



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

Resolution No. 05
Series of 2023

ADOPTION AND PROMULGATION OF THE PHILIPPINE SOCIAL WORK
CODE OF ETHICS AND ETHICAL STANDARDS

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WHEREAS, Section 9 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981, or the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", mandates the various Professional Regulatory Boards to regulate the practice of the professions in accordance with the provisions of their respective professional regulatory laws; monitor the conditions affecting the practice of profession or occupation under their respective jurisdictions and whenever necessary, adopt such measures as may be deemed proper for the enhancement of the profession or occupation and/or the maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical standards; and hear and investigate cases arising from violations of their respective laws, the rules and regulations promulgated and their Codes of Ethics;

WHEREAS, Section 3 (e) of R.A. No. 4373 entitled "*An Act to Regulate the Practice of Social Work and the Operation of Social Work Agencies in the Philippines and for Other Purposes*", as amended, directs the Professional Regulatory Board for Social Workers (Board) to look into the conditions affecting the practice of social work in the Philippines, and to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper for the maintenance of the good standing and the ethics of the social work profession;

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WHEREAS, Section 3 (d) of the same law further states that the Board shall have the function and duty to issue, suspend, and revoke certificates of registration for the practice of social work;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Social Work Code of Ethics and Ethical Standards shall set forth the ethical and technical principles and values that shall govern the practice of all social workers in the country;

WHEREAS, as early as 1964, the Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc. (PASWI) has already adopted an original Code of Ethics for social workers in the Philippines, which was revised in 1972 and in 1998. This year, the Code underwent thorough stakeholders' review for updating purposes;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Social Work Code of Ethics and Ethical Standards was endorsed by the PASWI¹ to the Board and the Commission for adoption and promulgation;

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WHEREFORE, the Board **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to adopt and promulgate the *Philippine Social Work Code of Ethics and Ethical Standards* as part of the rules and regulations governing the practice of the Social Work profession in the country, and which copy is hereto appended as **Annex A**.

This Resolution, including its Annex, shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of national circulation.

¹ Accredited Integrated Professional Organization for Social Workers per Board Resolution No. 04 (s. 2021)

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Let a copy of this Resolution and its Annex be furnished the University of the Philippines Law Center, PASWI, and other social work professional organizations for information and wider circulation.

Done in the City of Manila this 6th of December, 2023.


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Note: Attachment (Annex A) maybe downloaded at www.prc.gov.ph under PRB of Social Worker Resolution. <https://www.prc.gov.ph/social-workers>

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