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**Opportunity to Serve as a Board Member for the Minnesota Board of Social Work**

**2023 BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES**

* 3 scheduled vacancies ending January 2, 2023, including:
  + 1 professional licensed member, and
  + 2 public members

### **Board Member Qualifications** **Required Professional Licensed Member & Public Members**

* **1** Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW) ***OR*****Licensed** Independent **Social Worker (LISW)** ***OR*****Licensed** Independent Clinical **Social Worker (LICSW)**
* 2 public members as defined in [Minnesota Statutes, section 214.02](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/214.02#stat.214.02)

### **Other Member Requirements**

* Individuals from diverse social work practice settings, greater Minnesota, and representatives from communities of color or underrepresented communities are strongly encouraged to apply even though 2023 member appointments do not require specific statutory 1) social work practice settings, 2) residency, or 3) representatives from communities of color or underrepresented communities.

**BOARD MISSION & BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

As a state agency, the Minnesota Board of Social Work’s mission and primary responsibility is to protect the public by regulating the practice of social work, through ensuring that all persons licensed as social workers meet a minimum set of standards, and are qualified, professional, ethical, and accountable. The Board also investigates and resolves complaints against licensed social workers and their practice.

Board members qualifications are specified in the [BOSW Practice Act, MS 148E.025](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/148E.025). Board members volunteer to serve a critical role in setting and enforcing standards for licensing, ethical practice, and continuing competency. **Board members are appointed by the Governor to serve a four-year term.** The Board holds regular, full-day business meetings every other month, and Board members are expected to serve on committees. Board members may receive per diems and are reimbursed for their travel, accommodations, and meal expenses, while on board business, in accordance with state reimbursement schedules.

**SUBMIT AN APPLICATION**

**Visit the** [Board’s website](https://mn.gov/boards/social-work/) **for more information. Submit or obtain an application at the** [Office of the Secretary of State website](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/boards-commissions/) **or by phone at 651.296.2803. Submit applications, including a resume and cover letter, beginning in mid-November 2021 for** full consideration. Applications received by the Secretary of State Office expire after one year. Applications will be accepted until all appointments are made by the Governor.