

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
August 11, 2023**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 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, 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, Melissa Haley, LMSW, and Candice Sorapur, LCSW.

Trinity George, RSW, was absent.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as presented.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

- a. In the matter of Jade Stevens, LMSW, File #2021-191 – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Jade Stevens.
- b. In the matter of Jasmine Nelson, LMSW, File #2022-09 – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Jasmine Nelson.
- c. In the matter of Matthew McGoldrick, CSW, File #2023-30 – **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Matthew McGoldrick.
- d. In the matter of Tartiana Citizen, MSW, File #2023-34 – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Tartiana Citizen.
- e. In the matter of Anita Hall, CSW, File #2023-36 – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Anita Hall.
- f. In the matter of Keyshia Flowers, RSW, File #2023-69 – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Keyshia Flowers.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meetings held July 7, 2023 and July 8, 2023. Melissa Haley abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Will Francis, Executive Director NASW-LA – question relative to promulgating a rule to require continuing education in cultural competency – The board’s counsel advises that requiring continuing education in DEI cannot be promulgated by rule.
- b. Erich Duchmann, PhD – revisit correspondence and discussion of Act 487
There were no motions made in response to this discussion.
- c. The Hospice of Baton Rouge – **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the Application for CE Approval Organization submitted by the Hospice of Baton Rouge.
- d. Mary Elizabeth McCurdy, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to remove the disciplinary flag on her license from the board’s website.
- e. Jessica Frankel, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny supervision credit for hours completed more than 60 days prior to contract submission and to offer her a compliance hearing.
- f. Brandy Alexis, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to deny request to continue remote supervision and to offer her a compliance hearing.
- g. Kristy Bookhardt, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.
- h. Summer Carreon, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.
- i. Aunjenee’ Coner, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.
- j. Ellen Dunn, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and carried by majority vote, to deny her request for remote supervision. Melissa Haley opposed the motion. Roll call vote was conducted. Jamie Barney Yes, Bora Sunseri Yes, Candice Sorapuru Yes, Evan Bergeron Yes, Melissa Haley No.
- k. Madison Engels, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.
- l. Briana Garcia, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.

- m. Lauren Goodes, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve remote supervision under the current supervision contract subject to receipt of documentation that she is practicing in Louisiana.
- n. Jasmine Harkless-Thomas, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny her request to continue remote supervision with Khadijah Simmons, LMSW. Jamie Barney did not participate in the discussion or vote.
- o. Alysia Johnson, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract. Jamie Barney did not participate in the discussion or vote.
- p. Alison Jones, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract. Jamie Barney did not participate in the discussion or vote.
- q. Donald Lagasse, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to approve remote supervision for additional prn employment.
- r. Lauren Laurent, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.
- s. MaKayleen Milson, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.
- t. Aleisha Morris, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.
- u. Leah Munroe, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.
- v. Jardashai Musgrow, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.
- w. Anne Marie Savoy, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.
- x. Glenicia Welch, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.

- y. Virginia Williams, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve continuing remote supervision under her current supervision contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 12:16 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; Melissa Haley, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; Candice Sorapuru, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Jamie Barney, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; Candice Sorapuru, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

COMPLIANCE HEARINGS

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve Hope Dawan's request to continue remote supervision with Capi Landreneau under their current supervision contract.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve Hannah Gilbert's request to continue remote supervision with Jamie Barnett under their current supervision contract.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the CSW/LMSW application submitted by Ilaisha Hale.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the CSW/LMSW application submitted by Jerhonda Henderson.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny the request made by Andrew Dietz to continue remote supervision after September 1, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE CONSIDERED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Lauren Godard, LMSW – **Motion** made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to deny her request to continue remote supervision.
- b. Johnna Williams, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve her request to continue remote supervision.
- c. Kristina Little, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve an extension to June 30, 2024, to complete continuing education for the 2022-2023 collection period.

- d. Karen Carpenter, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period. Bora Sunseri recused herself from the discussion and vote.
- e. Dana Davis, LCSW – **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.
- f. Heather Moller, LCSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to deny request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

IMPAIRED PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to accept the report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager.

DISCIPLINARY MONITORING

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to release one individual from her Consent Agreement and Orders for successfully completing the terms.

COMPLAINTS

Motion was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Melissa Haley, to dismiss Complaint #2017-130 with a letter of education. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Bora Sunseri to re-assign Complaint #2021-26 and 2022-40 to another board member. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss Complaint #2023-32. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss Complaint #2023-78. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Melissa Haley to issue a summary suspension in the matter of Complaint #2023-103 and 2023-154 and to set the hearing for September 15, 2023. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Bora Sunseri to dismiss Complaint #2023-136. The motion was unanimously carried.

APPLICATIONS

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work.

Alexander, Fierrau

Beale, Wendy

Bowie, Rodney

Busby, Kourtney

Butler, Anjalik

Coleman, A'leisha
Daliet, Kahloni
Daniels, LaTondra
Dyes, Starkeysia
Farria, Trinell
Gilyard, Myiesha
Gray, Kamri
Hebert, Maggie
Henderson, Ida
Jackson, KaiDaryaia
Joslin, Aubrey
Lawson, Sagarriah
Malone, Nicole
Martin, Selina Moultrie
Massey, Shermaine
Matthews, Zakayla
Overton, Dwan
Prejean, Miranna
Reese, Kia
Sanford Harris, Saieda
Simpson, Cierra
Thompson, Bobbi
Turner, Tianna
Vest, Alana
Whorton, Katina

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement applications for Registered Social Work.

Anderson, Carmen
Mason, Patricia
Williams, Cleanelle

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Registered Social Work.

Bowerman, Hilary

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, 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.

Aguillard, Rocquelle
Amburgey, Regan
Anders, Caitlyn (early testing only)
Armand, Bennet
Babin, Brynne
Baker, Charmaine
Bunger, Amber
Burks, LaSherrica
Burns, Crystal
Calais, Christine
Campos, Amanda
Cazaubon, Leslie

Champagne, Brianna
Christie, Samantha
Collins, Shyneisha
Connally, Lillian
Day, Gwendeline
Devereaux, Willie
Dillon, Monica (examination only)
Ennis, Katelyn
Fleming, Kathryn Lee
Ford, Suanne
Galbreth, Jaunte
George, Michaela
Goudeau, Patricia (early testing only)
Hass, Renee'
Hessel, Kelly
Hicks, Hannah
Hill, Katrina
Hill, Tamesha
Hudspeth, Tabatha
Jackson, RoShanda
Jarred, Jessica
Jenkins, Tyra
Johnson, Sharon
Kraemer, Malorie
Levine, Dekeesha (early testing only)
Manry, Tina
McFadden, Victoria
Merritt Boyd, Dionne
Moran, Brady
O'Neal, Miranda
Pacheco, Jhennifer
Primeaux, Lauren
Ray, Jr. Rickey
Rome, Roseanna
Ryan, Erin
Siddell, Brett
Smith, Chelsea
Stubbs, Jalyynn
Taylor, Christen
Travis, Philicia
Walls, Tityana
Winton, Breanna
Yaeger, Sara

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work.

Booth, Jessica
Davis, Christopher
Gladney, Jesse
Griffin, DeKeitra
King, Nicole

Sonnier, Danyle
Wall, Sharon

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam.

Armstrong, Latoya
Bolton, Jordyn (early testing only)
Boreros, Marion
Bowen, Deja (early testing only)
Buchanan, Colin
Butler, Tanesha
Caballero, Sara
Champagne, Aysia
Collins, Shan'Tra
Conwill, Catherine
Fuchs, Anna
Johnson, Latoya
Ma, Elizabeth (early testing only)
Milson, MaKayleen (early testing only)
Murphy, Taylor
Pavel, Emily
Peters, Sydney (early testing only)
Sewell Williams, Kimberly
Stephens, Erica (early testing only)
Thomas, Kertrigus
Valentino, Gabriella
Webster Scott, De'Errika
Wilson, Jasmin

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applicants for Licensed Clinical Social Work.

Breedlove, Virginia
Darling, Sara
Keller, Burchel
Latimer, William
Opoku-Duku, Parthenia
Ormiston, Erin
Randle, Christina
Schpero, Jessica
Stubblefield, Ashley
Truett, Sandra

FINANCIAL

- a. Financial Statement for the period ending June 30, 2023 – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the financial statement prepared by Rob Furman, CPA.

Budget-to-Actual comparisons are as follows:

For the 12 months ending June 30, 2023	Actual	Budget
Income	715,018.70	715,955.00
Expenses	695,212.09	822,666.00

- b. **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to authorize Emily DeAngelo to sign on behalf of the board in relation to an unclaimed property claim with the Louisiana Department of Revenue.
- c. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to approve the purchase of a new computer for the conference room as well as any other equipment needed to live stream meetings.

BOARD/STAFF MATTERS

- a. Report on office workflow and staffing – report attached to minutes
- b. Dr. Hyacinth McKee appointed the following social workers to the exam committee:
Tameka Long Cohen, CSW
Susan Carville Hutchinson, LCSW
Jennifer LeCarriere, LMSW
Karen Freeman Price, RSW
Joycelyn Roberts, LCSW
Michael Rosales, LMSW
Jarnisa Wade, CSW
Nykara Williams, RSW
- c. Dr. Hyacinth McKee appointed the following social workers to the supervision committee:
Katie Brown, LCSW-BACS
Edgar Guedry, LCSW-BACS
Angela Seets, LCSW-BACS
Jackie Smith, LCSW-BACS
Parker Sternbergh Robinson, LCSW-BACS
- d. Act 393 – This legislation was effective August 1, 2023 and relates to ADA accommodations for the public and board members as well as other matters that affect open meeting law.
- e. DEI – Board members received a working document provided by Dr. Rebecca Chaisson regarding continuing education for social workers in DEI.
- f. Technology committee update – The technology committee will request that Covalent Technology and Thentia present their licensing platforms on September 8, 2023.
- g. Drafts from Rules Committee
Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to amend §1105(A)(14) and (15) to limit continuing education obtained by observing board meetings or committee meetings of the board to 10 hours.
Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to adopt §1105(A)(14) and (15) as amended.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to amend §307(E)(1) to specify that the transcript must show the conferred Master of Social Work degree.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to adopt §307(E)(1) as amended.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to amend the language used in §701(C) relative to verifiable information of one's ability to practice social work.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to adopt §701(C) as amended.

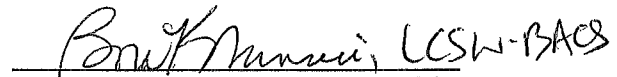
Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to amend §113(A), 113(B), 113(B)(1), and 113(B)(2) relative to describing exploitation, dual relationships, and personal relationships with clients and former clients.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to adopt §113(A), 113(B), 113(B)(1), and 113(B)(2) as amended.

Jamie Barney left the meeting at 3:15 p.m. and returned at 4:50 p.m.

Motion was made by Candice Sorapuru to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.


Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer

Workflow Report August 11, 2023

Since July 7th meeting

Retake applications	75
Paper renewals	20
Background checks mailed to LSP	29
LMSWs issued – passed exam	31
LCSWs issued – passed exam	21
Office of Debt Recovery Notices	0
License Verifications	39
BACS Applications	20
Early testing for MSW students	10
Early testing for LMSW	11
Mailing list requests	0

Received 16 complaints between 07/01/23 and 07/26/23

Written response	3
Investigation	1
Under consideration	5
Not accepted – not a social worker	3
Not accepted – no violation	4

Blake Williamson, Licensing Analyst 1, started August 7, 2023.