

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
January 14, 2022**

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. on Friday, January 14, 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. The allowance of a video conference is authorized by Proclamation 30 JBE 2020, Section 4 as extended by subsequent executive proclamations including 75 JBE 2020. and Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Regina Dewitt, Administrative Assistant, were present for the meeting. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, was present virtually for some of 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, and Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member. Ada Nelson, RSW, was present virtually.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda with following amendments a) to add to correspondence for Florence Cooper as the matter was timely could not wait, b) remove 5a from agenda because there is no report, and c) amend 5a to "Colleen Simmons".

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Emily DeAngelo provided explanation of public comments and continuing education. Public comment can be made during the meeting or submitted in advance of the meeting to edeangelo@labswe.org. The public comment must pertain to an item on the agenda and persons are allowed two minutes per comment.

Attendees of the public portion of both meetings can obtain 1 hour of continuing education in ethics and 1 general hour of continuing education. A certificate will be available at <https://www.labswe.org/board-member-meetings-and-agendas/> for you to save and upload to next year's renewal workflow or in your digital wallet.

There were two public comments heard.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 10, 2021. There were no public comments regarding the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tameka Jasmine, LCSW-BACS

Tameka Jasmine submitted an inquiry regarding supervision with a social worker who had not yet obtained CSW licensure. Board advised that no rules against provision of supervision prior to licensure and associated questions. Tameka Jasmine submitted an

inquiry regarding ongoing relationship with a student after providing services in a school setting. Referred to Rules in 113 regarding Social Work Relationships. If standards have not been updated, the standing standards guide best practices.

Melanie Bouie, LCSW

Melanie Bouie submitted an inquiry seeking advice relative to a report of abuse and whether it is required that she report to authorities. Referred to 111.D

Scott Gray, LCSW

Scott Gray submitted an inquiry regarding delivering medication. The Rules, Standards and Procedures, allow a social worker to deliver a previously dispensed medication in accordance with Rule 117B. Board reviewed the Pharmacy Board's definition of dispense, R.S.27.1164. Public comment was heard on this matter.

Tyshica Lofton, LCSW-BACS

Tyshica Lofton submitted an inquiry regarding how the "no surprise act" applies to social workers. Board advised that person speak to attorney regarding how to interpret this legislation for her practice.

Correspondence from Kelly Dixon, Edmond Major, Carol Miles, and Da'Nethia Sanders were relative to either extending the waiver of required in-person continuing education or allowing virtual supervision, or both.

Kelly Dixon, LCSW-BACS

Edmond Major, LCSW

Carol Miles, LCSW

Da'Nethia Sanders, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Hyacinth McKee, to extend allowance of distance learning for all continuing education hours and BACS supervision to be conducted virtually through face-to-face means through August 31, 2023. There were multiple comments relevant to this matter all in support of the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Trina Johnson, LCSW

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore, to approve the request submitted by Trina Johnson to remove the disciplinary flag from public view. There were two public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Rekisha Perkins, LMSW

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore, to approve the request submitted by Rekisha Perkins to remove the disciplinary flag from public view. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Delise Wilridge, LMSW

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore, to approve the request submitted by Delise Wilridge to remove the disciplinary flag from public view. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Shemika Bailey, LMSW

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to deny the request submitted by Shemika Bailey for supervision towards LCSW with job descriptions provided for Social Insurance Specialist and Quality Assurance Office. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Jacqueline Smith, LCSW

Inquiry submitted by Jacqueline Smith relevant to providing consultation/counseling to congregates of the church she attends. She was advised to proceed with caution and to review Rule 113(B), consult with her malpractice insurance provider, and to seek legal consultation.

Leon Winters, LCSW-BACS

Inquiry submitted by Leon Winters relative to a former client seeking to complete an internship with agency. Advised that rules do not prohibit it, but to ensure actions are in place to safeguard the client in compliance with 113.B.6. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Colleen Simmons, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Hyacinth McKee to approve the request submitted by Colleen Simmons for supervision effective September 26, 2021. There was a public comment relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Flora Cooper, LCSW-BACS

Inquiry submitted by Flora Cooper, LCSW-BACS, relative to a CSW presenting a social work workshop as an LLC. Advised that in accordance with the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act, 2724C, the CSW cannot practice social work independently. The CSW should not work as a social work practitioner with the LLC.

BOARD/STAFF MATTERS

Certemy

Administrator and Counsel follow-up with Certemy as per Emily and Sherri 12/20/2021 sent a detailed letter addressing outstanding issues. Subsequent telephone conference to review. Follow-up correspondence is that there are things that cannot be corrected this calendar year. The disciplinary module will not be available. Offered to reduce cost by \$15,000 due to inability of disciplinary module inability.

- Licensing number Large development effort and would not commit this year, possibly the following year. May be able to do it in 2023

- Authorize.net payment module up-1st quarter 2022.
- CE Marketplace Course Offerings providers availability to post course offerings: can update this quarterly for us in 2022.
- CE changes requested: edit hours after steps complete in renewal for collection period. Likely by end of 2022 but cannot commit
- Annual cost of \$42,736. Reduction of \$7,500 for first two years applied to Year 2.

Recommendation by Sherri that deadlines to make program more functional for us be put in writing. The first payment included a one-time fee of \$3000 for the website. The contract term ends in 2025.

There were 61 public comments heard.

Motion by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to authorize Counsel and Administrator to collaborate on response to Certemy with deliverables with specified dates and to offer a payment schedule contingent upon those deliverables-agreed to end of current contract year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:52a.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: Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Ada Nelson, yes; and Jamie Barney, yes.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron seconded, by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:02p.m.

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

Emily DeAngelo left the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Rule to Show Cause

Rule to show cause taken under advisement.

Compliance Hearing

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW application submitted by Leslie Fluence. There were no public comments. Board members requested a letter be sent to her supervisor regarding the necessity for forms to be filed in accordance with Rule 503.

Impaired Professional Program

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron seconded by Hyacinth McKee to accept the written IPP report provided by IPP Manager, Kathie Pohlman. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

Board request that all participants in IPP included on the monthly report going forward. Kathie Pohlman will be present at the February 18, 2022 meeting.

Complaints

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee to dismiss complaint 2021-108 and issue a letter of education as recommended. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore to defer complaint 2021-115 to next meeting February 18, 2022. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss complaint 2021-137 combined with 2021-138. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss complaint 2021-144 combined with 2021-145 as recommended. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss complaint 2021-186 as recommended. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss complaint 2022-07 and issue a strong letter of education regarding rule 113B as recommended. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss complaint 2022-23. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee to dismiss complaint 2022-25. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Applications

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron to approve the LMSW by Endorsement/Reinstatement application submitted by Barbara Benoit, MSW.

There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to deny the LCSW application submitted by Amiee Brooks, MSW, and to offer a compliance hearing. Supervisor, Michael Frederick, LCSW-BACS is also invited to attend compliance hearing with legible Record of Supervision documentation. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Masters exam submitted by Corrina Correa, MSW, pending receipt of required notarized documentation and to issue CSW. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Masters exam submitted by Christopher Davis, MSW, and to issue the CSW. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Masters exam submitted by Allie Dougharty, MSW, and to issue CSW. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore, to approve the LMSW by Endorsement application submitted by Piper Ellis, MSW. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to deny the application for LMSW by Endorsement submitted by Erin Evans, MSW, issue the CSW and approval to sit for the ASWB Masters exam. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to approve the LCSW by Endorsement application submitted by Sonia Gupta, MSW. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to deny the request made by James Jordan to be issued the LCSW based on his years of experience since receiving his MSW. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore, to approve the RSW application submitted by Brison Shelton, BSW. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to approve the RSW application Elnora McNeal, BSW. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Masters exam submitted by Cargina Myles, MSW, and issue the CSW. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to deny the application to sit for the ASWB Masters exam submitted by Cory Kronenberger, MSW, and offer a compliance hearing. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to approve the application submitted by Demeatrice Sias, MSW, and to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Masters exam. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to approve the LCSW by Endorsement application submitted by Sofia Small, MSW. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to approve the application submitted by Kellie Solliday, MSW, and issue CSW and approve the application to sit for the ASWB Masters exam. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to approve the application submitted by Vashantonia Thomas, MSW, and to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Masters exam. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to deny the LCSW by Reinstatement application submitted by Heidi Wood, MSW, and offer a compliance hearing. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work. There were no public comments on this matter.

Albert, Tiarra
Allen, La'Keshia
Baxter, LaQuinta
Berteau, Lori
Clark, Jessica

Dozar, Donna (Rein)
Ducote, Vanessa (Rein)
Gipson, Connie (End- MS)
Harris, Leona (Rein)
Holman, Shamira
Hughes, Teresa
Johnson, Ilyssa
Julien, Kalen
King, Melanie (Rein)
Levine, Dekeesha
Perkins, Brooke
Powers, Lolita
Richardson, Bianca
Robertson, Sydnee
Samuel, Breanna
Smith, Talesha
Smith, Veronica
West, Labarria
White, Brittany

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron 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. There were two public comments on this matter.

Alise, Kassidy
Alvarez-Sookram, Alizea
Anderson, Erin
Bellanger, Angela
Berkowitz, Erica
Bocard, Valencia
Bordelon, Madison
Brent, Jeannette
Burks, Abigail
Clay, Caroline
Cook, Shelby
Cooper, Lakeshia
Delaney, Brittney
Dumas, Kayla
Engels, Madison
Evans, LaPrince
Fischler, Gabrielle
Friedman, Robert
Guillory, Megan
Guitrau, Caitlyn
Hall, Kirsten
Harris, Kourtney

Hatchel, Marsha
Haug, Joanna
Hebert, Kate
Hills, Debra
Howard, Amelia
Howard, Brooke
Hudson, Khaila
Hynes, Joanna
Isome, Teylor
Johnson, Brooke
Johnson, Essence
Jones, Jada
Kerdyk, Leigh
Lewis, Johnessa
Magee, Shelby
McGhee, Shantellia
McKenzie, Shelita
McMurrey, Candace
Moore, Lindsay
Morris, Lindsey
Platt, Carol
Pulda, Molly
Phillips, Sarajhane
Pulliam, Nyia
Reinhart, Taylor
Sanchez, Kaylen
Sanchez, Kirsten
Schap, Daniel
Souter, Ivy
St. Amand, Bernadette
St. Julien, Dana
Stansbury, Denise
Taplin, Vonda
Thompson, Theodore
Thompson-Dunn, Pamela
Tolar, Allie
Wegner, Caroline
Wiedemann, Adele
Williams, Virginia
Wilson, Caroline
Zaninovich, Molly

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work. There were no public comments.
Ballester, Lianny (End- TX)

Johns, Tamara (End- TX)

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. There were no public comments:

Bergeron, Angelle
Beville, Karlee
Black, Elizabeth
Bordelon, Jenifer
Brookins, Karell
Channell, Angela
Chinwoh, Zelina
Clarke, Paige
Collins, Brianne
Collins, Geneca
Collura, Julie
Delesdernier, Nicole
Green, Leslie
Hamilton, Tempestt
Harris, LaChanda
Hollinquest, La'Quisha
King, Margaret
Langford, Jamie
Lemelle, Melissa
McGillivray, Karen (Rein)
Murray, Kelsey
Okula, Nell
Poirrier, Heather
Shelling, Ryan
Skef- Promoslovsky, Natalia
St. Cyr, Kourtney
Sullivan, Mary Katherine
Wartelle, Joshua
Winsryg-Karasik, Nora

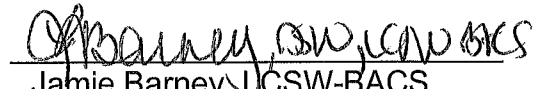
Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applicants for Licensed Clinical Social Work. There were no public comments.

Hebert, Chantell (End-TX)
Henderson, Sara (End- OH)
Jordan, Robert (End- MA, NC, CT, NY)
Pecora, Katherine (End- MA)
Phillips, Brianne (End- MO, KS)
Rios-Vega, Tara (End- WY, CO, TX, VA)
Wellborn, Claudia (End- WY, MO, TN, TX, SC)

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to adjourn. There were no public comments on the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21pm.


Ruth Weinzette, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer