

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
Strategic Planning Meeting Agenda
October 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

The meeting was conducted at the Board office and streamed via video conference, and all interested parties were provided with the information to join the meeting.

- I. Call to Order – Hyacinth McKee called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
- II. Roll Call – Bora Sunseri conducted roll call. Board members Hyacinth McKee, Jamie Barney, Bora Sunseri, Melissa Haley, Evan Bergeron, Trinity George, and Candice Sorapuru were present. In addition, Emily DeAngelo, Regina DeWitt, Sara Banks, Sharon Duronslet, Blake Williamson, Sheri Morris, and Rebecca Escoto were in attendance.
- III. Public Comment – No public comment during this opportunity for public comment.
- IV. Consideration and approval of agenda – Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Committee updates – the Chair of each committee provided an update.
 - A. Exam – Jamie Barney reported that the exam committee met on October 13, 2023 and ended the meeting with task assignments.
 - B. Policy & Procedure – Melissa Haley reported that the policy and procedure committee met on October 13, 2023. The committee reviewed the legislative auditor’s report and revised the policy and procedures in response to the findings of the legislative auditor.
 - C. Continuing Education – Trinity George reported that the continuing education committee met October 19, 2023. The committee reviewed Chapter 11, approved \$250 application fee for continuing education pre-approval organizations, and discussed the development of a rubric for auditing the pre-approval organizations.
 - D. Supervision – Hyacinth McKee advised that the supervision committee meeting was cancelled.
 - E. Technology – Bora Sunseri explained that Sheri Morris is working with Covalent to ensure that our contract complies with state procurement requirements. Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to amend the agenda to add a discussion about executing the contract. Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to authorize the board administrator, Emily DeAngelo, to execute contract with Covalent in communication with the technology committee chair and contingent it meets the state procurement requirements.
 - F. Rules – Evan Bergeron led board members in a final review of proposed rules. He shared his screen so that members of the public could follow what is being proposed.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to change §111(F)(1) to change “valid written” to “documented” and to change “client” to “individual” in §111(G)(7).

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to adopt §309(J).

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to revise §309(K)(1) to include applicant meets the criteria of §37:2950.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to adopt change regarding fees being non-refundable in §313(A).

Motion was made by Candice Sorapuru, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to add CT behind 5:00 pm in §329(C).

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to adopt §971 with the addition of “of mailing of the limited panel’s decision” to the end of the second sentence.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to send chapter 9 to our prosecuting attorney for his feedback.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to defer §979 to a later time due to pending litigation. Michele Guidry made a public comment.

Motion was made by Candice Sorapuru, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to change “no evidence” to “insufficient evidence” in §981(A).

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to revise §981(B) to read “A letter of concern or education is not discipline under the Practice Act or this Part.”

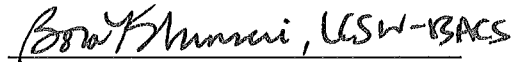
Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to adopt draft as amended.

- VI. Legal sufficiency review of rules – Sheri Morris advised that changes in all chapters are legally sufficient.
- VII. Committee to update the Board Member Handbook & training documents – Hyacinth McKee advised that this committee will be comprised of former board members and that their work will begin in the first part of 2024.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron to adjourn at 11:39 am.



Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson



Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer