

NASW BOARD ACTIONS

June 2025

ACTION	CONTEXT
Governance	
Approved the Agenda	The amended general and consent agendas for the June 2025 board meeting were approved. The amendment was the removal of the FY 2026 Proposed Program Plan that was deferred to September 2026. Minutes of the January and April 2025 board meetings were approved with the consent agenda. The Board received the May 2025 Membership Report.
Approved Nomination for the Treasurer's Position	The Board approved the nomination of Sylvester Bowie of the California Chapter for the position of Treasurer and Compliance Officer. The position was vacated by Joshua Brewster who was elected to serve for three years (2024-27). Dr. Bowie will complete the remainder of the Treasurer's term, 2025-27.
Approved Specific Recommendations of the GR Review Task Force Report	Specific recommendations of the Governance Review Task Force final report put forward by the President were approved by the Board. These include: 1) That the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Section be renamed Substance Use Disorder until the Committee can determine a name that reflects the current environment. 2) That the Audit Committee remains a separate body from the Finance Committee; 3) That the Chapter Development (CDF) Subcommittee be sunset and its functions integrated with the Member and Chapter Relations Committee; and 4) That the composition of the International Committee be expanded from five to seven voting members.
Practice	
Approved Statement on Pay for Placement	The Board approved the statement that NASW supports equitable approaches to Payment for Placement in Social Work and, in summary states: <i>The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) recognizes the critical role of field placements in preparing future social workers and believes that financial barriers should not prevent students from successfully completing their education. As the profession continues to evolve, NASW is committed to working collaboratively with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), colleges and universities, field placement agencies, and policymakers to explore practical, sustainable solutions that promote equity and accessibility in social work education.</i> For the complete statement, click here .
Approved Statement on Social Work Licensure Exam	The Board approved the statement developed by the NASW Licensure Taskforce on Licensure & Exams which, in summary states: <i>NASW supports elimination of the entry-level licensure exams at both the bachelor's and master's levels, recognizing their role in perpetuating inequities and serving as barriers to a more diverse and representative social work workforce. At the same time, NASW</i>

	<i>acknowledges the varying political landscapes, timelines, and workforce demands across jurisdictions, and supports individual jurisdictions in determining the most effective and equitable pathways to licensure for their communities. Competency should be assessed by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited social work programs, ensuring that graduates who have successfully completed rigorous coursework and supervised practicums are fully prepared for practice. licensure. For the complete statement, click here.</i>
Finance	
Received the National Office and Chapters' Unaudited Financial Report	On the draft unaudited Statement of Financial Position as of April 30, 2025, the Association's (combined National Office, chapters, Foundation, LDF, PACE and CDF) net asset position was \$23.4 million. The components of the net asset are total assets of \$52.5 million, less total liabilities and deferred revenue of \$29.1 million. For the reporting period, total revenues were \$32.6 million, and expenses were \$32.8 million and investment gains of \$1.0 million.
Approved the FY 2026 Proposed Budget	The Board approved the FY 2026 budget recommended by the Finance Committee with emphases on the Delegate Assembly program priorities which are: 1) strengthen NASW's standing as the preeminent resource for social workers; 2) maximize awareness of the value of social work; 3) leverage the NASW enterprise for maximum social and racial justice impact; 4) elevate the quality of social work; 5) champion efforts to support the social work profession; and 6) explore and evaluate innovative ideas in the field of social work.

Notes: This list summarizes the main actions taken by the Board at its June 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.