

## CONFIDENTIAL

### Minutes of the 149<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Social Workers Registration Board

Date: 17 May 2018 (Thursday)  
Time: 7:05pm  
Venue: Conference Room, 26/F, Eastern Commercial Centre,  
83 Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong  
Present: Ms. CHU Wai-sum, Betty  
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  
Mr. LUN Chi-wai  
Mr. SHIU Ka-chun  
Mr. TAN Tick-yee  
Mr. TSANG Kin-chiu  
Mr. WONG Ka-ming  
Ms. WU Lai-ling  
Apologies: Ms. LUK Ka-mei  
Mr. MA Kam-wah, Timothy  
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 meeting noted that besides Mr. LUN, Messrs. KWAN, WONG and Ms. WU were also yet to arrive. As the quorum was present, the Chairperson kick-started the meeting.
3. The Chairperson referred to the agenda and advised the meeting that there would be an additional item 5.5 on a complaint in relation to renewal registration, an additional Board Paper no. 047/2018 under item 7.1, and an AOB item in relation to an enquiry on public hearing arrangement.

### Confirmation of minutes of the 148<sup>th</sup> Meeting

4. The minutes of the 148<sup>th</sup> 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 meeting noted that the court had handed down its written judgment on 19 April but the applicant had filed an application for legal aid hence the decision would be put on hold for a 42-day period. The Secretary reported that a summon was learnt to have been issued by the applicant, possibly an application for time extension for appeal, but the copy of summon was yet to be received. The meeting took note of the latest development.

***Proposed amendments to Social Workers Registration Ordinance***

6. The Secretary reported that a holding reply from the Bureau was received and nothing further had been heard of.

***Nomination of additional disciplinary panelists***

7. The Secretary reported that after putting a notice for nomination in the newsletter, a few nominations were received. Upon the expiry of the nomination period, all nominations received would be put forth to the Committee on Administration for vetting.

***(Business information deleted)***

8. (Business information deleted).

(Ms. WU arrived at this juncture.)

***Honorarium for the independent member of the Election Committee***

9. The meeting took note of the approximate time to be involved. It then considered the proposal of (anonymized) as if souvenir would be a more appropriate means of recognizing the contribution. (anonymized) echoed the proposal and the meeting agreed to it. At the proposal of (anonymized), the meeting decided to ask the Board Office to identify a gift of a value (business information deleted) for this purpose.

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10. (business information deleted).

11. (business information deleted).

(Mr. KWAN arrived at this juncture.)

12. (business information deleted)

(Mr. LUN arrived at this juncture. It was agreed that Dr. LEUNG would continue to preside the meeting to complete this agenda item before handing over the chair.)

13. (business information deleted)

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15. (business information deleted)

(Dr. LEUNG handed over the chair to Mr. LUN at this juncture.)

(In view of the arrival of the DC presiding members for various cases, the meeting decided to move to agenda items 4.1 to 4.4 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.)

16. (business information deleted).

(Mr. WONG Ka-ming arrived at the juncture when Ms. MAK walked through the report.)

17. (business information deleted).

18. (business information deleted).

19. (business information deleted)

((anonymized) retired from the meeting.)

(The meeting decided to receive all reports before deliberation.)

**Report from Disciplinary Committee on Case no. XXX**

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

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23. (business information deleted)

((anonymized) retired from the meeting.)

**Report from Disciplinary Committee on Case no. XXX**

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

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((anonymized) retired from the meeting.)

### **Report from Disciplinary Committee on Case no. XXX**

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

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34. (business information deleted)

((anonymized) retired from the meeting.)

### **Deliberation of the DC Reports**

#### ***Case no. XXX***

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#### ***Case no. XXX***

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#### ***Case no. XXX***

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#### ***Case no. XXX***

46. (business information deleted)

*Follow up actions arising from various reports*

47. Screening Criteria

- (1) In response to the views conveyed by (anonymized) (Case no. XXX), the Secretary reported that the views of the disciplinary panelists were mainly of asking referral of those with prima facie case established but that would be beyond the ambit of the Two Board Members under statute. To raise the screening criteria to that standard would require amendments to the Ordinance but the policy bureau would not be easily convinced to take on board.
- (2) (anonymized) said that he would initiate a discussion session in mid of the year among the Two Board Members responsible for screening the cases so as to share experience, and that might answer the concern raised.
- (3) (anonymized) said that he tended to seek further information to better assess the case, but when the complainant had written well in the Complaint Form, it would be difficult to screen out.
- (4) (anonymized) asked and was advised that it would not be possible to devise a checklist.
- (5) (anonymized) said that it was good to pass on the experience gained to Members of the next term and they should be advised to conduct any experience sharing session at an earlier stage. He outlined that the current practice of the Two Board Members had been in good order with a checkpoint for exchange when the pairs were of different views.
- (6) (anonymized) pointed out that it was an impossible mission as Board Members appointed had to accumulate experience for one to two years before any experience sharing would be beneficial, and by then the 3-year term would be close to the end.
- (7) (anonymized) reiterated that he would still initiate the sharing session.

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(Ms. CHU retired from the meeting at this juncture.)

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(The meeting resumed the proceedings in accordance with the agenda.)

**Matters arising from the previous meetings (continued)**

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**Registration Matter**

(anonymized)

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### **Reports from other Disciplinary Committees**

61. The Secretary updated the latest status of various cases being dealt with by the Disciplinary Committees, (business information deleted).

(The Chairperson suggested and the meeting agreed to deal with those matters requiring immediate attention and leaving others for deliberation at the next meeting.)

### **Report from the Committee on Administration**

#### ***Appointment of Auditors***

62. The meeting took note of the contents of Board Paper no. 039/2018 and resolved on the appointment of Clement C.W. & Co. for auditing the books and accounts of the Board for the financial year ended 31 March 2018.

#### ***Invitation from the Health and Social Care Professionals Council of Ireland***

63. The meeting considered Board Paper no. 041/2018 on the invitation and endorsed the recommendation of the Committee to delegate the Registrar to represent the Board to attend the meeting in Dublin.

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### **Report from the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration**

#### ***Qualification Recognition Assessment and Review***

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***Appointment to Assessment Team***

70. (business information deleted).

**Report from Election Committee**

71. Mr. WONG reported that the Committee had met and would soon announce the schedule of election on the website.

**Any Other Business**

***Enquiry on open hearing***

72. The meeting decided to refer this matter to the Committee on Professional Conduct to follow up.

73. There was no other business deliberated by the meeting.

**Dates of next meetings**

74. It was agreed that the next three meetings would be held on the following dates and times:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
31 July 2018 (Tuesday)	9:30am
17 September 2018 (Monday)	7:00pm
26 November 2018 (Monday)	7:00pm

75. It would be decided later on if a meeting would be scheduled in January 2019.

76. The meeting adjourned at 10:56pm.

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Chairperson