returned to Open Session and adjourned at 10:27 a.m.