

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
October 7, 2016**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called a special meeting to address concerns presented to the board by Joseph Keegan, LCSW, and Carmen Weisner, LCSW, at their meeting on September 9, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 7, 2016, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, was present for the entire meeting.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present included Judith Haspel, LCSW, Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, and John Shalett, LCSW. Absent board members included Peggy Salley, LCSW, Robert Showers, RSW, and Paulette Walker, M.Ed.

Persons attending as members of the public were Joseph Keegan and Carmen Weisner.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to rescind the Consent Agreement and Orders offered to social workers that did not complete the continuing education requirements by June 30, 2016, and to return fines that were paid in response to those Consent Agreement and Orders.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to issue a Board Order that gives social workers that did not complete the required continuing education until December 31, 2016, to complete the hours or be subject to disciplinary action.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to inform licensees via the newsletter and an email blast that they have 30 days from date their license lapses to notify the board if they were harmed by not receiving a renewal application in the mail.

Judith Haspel advised the board members present that George Papale recommended that the Practice Act be opened to remove the language that requires the board to mail a renewal application, and to address the different deadlines for collecting continuing education verses renewing a license. She also reminded the board that other items to be considered with a law change include a two year renewal cycle, retired status,

volunteer work for those that allow their license to lapse, and endorsement procedures to increase mobility. Lastly, she advised that the recommendations that go forth because of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 65 may require changes.

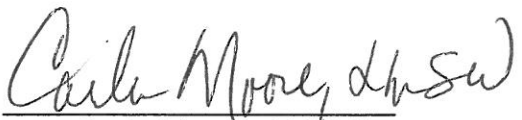
Ms. Haspel also advised that George Papale recommends a rule change that revises language about random audits, to allow the board more flexibility in auditing continuing education. Mr. Papale also recommends that the renewal application include language that states the social worker agrees that all information provided in the renewal application, to include the continuing education report, is true upon penalty of perjury.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to send Joseph Keegan and Carmen Weisner a copy of the Board Order, and to remind them that the minutes of the meeting will be posted to the board's website after they are approved. Board members would also like them to know that a hard copy of the minutes will be mailed upon request for a copy.

Carla Moore requests that social workers be reminded in the next newsletter that the board stopped taking personal checks in 2011.

**Adjourned** at 9:20 a.m.

  
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Judith Haspel, LCSW  
Chairperson

  
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Carla Moore, LMSW  
Secretary-Treasurer