

NASW BOARD ACTIONS January 2025

ACTION	CONTEXT
Governance	
Approved the Agenda	The general and consent agendas for the January 2025 board meeting were approved. Minutes of the September 2024 board meeting were approved with the consent agenda. The Board also received the Membership, PACE and NASW Foundation reports.
Approved nomination for Board Vacancy	Nomination for the Board’s Region VI Director position vacancy was approved. Marla Blunt-Carter, MSW, of the Delaware Chapter, will serve in the position for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2027.
Approved recommendations for National Awards	<p>With the recommendation of the Awards Committee, the Board approved the following as recipients of the 2025 NASW National Awards: <i>Emerging Social Work Leader</i> -Jordan Alexandra Steiger, MPH, MA, LSW; <i>Social Worker of The Year</i> – Victor R. Armstrong, Sr., MSW; <i>NASW Lifetime Achievement</i> – Georgia Anetzberger, PhD, ACSW, LISW, FGSA; <i>Public Citizen of The Year</i> – Michelle Navarro Ishiki, LCSW, CCS, CSAC</p> <p>The Board also changed the eligibility criteria for the Public Elected Official of The Year award category to include nominees whose service in public office ended within a year of the nomination date.</p>
Practice	
Established Task Force for Practice Standards on Suicide Prevention	The Board endorsed the establishment of a task force to develop social work practice standards for suicide prevention. Recommendations for seating the task force will be made by the President.
Approved standards for Clinical Social Work Practice	The draft clinical social work practice standards developed by a specialized task force were approved by the Board with the recommendation that language addressing the use of artificial intelligence be more expansive. The standards were posted and received extensive member comments and input from the Clinical Social Work Association.
Authorized broader input to the Chapter Charter	The Board recommended that the revised chapter charter that prescribes the structure and function of chapter boards be reviewed by constituent groups before it is finalized and presented for board approval.
Finance	
Received the National Office and Chapters’ Unaudited Financial Report	On the draft unaudited Statement of Financial Position as of November 30, 2024, the Association’s (combined National Office, chapters, Foundation, LDF, PACE and CDF) net asset position was \$28.9 million. The components of the net asset are total assets of \$57.8 million less total liabilities and deferred revenue of \$28.9 million. For the reporting

	period, total revenues were \$15.7 million, and expenses were \$16.1 million and investment gains of \$1.1 million.
Approved FY 2026 Budget Parameters	Proposed parameters for the development of the FY 2026 budget were approved. The parameters are aligned with the Delegate Assembly program priority goals that define our strategic imperatives. The program priority goals 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 January 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.