



# **Social Work Advisors**

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## **Minutes**

**Friday, October 27, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.**

Advisors in Attendance: Mark Gagnon and Kym Asam

OPR Staff Present: Noura Eltabbakh, Emily Tredeau, Diane Lafaille, and Kamanie Sweet

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Attorney Eltabbakh informed the advisors that the Social Work Compact would be going into effect in January of 2024.
2. Attorney Eltabbakh updated the Board on the Mental Health Professional Licensing Study.
3. Attorney Tredeau discussed the request of Dr. Rachel Natvig to supervise social worker trainees. Dr. Natvig has over three years of unencumbered licensed experience out of state and in Vermont, but not immediately preceding her request to supervise. Rule 4.5 requires three years of unencumbered licensure prior to supervision, but is silent on whether those years must immediately precede supervision. Attorney Tredeau asked the advisor's opinions, if the Office should determine case-by-case whether a licensee's prior nonconsecutive licensure is acceptable. Ms. Asam noted that she did not have any issues with this individual being able to supervise social work trainees. Mr. Gagnon is concerned with fairness and consistency with requests made. Attorney Tredeau said that this will go to the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation for a final ruling and that the advisors would be updated.
4. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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