

**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
July 8, 2023**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2023. 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, Sara Banks, Licensing Analyst, Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were present for the meeting.

Bora Sunseri conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Evan Bergeron, Esq., Jamie Barney, LCSW, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, Bora Sunseri, LCSW, and Trinity George, RSW.

Melissa Smith Haley, LMSW, was absent. There is one vacant position.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to amend the agenda to include Rules, Exam and Technology Committee reports and to remove Report of all proposed rules for submission.

SWOT Analysis Review FY 2022-2023

Board members and staff reviewed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats identified last year and revised our analysis to reflect what we currently believe to be strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

Strategic Plan FY 2023-2024

Hyacinth McKee presented an informative overview of the board and staff, to include the board's consultants, an explanation of the purpose of each board committee and the work being accomplished, provided data on complaints and applications processed in FY 2022-2023, provided highlights of board work in FY 2022-2023, and outlined our goals for FY 2023-2024 and beyond.

Technology Committee Update

Bora Sunseri advised that the committee is seeking information from the state to determine the process for procurement of a licensing platform.

Exam Committee Update

There were two letters of interest with resumes submitted after publishing the Spring 2023 Newsletter. Board members agreed to offer another opportunity for interested social workers to submit their interest and resumes. An email blast will be sent inviting people to participate. The deadline for submissions is close of business on July 31, 2023.

Rules Committee Update

Evan Bergeron reported that 13 rules have been reported to and approved by the Board. Board members were provided with the latest drafts of the committee's work on §113, §307, §701, and §1105 which will be discussed at the August board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 12:21 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, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Trinity George, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

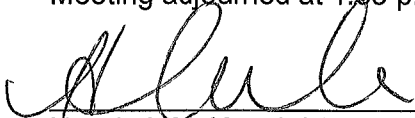
Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:31 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Jamie Barney, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; Trinity George, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

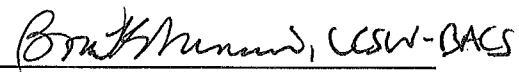
Evaluation of Administrator

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to give Emily DeAngelo a pay increase in accordance with the written evaluation conducted by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.



Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson



Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer