

**148E.025 BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation.** The Board of Social Work consists of 15 members appointed by the governor. The members are:

- (1) ten social workers licensed according to section 148E.055; and
- (2) five public members as defined in section 214.02.

Subd. 2. **Qualifications of board members.** (a) All social worker members must have engaged in the practice of social work in Minnesota for at least one year during the ten years preceding their appointments.

(b) Five social worker members must be licensed social workers. The other five members must be a licensed graduate social worker, a licensed independent social worker, or a licensed independent clinical social worker.

(c) Eight social worker members must be engaged at the time of their appointment in the practice of social work in Minnesota in the following settings:

- (1) one member must be engaged in the practice of social work in a county agency;
- (2) one member must be engaged in the practice of social work in a state agency;
- (3) one member must be engaged in the practice of social work in an elementary, middle, or secondary school;
- (4) one member must be employed in a hospital or nursing home licensed under chapter 144 or 144A;
- (5) two members must be engaged in the practice of social work in a private agency;
- (6) one member must be engaged in the practice of social work in a clinical social work setting; and
- (7) one member must be an educator engaged in regular teaching duties at a program of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or a similar accreditation body designated by the board.

(d) At the time of their appointments, at least six members must reside outside of the seven-county metropolitan area.

(e) At the time of their appointments, at least five members must be persons with expertise in communities of color.

Subd. 3. **Officers.** The board must annually elect from its membership a chair, vice-chair, and secretary-treasurer.

Subd. 4. **Bylaws.** The board must adopt bylaws to govern its proceedings.

Subd. 5. **Executive director.** The board must appoint and employ an executive director who is not a member of the board. The employment of the executive director shall be subject to the terms described in section 214.04, subdivision 2a.

**History:** 2007 c 123 s 67