

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
February 10, 2017**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017, 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 at the time of roll call included Judith Haspel, LCSW, Robert Showers, RSW, Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, John Shalett, LCSW, and Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member.

Marguerite "Peggy" Salley, LCSW, was absent.

Persons present for the public sections of the meeting included Dorothy Williams, Cindy Abed, Jennifer Dobies, Alisha Thompson, Jacob DePrimo, Harry Turner, Elandra Seal, Carmen Weisner, Bradley Allison, Morgan Stanley, Shellie Gaspard, Lauren Luttrell, LaTonya Phenix, Kenya Robinson, Eva Slater, Jodi Cain-Mallett, Linda Kelly Woodruff, Ariel Ard and Maurice Rarney.

**AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carmen Weisner, LCSW, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, reported that the professionals associations that accept letters of interest and resumes for board appointments will be meeting in a few weeks.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2017, meeting as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Jean Hutchinson, CSW**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny Ms. Hutchinson's request that the board accept continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period which was collected after December 31, 2016.

**Anonymous**

Judy Haspel received an anonymous note from someone who is upset that a workshop about reincarnation is being presented at the NASW-LA Chapter conference.

**Changing Directions, LLC**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Changing Directions to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

#### **Hood Memorial Hospital**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Hood Memorial to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

#### **Northwest Louisiana Association of Black Social Workers**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Northwest LA Association of Black Social Workers to be a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

#### **Natasha Ott, LMSW**

Natasha Ott submitted a job description and requested approval to start supervision towards the LCSW. **Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker to approve the job description to begin supervision towards LCSW. Board members recommended to Ms. Ott that she seek clinical experiences through supervision.

#### **Maria Klette-Ketchum, LCSW**

Board members considered an inquiry from Maria Klette-Ketchum regarding release of records of a deceased client. The board advised that she must obtain documentation of the death via a death certificates, as well as proof of executorship of the client's belongings before releasing a copy of the deceased client's records.

#### **Yolanda Crump**

Yolanda Crump wrote to the board regarding accusations of inappropriate behavior by a treatment provider made by two minor clients, which was unsubstantiated. Board members recommend obtaining written consent from the parent or guardian to record the session or have another person sit in on the session. If unable to secure written consent, board members recommend keeping the door open during therapy sessions.

#### **Lou Irwin, LCSW**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve Noelle Hernandez's supervision.

#### **Lou Irwin, LCSW**

Board members reviewed job information for Karla Mika and advised Mr. Irwin that a new Plan of Supervision is required.

#### **Lou Irwin, LCSW**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the supervision for Mark Broussard without a new Plan of Supervision because the change in his job description was minimal.

**Kathryn Dietzway, LMSW**

Board members reviewed an email from Kathryn Dietzway in which she is concerned about confidentiality. The board advised Ms. Dietzway that she is not violating confidentiality if the principal of the school reviews her case files or if she advises principal of reports made to the Department of Children and Family Services.

**Sheri Duffy, LCSW**

Sheri Duffy submitted a letter on behalf of Louisiana College in Pineville relative to graduates of a MSW program that is in candidacy. The board responded that those who graduate from Louisiana College while the MSW program is in candidacy with the Council on Social Work Education will be eligible to apply for a social work credential.

**Thomas Davis, LCSW-BACS**

Thomas Davis wrote to the board about the possibility of providing BACS supervision remotely. Board members responded by sending him the policy for remote supervision.

**Roy Reynolds, RSW**

Roy Reynolds submitted an inquiry about being a mentor to someone that is leaving the program in which he works. Board members advised against it because of the risk for a dual relationship.

**Alelia Johnson, RSW**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny Alelia Johnson's request for an extension to collect continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, collection period.

**Whitney Torres Wilkinson, LCSW**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny Whitney Torres Wilkinson's request that her renewal be revoked because she did not complete the continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, collection period by December 31, 2016.

**Audrey White, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to deny Audrey White's request for an extension to collect continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, collection period.

**Nadia Haik, LCSW**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny Nadia Haik's request for an extension to collect continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, collection period.

**Kristen Hausknecht, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny Kristen Hausknecht's request for an extension beyond December 31,

2016, to collect continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, collection period.

**Judellia Cole, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny Judellia Cole's request for an extension beyond December 31, 2016, to collect continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, collection period.

**Lorchid Thomas, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to not accept more than 10 hours of distance learning completed by Lorchid Thomas for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period in accordance with Rule 317(M)(4).

**Beverly Hayes, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny Beverly Hayes' request for an extension beyond December 31, 2016, to collect continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, collection period.

**Kathleen Pope, LMSW**

Kathleen Pope asked the board about a client's right to keep her HIV+ status from her husband. Board members did not find that the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or the Rules, Standards and Procedures address this situation, so Ms. Pope was referred to the Office of Public Health.

**Janier McKinnies, LMSW**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to deny Janier McKinnies' renewal application because she did not complete the required continuing education and to offer her a compliance hearing.

**Brandy Skidmore, LCSW**

Brandy Skidmore requested guidance for starting a support group. Board members referred Ms. Skidmore to review Rule 111 regarding informed consent and records. They also replied that more information is needed to provide additional guidance.

**Elizabeth Shaw, LMSW**

Elizabeth Shaw submitted an inquiry to the board regarding her part-time position. She advised the board that she did not turn in paperwork for this position because she is not seeking credit towards the LCSW with this position. Ms. Shaw was advised that she needs to at least have a Supervision Agreement on file for this position.

**Brandon Bentley, RSW**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny Mr. Bentley's request for an extension to collect continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period.

**Alonzo Powell, RSW**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny Mr. Powell's request for an extension to collect continuing education for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 collection period.

**Cathy Hopkins, LMSW**

Board members read a letter from Cathy Hopkins recommending that the board reduce the continuing education requirements for retired social workers.

**FINANCIAL**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the financial statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ending November 30, 2016.

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**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to pay the ASWB membership fee of \$1,500.00.

**BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to send a certified letter providing an additional ten days for those who completed their continuing education by December 31, 2016, to submit their certificates of attendance.

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to file a complaint against all social workers that failed to complete their continuing education in accordance with the Board's Order and to forward the matter to the Attorney General's office for adjudication.

**BACS Renewal Policy**

**Motion** was made by Yolanda Burnom, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept continuing education in clinical supervision via distance learning for the renewal of Board Approved Clinical Supervisor designation.

**Election of Vice Chairman**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to elect John Shalett as Vice Chairman of the board.

**Year End Website Review Data from Google Analytics**

This was for information purposes only and was a six month review because website launched June 1, 2016.



**Presentation made by Joe Keegan, LCSW-BACS, during Public Comments at the January 6, 2017, meeting**

Emily DeAngelo advised board members that the issues raised by Mr. Keegan were reviewed with legal counsel. It is counsel's opinion that the issues raised are not sufficient legal merits to warrant action.

**Presentation request from the NASW-LA Lake Charles Region for March 3, 2017**

Board members are not available on March 3, 2017, so Emily DeAngelo will present on March 3.

**ASWB Spring Education Meeting 2017**

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to send Paulette Walker, Robert Showers, John Shalett, Carla Moore, and one staff person.

**NASW-LA Chapter Annual Conference**

Emily DeAngelo advised that legal counsel recommends that board members participate in their scheduled board meeting. **Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to not send members of the board to Joe Keegan's presentation at the NASW-LA Chapter annual conference.

Board members participating in LABSWE's presentation at the NASW-LA Chapter conference agreed to meet at the board office on Thursday prior to going to the Hilton Capitol Center.

Judith Haspel requested that a microphone be purchased for the presentation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:05 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: John Shalett, yes; Paulette Walker, yes; Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. to conduct compliance hearings.

**COMPLIANCE HEARINGS**

**Patrick Bordnick, PhD**

Patrick Bordnick requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to offer him a compliance hearing for unlicensed social work practice. Howard Boyd, counsel

from Tulane, was present to represent Dr. Bordnick. Patrick Bordnick is the Dean of the Tulane School of Social Work. He testified that as Dean of the Tulane School of Social Work, he does not practice social work as defined by the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act. He explained that his duties include administrative and financial matters, organization of program structure, and development of the institution such as fundraising, meeting with donors, and meeting with alumni. It was explained that Tulane does not have a job description for his position; and that a PhD, not a MSW, is required for the position. Board members requested that Dr. Bordnick submit the job posting for his position, as well as his job description, if one exists. Mr. Boyd agreed that these documents would be submitted within seven days.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to leave the compliance hearing open until the next board meeting.

### **Maurice Rainey**

Maurice Rainey requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny his application for Registered Social Work. Mr. Rainey's application was denied because of a recent arrest. He testified that he was accosted by his girlfriend, who he is no longer in a relationship, and left the scene. She called the police. When police arrived, he was not there, so they issued a warrant. Maurice Rainey advised that his attorney believes the matter will be dismissed. He is scheduled for hearing on March 6, 2017.

### **Ariel Ard**

Ariel Ard requested a compliance hearing to appeal the board's decision to deny her application for Registered Social Work. Ms. Ard's application was denied because she failed to report she was charged with theft. Ariel Ard testified that she thought she only had to report felony convictions. She testified that she paid the court cost of \$350.00 and that the matter is now closed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 12:24 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: John Shalett, yes; Paulette Walker, yes; Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 12:55 p.m.



### **Compliance Hearings**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the Registered Social Work application submitted by Maurice Rainey.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the Registered Social Work application submitted by Ariel Ard.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 1:00 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: John Shalett, yes; Paulette Walker, yes; Yolanda Burnom, yes; Robert Showers, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:17 p.m.

### **Disciplinary Monitoring Report**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the disciplinary monitoring report provided by Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to release **Lenette Armstrong** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to release **Tiffanie Brumfield** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **Joycelyn Santee** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

### **Impaired Professional Program**

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept the report provided by Kathie Pohlman, LCSW-BACS, IPP Manager.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to resend the letter to LJ by certified mail.

### New Complaints

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-86** because the allegations do not fall under the board's purview.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-87** and to request a criminal background check and all official court documentation.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-88** and to request a written response. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rule 107(B).

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-89** and to request a written response. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rule 107(B).

### Pending Complaints

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-26**.

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-30**.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-39**.

### Applications

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the application for LMSW submitted by **David Baze** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice of social work.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the RSW application submitted by **LaTisha Bickham** after receipt of documentation that charges are dismissed.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to deny **Denetra Brooks-James** for LMSW endorsement, but approve her to take the Masters exam conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for the unlicensed practice of social work.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny the application for LCSW submitted by **Siomara Gittens-Galloway**, to offer her a compliance hearing, and to file a complaint against her supervisor.

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW application submitted by **Christie Popo** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a Registered Social Worker:

Bailey, Barbara L.	Hester, Angelique D.
Brice, Hattori A.	Hill, Nidia V.
Brown, Lakeiah	Mejia, Idania M.
Chase, Kiara J.	Norsworthy, Sharlotte D.
Christophe, Kimberly M.	Raven, RaKeira B.
Delesdernier, Nicole F.	Rogers, Kimberly M.
Facianne, Pauletta J.	Sanders, Samantha
Grant, Keyundra D.	Snead, Michaela
Guice, Carol J.	Tuesno, Cetera X.
Harrison, Louise	

**Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for Certified Social Worker certification and to grant approval for the applicants to sit for the ASWB Masters examination for licensing as a Licensed Master Social Worker:

Acevedo, Stephanie A.	Holmes, Jennifer L.
Chandler-Bolden, Lynn	Knight, Emily W.
Durante, Isabel L.	Lee, Nicole
Farmer, Lakesha S.	Seaton, Ashley N.
Harless, Chelsea	Serigne, Tia M.

**Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement application for Licensed Master Social Work:

Hamlin, Jennifer M. (End-TX)

**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for licensing as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker:

Atkins-Harris, Crystal F.	Mosely, Jasmine L.
Booker, Renee	Nercisse, Saprina M.
Buffington, Shontell D.	O'Pry, Ryan A.
Garibaldi IV, William V.	Rhodes, Tyshica S.
Lynch, Catherine L.	Reine, Jay
McDaniel, Cayce B.	Roell, Celeste B.
Meservy, Anna R.	Schuette, Lindsey R.

Smith, Margaret H.

Turner, Harry J.

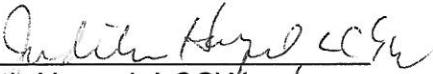
**Motion** was made by John Shalett, seconded by Yolanda Burnom and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Clinical Social Work:

Bivens, Van (END-AR)

Bonano, Deslie A. (END-MS)

Daniels, Mendy J. (END-KY)

**Adjourned** at 1:30 p.m.

  
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Judith Haspel, LCSW  
Chairperson

  
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Carla Moore, LMSW  
Secretary-Treasurer