

NASW BOARD ACTIONS

September 2025

ACTION	CONTEXT
Governance	
Approved the Agenda	The general and consent agendas for the September 2025 board meeting were approved. Minutes of the June 2025 board meeting and the 2025 members' meeting were approved with the consent agenda. The Board received the August 2025 Membership Report.
Approved Public and Professional Policies for Revision for the 2026 Delegate Assembly	Recommended public and professional policies to be revised for the 2026 Delegate Assembly were approved. These include: <i>Civil Liberties and Social Justice; Education of Children and Adolescents; Housing; Immigrants and Refugees; Licensing and Regulation of Social Work Practice; Mental Health; People with Disabilities; Professional Self Care and Social Work; Reproductive Justice; Role of Government, Social Policy, and Social Work; Rural Social Work; School Safety; Technology and Social Work; Voter Rights and Voter Participation; and Women's Issues.</i>
Approved the Revised Charge for the Credentialing Committee	The Board approved the revised charge for the Credentialing Committee that is charged with developing the strategic direction of NASW's credentialing program to ensure its relevance to the social work profession. The eleven-member committee will oversee all aspects of the credentialing program.
Approved Renaming of the ATOD Specialty Practice Section	The Board approved renaming of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Specialty Practice Section (temporarily renamed Substance Use Disorders) to Substance Use Disorders and Other Addictive Behaviors (SUDAB) Specialty Practice Section. The name was changed to be more reflective of the current practice environment.
Approved the Establishment of National Committees	As recommended, the establishment of two national committees was approved by the Board: Committee on Disabilities and Committee on Military/Veterans. The committees will begin their work after they are seated by the President.
Program	
Deferred Approval of FY 2026 Program Plan	The Board approved the continuation of the FY 2024-25 program plan and requested that the proposed FY 2025-26 program plan be referred to the Program Committee for revision.

Practice	
Approved Social Work Practice Standards for Serious Illness Care	The draft <i>Practice Standards for Serious Illness Care: Palliative and Hospice Social Work</i> was approved as presented. The standards were posted for a thirty-day member comment period and were positively received as a necessary resource for the profession. The standards will now be published and disseminated.
Approved the Establishment of AI Task Force	The establishment of a task force on Artificial Intelligence (AI) was approved by the Board. The task force will examine the implications of current and emerging technologies focused on AI to guide the social work profession in shaping practice standards, best practices, and advocacy positions.
Finance	
Received the National Office and Chapters' Unaudited Financial Report	On the draft unaudited Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2025, the Association's (combined National Office, chapters, Foundation, LDF, PACE, CDF and the insurance division) net asset position was \$82.4 million. The components of the net asset are total assets of \$114.5 million, less total liabilities, deferred revenue and reserves of \$32.1 million. For the reporting period, total revenues were \$42.4 million, and expenses were \$44.9 million and investment gains of \$1.6 million.

Notes: This list summarizes the main actions taken by the Board at its September 2025 meeting. An action by the Board to "accept" a report does not imply approval of the report in its entirety. Recommendations included in a report presented to the Board for action are adopted only when the Board takes specific action to do so.