

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
July 29, 2022**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 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.

Bora Sunseri 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, Trinity George, RSW, and Jamie Barney, LCSW.

Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, was absent.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to amend the agenda by adding Inquiry from MG to executive session, removing Complaint #2022-58 and adding Complaint #2023-16.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, 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.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the Interim Consent Agreement and Order prepared by James Raines, Complaint Counsel, for Precious Lashae Smith, CSW.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agreement and Order prepared by James Raines, Complaint Counsel, for Jessica Nichols, RSW.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agreement and Order prepared by James Raines, Complaint Counsel, for Shawndaya Thrasher, CSW.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 24, 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve Gina Rossi's request to provide 72 hours of group supervision to Kristy Brookhardt, LMSW.

Amy Jackson, LCSW

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve Amy Jackson's request for continuing education completed in July 2022 to be counted in the 2022-2023 collection period due to extenuating circumstances.

Christine Tilley, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve Christine Tilley's request to provide supervision for William O'Connor, LCSW.

Jessica Mayeux, LCSW-BACS

An inquiry from Jessica Mayeux was considered regarding a committee assignment within the Junior League of Baton Rouge in which a former client has also been assigned. Board members recommend she exercise caution because it is the responsibility of the social worker to make sure the former client is protected, and that exploitation does not occur. She was referred to review Rule 113(B) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.

Patsy Andrews, RSW

Board members considered an email from Patsy Andrews relative to starting a faith-based consulting and Christian counseling business. Ms. Andrews was advised that she is not able to contract for services and that she is required to provide services within the scope of practice for the credential she holds. She was referred to La R.S. 37:2706 and 2707.

FINANCIAL

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to fund the attendance of two board members for the CLEAR conference.

BOARD/STAFF MATTERS

Report on office workflow and staffing

The workflow report is attached.

Presentation at NASW-LA

Board members reviewed the evaluation summary for their presentation provided at the NASW-LA Annual Conference.

Sample policy for ADA

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to adopt the sample policy provided by the Division of Administration.

State As A Model Employer (SAME) agency plan

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to adopt the sample plan provided by the Division of Administration.

Ad Hoc Committees

CE Pre-approval Organizations – no action taken in this matter.

Policy and Procedures – Jamie Barney agreed to chair this committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:34 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; Trinity George, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

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

Inquiry from MG

Advise MG that she should explore her questions and concerns through peer consultation.

Impaired Professional Program

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle and seconded by Carla Moore to accept the IPP report provided by IPP Manager, Kathie Pohlman. The motion was unanimously carried.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to release three licensees from their Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing the terms.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to grant Ada Craige-Roberson an extension to pay the fine and costs required by Order and approve the payment plan submitted by her attorney.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to grant Lesli Tregre an extension through January 31, 2023 to complete the supervision required by Order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:00 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; Trinity George, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.

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

Complaints

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2021-179 CW 2022-10. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Bora Sunseri to dismiss Complaint #2022-70. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore to dismiss Complaint #2022-74. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2022-93. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George to refer the respondent in Complaint #2023-16 to the Impaired Professional Program.

Compliance Hearings

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the LCSW application submitted by Traci Smith.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the RSW application submitted by Christopher McDowell subject to a one-year probationary period during which he passes the Open Book Exam on the Practice Act and Rules, completes 12 hours of continuing education in ethics and pays a \$500.00 fine.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Gregory Roberts.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Sophia Stevenson.

Applications

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George to approve the RSW application submitted by Wanda Alsobrook. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri to approve the RSW application submitted by Crystal Bryant. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore to deny the LCSW Endorsement application submitted by Leslie Goddard and to offer her a compliance hearing. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jamie Barney to deny the RSW application submitted by Kristopher Graham and to offer him a compliance hearing. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the RSW application submitted by Khantisha Grayson. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the LMSW application submitted by Anthony Jeanmarie III. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the RSW application submitted by Literreal Johnson. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the LMSW application submitted by Amber Lessard. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the RSW application submitted by Chanel Pineda. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the LMSW reinstatement application submitted by Anthony Archie. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the RSW application submitted by Tyniski Evans. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work.
Aneisha Bell

Christy Bowman
Felicia Boyd (reinstatement)
Sierra Bridges
Abigail Brown
LaSherrica Burks
Garaneka Caufield
Ciara Davis
Nicole Elwood (reinstatement)
Jeremiah Gerhardt
Traja Golston
Dominick Hall (reinstatement)
Tamara Hardman
Tameka Harris
Alayna Hart
Wynton Holmes
Kymberly Howard
Tangula James
Adriana Johnson
Alexis Joseph
Lakelyn Keller
Tiffany LaBorde
Renard Lewis, Jr
Erika McFarland
Jessica Moreau
Juanessa Porter
Alesia Ridley
Tyrian Stovall
Latoria Thomas (reinstatement)
Keshia Thompson (endorsement)
Latasha Walker (reinstatement)
Kenyatta Williams (endorsement)

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Trinity George 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.

Ashton Blanche
Rebekah Bourgeois
Keisha Brown
Mijah Brown
Casey Cannon
Kaylee Carter-Sullivan
Jessica Connolly
Ashley Desselles-Spells
Kristian Dijamco
Brittany Dorsey
Raven Dupart

Emily Dupont
Christopher Fasone
Leigh Fresina
Samuel Gallaspy
Julia Gobin
Lauren Godard
Amanda Graves
JaQuenetta Harness
Brooke Henry
Vanessa Jackson
Caroline Jarvis
Donald Lagasse
Rachel Lang
Lisa Lee
Sara McGrew
Liana Medina
Maya Porter
Becky Prestidge
Erica Pusateri
Michelle Rodriguez Lopez
Jacqueline Savoy
Tavonjia Scott
Jessica Smith
Maegan Snediger
Haley Spilker
Tomaya Turner
Erica Taylor
Ana Torres
Devin Winfield

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work.

Kaylee Blumenthal
James Smith
Ashley Taylor
Sara Tyler
Laura Woods

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam.

Grace Bailey
Kaitlyn Glisan
Brittany Grant
Laurie Holland
Melanie Johnson

Tyesha Kelley
Jamekco Martin-Lewis
Teresa Maxwell
Noelle Raymond
Hannah Redden
Natalie Swinnen
Brandy Young

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applicants for Licensed Clinical Social Work.

Nicholson Barrington
Deanna Carron
Dara Charpentier
David Gish
Rebecca Johnson
Allison Millette
Samantha Myers
LaDonna Richardson
Jamey Savoie
Therese Skinner
Paula Vass
Jasmine Williams
Rondi Wrightman

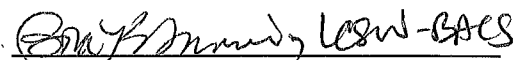
Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement application for Licensed Clinical Social Work.

Tomekia Blackmon

Decision in the matter of Chanell Williams, Administrative Complaint #2020-152
Tabled to July 30, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.


Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer

Workflow Report 07-29-22

Since June meeting:

Processed **40** RSW applications

Processed **107** CSW/LMSW applications + issued test approval, processed **5** LMSW Endorsement applications

Approved **22** LCSW applicants + issued Clinical test approval, processed **8** LCSW Endorsement applications, **1** LCSW Reinstatements

Processed **57** retake applications

Processed **15** BACS applications

Processed **23** Supervision Contracts

Processed **71** license verifications

Received **25** complaints and **2** self-reports between June 21 and July 26, 2022

11 not accepted - 9 were referred to DCFS and 2 were not accepted because the allegation is not a violation of the Practice Act or Rules

12 requests for a written response

1 sent for investigation

1 waiting for additional information from complainant

Received 19 applications for the Administrative Coordinator 3 position.

This information is as of 11:00 a.m. July 27, 2022.