

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
June 24, 2022**

Ruth Weinzettle, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. on Friday, June 24, 2022. The meeting was conducted at the Board office and streamed via video conference and all interested parties were provided the information to join the meeting. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were present for the meeting.

Jamie Barney conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Bora Sunseri, LCSW, Ada Nelson, RSW, and Jamie Barney, LCSW.

Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, was absent.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to amend the agenda by adding Consent Agreement and Order for Cynthia DeBlanc.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to accept the amended agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The chat log from the meeting is attached to the minutes. It includes public comments.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 20, 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lauren Thompson, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to deny Lauren Thompson's request to accept Traci Smith's Supervision Contract without penalty for late submission.

Gina Rossi commented that the board will continue to get these requests.

Traci Smith commented that she always met for supervision and tried to upload the document to her wallet. She only recently found out that it was not there.

Tanya Scott, LMSW

Tanya Scott withdrew her request relative to employment approval.

Anna Flattmann, LPC-S

Board members reviewed her email regarding a youth in a specialized program through St. Tammany school system. Based on the information she provided, the social worker

is not prohibited from providing therapy to the child outside of the school. In instances that a relationship is not prohibited the social worker must determine if the relationship is in the best interests of the client. Board members referred her to Rule 113(B) and advised that she may also want to consult with the school's policy and procedures to see if the social worker is allowed to provide services to a student outside of the school.

Amanda Tonkovich, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve the application to become a continuing education preapproval organization submitted by Amanda Tonkovich.

Joyful Thoughts, LLC

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve 6.5-hour BACS workshop to be conducted on October 7, 2022.

Kyla Stevens, LCSW

Kyla Stevens asked if someone who voiced intension to harm his neighbor and neighbor's wife was placed under a PEC and will be transported to an inpatient psychiatric facility does a duty to warn exist. Board members advised Ms. Stevens that a social worker has a duty to warn and that she should review R.S. 9:2800.2. They also referred her to Rule 115 D. Limits of Confidentiality.

Jennifer Myhre, LCSW-BACS

The Board considered an email from Jennifer Myhre about a client traveling to another country and requesting support through texting. Board members advised Ms. Myhre that the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures do not prohibit her from doing this, so she will have to determine whether that is something she wants to do and set boundaries and guidelines. Board members recommended that she review guidelines that have been published regarding technology and social work practice.

<https://www.aswb.org/regulation/research/technology-and-social-work-regulation-resources/>

Leslie Todd, LCSW-BACS

Leslie Todd suggested that Guidelines for Parenting Coordination be developed and volunteered to assist. Board members considered the suggestion but determined that developing guidelines for parenting coordination is not an appropriate endeavor for the licensing board.

Larry Hayes, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to deny Larry Hayes's request for email addresses to advertise a continuing education offering.

BOARD/STAFF MATTERS

Report on office workflow and staffing

The workflow report is attached.

Elections (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer)

Carla Moore nominated Hyacinth McKee for the position of Chairperson.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to close nominations and elect Dr. McKee by acclamation.

Ada Nelson nominated Jamie Barney for the position of Vice Chairperson.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to close nominations and elect Dr. Barney by acclamation.

Carla Moore and Ada Nelson nominated Bora Sunseri for the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to close nominations and elect Ms. Sunseri by acclamation.

ASWB Examination Policy Changes

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve ASWB to consider and approve the following:

- Candidates may be granted two waivers per year in specified cases, including when the candidate's score is within 10 points (formerly 5 points) of passing. Candidates no longer have to provide evidence of job jeopardy to apply for a waiver;
- Nonstandard testing arrangements for candidates with disabilities, health conditions, or other needs; and
- Nonstandard testing arrangements for English language learners (previously referred to as ESL arrangements).

Emily DeAngelo was asked to add the testing procedure changes to the next Strategic Planning meeting agenda. These include allowing candidates for the Bachelors or Masters exam to sit for the exam in the final semester of their degree program and candidates for the Advanced Generalist or Clinical exam who are within six months of completing supervised experience requirements sit for the exam before completing supervision.

Special meeting of the ASWB delegate assembly August 4, 2022 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (virtual)

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried to, appoint Hyacinth McKee as the Board's delegate and Ruth Weinzettle as the Board's alternate for voting purposes.

Requirements of Act 103 of the 2022 Legislative Session

Emily DeAngelo provided board members with a copy of Act 103 which addresses ADA and the policies and procedures that must be implemented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:47 a.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting, and/or to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: Jamie Barney, LCSW, yes; Bora Sunseri, LCSW, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Ada Nelson, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Jamie Barney, LCSW, yes; Bora Sunseri, LCSW, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Ada Nelson, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Presentation of Consent Agreement and Order

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order presented by Madeline Carbonette, AAG, for Cynthia DeBlanc, LCSW.

Hearing in the matter of Chanell Williams, Administrative Complaint #2020-152

Chanell Williams requested that her hearing be conducted in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 1:04 p.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting, and/or to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: Jamie Barney, LCSW, yes; Bora Sunseri, LCSW, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Ada Nelson, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Jamie Barney, LCSW, yes; Bora Sunseri, LCSW, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Ada Nelson, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Impaired Professional Program

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Carla Moore to accept the IPP report provided by IPP Manager, Kathie Pohlman. The motion was unanimously carried. The Board instructed Ms. Pohlman to remove persons 4, 5 and 6 off the report because they are not active participants.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the report.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to defer voting on the request for an extension made by Ada Craige-Roberson in order to obtain additional information.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to defer voting on the request for an extension made by Lesli Tregre in order to obtain additional information.

Complaints

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore to dismiss Complaint #2022-58. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2022-64 with a letter of education. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Hyacinth McKee to summarily suspend Precious Lashae Smith's Certified Social Work credential. The motion was unanimously carried.

Applications

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the LMSW application submitted by Bridgette Autin. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the LMSW application submitted by Brandy Broadnax. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the RSW application submitted by Nequondra Caleb. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the RSW application submitted by Kiesha Conner. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the LMSW application submitted by Troy Delone. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the LMSW application submitted by Mary Green. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to defer consideration of Ashley Haley's application to reinstate her LCSW until the Board can consider the recommendations of the Impaired Professional Program. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the RSW application submitted by Patsy Head. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the RSW application submitted by Channing James. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the RSW application submitted by Luke Lowery. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the LMSW endorsement application submitted by Julius Marcus. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to deny the LMSW application submitted by Gregory Roberts and to offer him a compliance hearing. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the LMSW application submitted by Amanda Scott. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the LMSW application submitted by Tiffany Snidarich. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to deny the LMSW application submitted by Sophia Stevenson and to offer her a compliance hearing. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Ada Nelson to approve the LMSW application submitted by Rachel Thomas. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri to approve the RSW application submitted by Will Walker. Hyacinth McKee recused herself from the vote and the motion carried by majority vote.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Ada Nelson to approve the LMSW application submitted by Anissa Webster. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney to deny the LCSW application submitted by Vadeisha Williams and to offer her a compliance hearing. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to deny Garry Lewis's request for a waiver of the open book exam requirement of the reinstatement application and to offer him accommodations as well as the right to request a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work.

Baker, Lamece
Bonds, Tori
Brown, Euneisha
Carter, Quintella
Connerly, Shayla
Davis, Elizabeth
Davis, Sierra
Dennis, Charis
Ericksen, Brooklyn
Fendalson, Heidi
Ferguson, Delaijah
Garner, Cecilia
Gibson, Jacqueta
Harris, Brerona
Henderson, Ivonna
Hopkins, Kaitlin
Johnson, Alelia (Rein)
Johnson, Georgiana (Rein)
Johnson, Julius
Joseph, Janai
Kenney, Angel
Kim, Irang
Klein, Luke
Lawrence, Christin
Loftus, Erin
Martin, Renarta
McCaskill, Katie
McDaniel, Madelynne
Nelson, LeShaundra
Parker, Rashida
Rehage, Calynn
Ross, Destiny
Sanders, Destini
Scarborough, Lacey

Shief, Shaysa (Rein)
Simmons, Jerchelle
Sobotie, Debbie (Rein)
Stewart, Jaquala
Thilman, Megan (Rein)
Thomas, Aalandra
Tiburico Perez, Hilda
Vicari, Kaitlin
Vinnett, Erin
Walls, Tityana

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Licensed Master's Social Work, issue Certified Social Work credential and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam.

Abdalla, Kaelyn
Anthony, Heather
Armstrong, Hailey
Austin, Carol
Averitt, Ryan
Ball, Devance
Bayonne, Mayshonna
Berardino, Rosemary
Berry, Megan
Blanchard, Martha
Bloodsaw, Courtney
Brouillette, Sandi
Broussard, Kenndy
Brunet, Alexis
Burbach, Ashleigh
Caprito, Rachel
Casati, Maria
Celius, Damantria
Chambers, Crystal
Chapman, Lilly
Connor, Lauren
Crawford, Jennifer
Crockham, Ashley
Curry, Kolby
Davillier, Keiajuana
Dawan, Hope
Dent Jr., Cedric
Dodd, Alexandra
Drumgoole, KaDario
Dunham, Meagan
Egans, Patrice
Fierro, Saidee

Fontenot, Eve
Fortner, Laura Catherine
Foster, Markayla
Friis IV, Christopher
Gardiner, Bailee
Gentry, Laykin
Guidry, Amanda
Guidry, Chloe
Hall, Rashunda
Harrison, Zachary
Henry, Kellie
Hooper, Margaret
Horton, Deanna
Hunt, Dirnelda
Hunter, Katrina
Jeffery, Dane
Jenks, Nicole
Johnson, Brittney
Johnson, Danielle
Johnson, Jennifer
Johnson, Shemeka
Jones, Cameron
Jones, Delane
Kaltenbacher, Sarah
Kidd, Courtney
Lacour, Brittany
Landry, Gabrielle
Lewis, Ashley
Lewis, Darlene
Long, Sheridene
Mahler, Megan
Malkemus, Molly
Marceaux, Ali
Marsh, J'Kierra
Marsiglia, Kristin
Mathews, Kristen
McDaniel, Summer
McLurkin, Caitlin
Merchant, Mary-Kate
Meyer, Emilee
Mitchell, Dejalyn
Mizell, Angela
Moller, DeAnna
Morissette, Melissa
Nicolosi, Allison
Norman, Contaka

Owen, India
Peoples, Brittany
Poche, Karely
Porterie, Nikki
Pospisil, Katelyn
Price, Dana
Redman, Caroline
Richard, Rainna
Rivera, Olivia
Roy, Kaitlyn
Short, Krystal
Silvio, Nicholas
Sims, India
Singer, Adam
Smith, Alyssia
Spier, Mackenzie
Staten, Angelica
Swindle, Carlee
Taylor, Abby
Temple, Sara
Templet, Layne
Tucker-Gosnell, McKenzie
Tuesno, Cetera
Vernon, Kenneth
Vicory, Randi
Walker, Na'Loni
Washington, Alexis
Winfield, Yolanda

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work.

Adair, Amanda (END- MS)
Barbee, Sharon (END- IL, MO)
Briggs, Jennifer (END-MS)
Buckles, Keiera (END- TX)
Gilder, Hailey (REIN/END- UT)
Rielinger, Joseph (END- OH)
Shaheed, Malikah (END- NY)

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam.

Allgood, Maria Elena
Allulli, Regina
Anio, Ashtin
Blood, Lauren

Breaux, Debbie
Bridgewater, Jasper
Clement, Nikki
Darnall, Ashley
Desselles, Sarah
Fields, Lindsey
Guidry, Angelika
Hadley, Jennifer
Lorio, Julie
Martin-Lewis, Jamekco
Matthews, Tellye
Mitchell, Dominique
Prince, Shayla
Quirk, Dana
Rocky, David
Tyson, Marguerite
Williams, BriAnn
Younger Jr., Robert

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applicants for Licensed Clinical Social Work.

Ashkenazy, Shani (END- FL)
Carmichael, Jaycee (END-AR)
Crum, Sarah (END- TX/Rein)
King, Kelsey (END- UT)
Pollard, Bruce (END- WA, TN)
Quintana, Betty (END- TX, NJ)
VanderWall, Michael (END- MO)
VanderWeit, Molly (END- AK, SC)

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement application for Licensed Clinical Social Work.

Main, Kendra

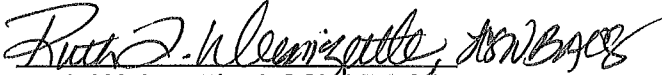
Renewals

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to approve Robert Dale Lott's renewal application.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny last year's renewal submitted by Hollyce Mason-Clement due to the continuing education certificates being submitted after February 28, 2022 and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Hearing in the matter of Chanell Williams, Administrative Complaint #2020-152
Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss the complaint filed against Chanell Williams and to strongly suggest that she review the Rules, Standards and Procedures for the rules regarding documentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.


Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer