

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
September 23, 2022**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 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, Evan Bergeron, Esq., and Jamie Barney, LCSW.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

Jorgia Nevers commented that her application is not listed on the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Charlotte Butler, LCSW – mandatory reporting question regarding clergy

Board members referred Ms. Butler to Rules 111(D) and 115 and recommended she contact the Archdiocese to inquire about reporting.

b. Patricia Mann, LCSW-BACS – allowing continuing education obtained in the month of August to count for current or subsequent collection period (“swing month”)

Board members responded to Ms. Mann that the rules committee will be considering a rule change that will address carryover of continuing education, but at this time the board does not have authority to allow August to count as a swing month.

Jania Martin commented that she doesn't understand swing month.

Patricia Mann commented that her request is for every year.

c. Diana Barnes, LCSW – requesting exception to Rule 507 qualifications for BACS

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to deny Diana Barnes' request for Board Approved Clinical Supervisor designation because she has not met the requirements of Rule 507.

d. Erin Robert, LMSW – volunteer work

The board advised that an LMSW can only provide social work services as an employee of an agency, except for being able to contract with a governmental agency. They also referred her to Rule 113(A) Dual Relationships.

e. Louisiana Healthcare Connections – Application for CE Approval Organization

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Trinity George, and carried by majority vote, to approve the application contingent of receiving two letters of recommendation from professionals outside of the agency. Jamie Barney recused herself from the discussion and vote.

f. Joe Carr, LCSW – question about implementation of Act No. 191 into social work regulation

The board's legal counsel advised that this legislation requires the Department of Health to promulgate rules.

g. Direne Johnson, LCSW-BACS – question relative to the release of client records

Direne Johnson has a child in DCFS custody as a client. Board members advised that DCFS can request the child's record from her and allow CASA to review the record, but not have a copy of the record. The board recommended that she obtain legal counsel to see if the presence of a court order requires her to provide CASA a copy of the record.

h. Community Enrichment Group- Reinstatement Application for CE Approval Organization

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Carla Moore, and unanimously carried, to approve the application.

i. Impact Counseling & Support Services - Application for CE Approval Organization

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the application contingent upon receiving clarification of the provider status of LaShena Haynes.

Gena Lewis commented that shouldn't an actively licensed person be considered a social work service provider.

j. LaJuan Brown, LCSW-BACS- question relative to protecting client records

Board members recommended that she review Rule 115, consult with an attorney for any legal questions, and to contact Louisiana Department of Health with her concerns.

k. Marlene Lucas, LCSW-BACS- question regarding the use of the title “clinical social worker”

Board members discussed that an agency may refer to an employee as a clinical social worker, but the social worker must use the designation issued by the board and practice under required supervision.

Deanna Reine asked why the board can't stop employers from giving job title of social worker when the person they hire is not a social worker.

Jennifer Hannon commented that the Practice Act addresses title protection.

BOARD/STAFF MATTERS

Presentation by Agilify

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to accept proposal presented by Agilify subject to an agreeable contract. Board members asked that this matter be added to the October meeting agenda.

Announcement of change to meeting schedule for October to move the meeting to Friday, October 21, 2022 and Strategic Planning to Saturday, October 22, 2022

The public were advised that the meeting was moved by the Chairperson due to scheduling conflicts.

Report on office workflow and staffing

The workflow report is attached.

BACS Training – initial and renewal

The members of the board and the public were advised that Gina Signorelli will be offering both an initial and renewal training for BACS in November and that both trainings will be virtual.

Recommendations from Lisa Lipsey, Complaint Consultant, for Rules promulgation

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to refer Ms. Lipsey's recommendations to the Rules Committee.

Certemy

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore, and unanimously carried, to send Certemy a notice of intent to terminate contract effective March 31, 2023.

Jennifer Hannon and Amy Schold commented that they support the motion. Jania Martin asked about the transfer of records.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:10 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; Evan Bergeron, yes; Bora Sunseri, LCSW, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Trinity George, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore, and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 12:30 p.m.

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

Impaired Professional Program

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

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to release one licensee from their Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing the terms.

Complaints

Motion was made by Trinity George and seconded by Evan Bergeron, to dismiss Complaint #2021-133. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2022-79. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2022-104. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2023-02. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2023-07. The motion was unanimously carried.

Applications

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

LaShuntae Burrell
Brenda Campbell
Destinee Charles
Houston Chatman
Sedarius Gray
Lindsey Hoard
Alexis Kador
TaErica Manuel
DeMeisha Martin
Kameron May
Tempestt Melancon
Lakisha Morris
Jency Sterling
Naimalika Taylor
Kierra Young

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

Dale Johnson
Adrianna Loyd
Teiwana Miller
Shantrell Murph
Jorgia Nevers
Delreil Sanders
Catherine White

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, 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.

Naydi Alvarez-Martinez
Fa'Tonia Beaudoin
Veronica Bobb
Rebekah Bourgeois
Joi Chadwick
Misty Cressionnie
Tylea Davenport
Arielle Day
Ebony Ferguson
Darreon Griffin
Leah Havard
Piajay Herbert
Brianna Jordan
Sydney Miller

Israel Moore
Ruth Moore
Abigail Morrill
Sindy Moses
Jaliah Pabon
Mei Qui
Cyd Cherise Reed
Demond Roberts
Derrick Singleton
Leah Thibodeau
Kaci Thomas
Kollyne Thomas
Sophia Torres
Gracie Trahan
Katharine Van de Putte

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

Monique Brouillette

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

Anna Breeland
Jasmine Goodwine
Javelin Hardy
Jourdan Hood
Molly Travin
Tara Turner

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

JoAnn Glasper
Alexandra Haley
Anna Kennedy
Michelle Ludwigsen
Antonio Minniefield
Isabella Rollo
Rosalyn Walters
Vadeisha Williams

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

Heather Burroughs
Rashan Carter

Sarah Howell

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

Stephanie Franklin-Melton

Compliance Hearing

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW application of Caroline Caronna for insufficient documentation to comply with the rules regarding supervision; the hours of supervision earned during Applicant's employment at Odyssey House Substance Abuse through September of 2019 shall remain valid and the period for completion of supervision shall be extended through December 31, 2025.

FINANCIAL

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to fund Seleana LaChapelle and Sara Banks's registration for The Regulatory Academy: Law, Licensing and Leadership.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2022 board meeting.


AMEND AGENDA

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to add ASWB Delegate Assembly to the agenda in order to assign a delegate and alternate, as well as approve funding for attendance, before the deadline which is prior to the next meeting date.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to name Hyacinth McKee as delegate, Emily DeAngelo as alternative, and to fund Emily DeAngelo's attendance of the ASWB Delegate Assembly in Scottsdale, AZ.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.


Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer