

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
April 10, 2026**

Brandon Reeves called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026. 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.

Board members present during the roll call included Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS, Katie Dotie, LCSW-BACS, Jacqueline Garrison, LCSW-BACS, Kentrell Boyd-Heisser, RSW, and Jody Strother, LCSW-BACS. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were also present at the meeting.

Public Comment

Brandon Reeves read a public comment submitted by Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS, regarding access to data in Certemy.

Agenda

Additions approved:

- Jamie Wright's supervision request was added to Correspondence section G29 to allow her to move forward with the LCSW application process before the next meeting.
- Discussion of meeting calendar added under Board/Staff matters.

Changes:

- Courtney Simon, LMSW (item E6.G) tabled to May 15th at her request
- Spelling correction for Lynn Chaldler Golden (item E6.a) – name corrected to "Chandler".

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda as amended.

Social Work Compact Update – Dr. Hyacinth McKee

Dr. Hyacinth McKee, Louisiana's Delegate Commissioner for the Social Work Compact, provided a comprehensive update on the compact's progress since the full commission meeting held on November 5, 2025. The projected launch date has moved to fiscal year 2027.

Brandon Reeves thanked Dr. McKee for the extensive hours of work on behalf of Louisiana social workers and noted the complexity of details that must be worked out beyond simply making licenses valid in other states.

Presentation of Voluntary Surrender

In the matter of Harold Kirby, Complaint #2026-11

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to adopt the voluntary surrender.

Public comment made by Michele Guidry, LCSW-BACS.

Presentation of Consent Agreement and Orders

In the matter of Timothy Kemery, Complaint #2025-167

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Timothy Kemery.

In the matter of Jody Cain-Mallett, Complaint #2026-68

Brandon Reeves recused himself from this case, and Katie Dotie chaired the meeting during consideration of this item.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Jody Strother and unanimously carried to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Jody Cain-Mallett.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:06 a.m.

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: Jacqueline Garrison, yes; Jody Strother, yes; Kentrell Boyd-Heisser, yes; Brandon Reeves, yes; and Katie Dotie, yes.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:40 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Jacqueline Garrison, yes; Jody Strother, yes; Kentrell Boyd-Heisser, yes; Brandon Reeves, yes; and Katie Dotie, yes.

Recovering Professional Program

Dr. Emily George Tilley, LCSW-BACS, provided members of the board with a compliance report related to the Recovering Professional Program. Dr. Tilley advised that she is waiting for an evaluation of participant AO-22.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to accept the report for information.

Compliance Rehearing

A rehearing was conducted at the request of Aisha Bass to appeal against the Board's decision to deny her LMSW reinstatement application. The denial was based on her not completing the required examination due to prior grandfathering, as well as concerns regarding continuing education compliance. The hearing panel included Brandon Reeves, Jacqueline Garrison, Katie Dotie, Jody Strother, and Kentrell Boyd-Heisser. Aisha Bass participated via zoom. Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried to grant the request to reinstate LMSW.

Compliance Hearings

A compliance hearing was scheduled at the request of Ta'Khia Holloway to appeal the Board's decision to deny her RSW application. A motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried to dismiss the request due to the applicant's failure to appear for the hearing.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Jason Weams to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision completed more than 60 days before the submission of a Supervision Contract. The hearing panel included Jacqueline Garrison, Katie Dotie, and Jody Strother. Jason Weams participated via zoom. Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded

by Jacqueline Garrison, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision completed with Andrew Wilson for the period of August 5, 2024, to April 12, 2025.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Otis Journey to appeal the Board's decision to deny his application for LCSW via endorsement. The hearing panel included Brandon Reeves, Jacqueline Garrison, and Jody Strother. Otis Journey appeared in person with his attorney, Lauren Papillion. Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Jody Strother, and unanimously carried to issue Otis Journey the LMSW and require him to meet Louisiana's supervision requirements. The passing score on the ASWB Clinical level examination will be recognized upon completion of supervision and submission of the LCSW application.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to release the five licensees that have successfully completed the terms of their Consent Agreements and Orders from further obligations under those agreements and to approve the payment plan submitted by Marlon Washington.

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to deny motion of recusal in the matter of complaint #2024-83. Emily DeAngelo and Jim Raines were not present at this discussion.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2015-14.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2025-129

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-57 with a letter of education.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-88.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to refer for further investigation of complaint #2026-90.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Heisser and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-97.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Jody Strother and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-107.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to reject complaint #2026-111 and to forward a copy to the respondent.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Heisser and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-112.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-117 with a letter of education.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Jody Strother and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-124.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Heisser and unanimously carried to refer complaint #2026-126 for further investigation.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-129.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-153.

Correspondence Considered During Executive Session

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to deny the requests for a waiver of the in-person continuing education required for license renewal submitted by Lynn Chandler Bolden, Tara DeMars, Sharon Katz, Allison LeFlore, Robin Richardson, and Julie Shreve because synchronous, interactive webinars are considered in-person hours.

Pre-eligibility Determination – Elnora McNeal

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Shellington and unanimously carried that the criminal history considered does not disqualify Elnora McNeal from moving forward with the application process.

Renewal Applications

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to deny the renewal application submitted by Evelyn Adams, Ivian Bell, William Collett, Jillian Dearmond, Chardonnay Houlette, Myke Hunstock, Deborah Lewis and Kristen Wolfe and to offer a compliance hearing.

Applications

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to approve Sarah West for early testing for the ASWB Masters exam.

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to approve the application submitted by Charlitame Rucker for Licensed Master's Social Work, issue Certified Social Work certification and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam. Jacqueline Garrison recused from the discussion and vote.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the R-CSW application submitted by ShaQuinta Davis and to offer a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the R-CSW application submitted by Adrienne Magee and offer a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the R-CSW application submitted by Phyillis Thompson and offer a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the R-CSW application submitted by Quankeia Shepherd and offer a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Jody Strother and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work.

Beaudoin, Fatonia
Blanson, Darinesha
Bocard, Valencia
Bordere, Ariane
Chase, Kiara
Chatman, Renietta
Cunningham, Tykira
Davis, Asia
Foret, Trinity
Gilliam, Jasmine
Hunter, Kishon
Jackson, Katerica
Jordan-Perry, Emily
Leblanc, Hope
Miller, Jesse
Minor, Meghan
Myles, Jacqualline
Quarles, Bobbretta
Rogers, Akire
Shepherd, Mikayla
Sims, Bria
Thomas, Keyairrowa
Tucker, Shantell
White, Sydnie

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work reinstatement.

Duckworth, Erica
Ducote, Leah
Hartford, Laraunda
Issac, Nacia
Mitchell, Labarria
Patterson, Dominique
Pridgett, Laticha
Robertson, Asha
Walker, Cynthia

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Licensed Master's Social Work, issue Certified Social Work certification and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam.

Adam, Paige (early test approval)
Armand, Lucy (early test approval)
Arnold, Chloe (early test approval)
Ausberry, Fiona

Bailey, Natalie (early test approval)
Barber, Precious
Batiste, April
Batiste, Naya (early test approval)
Batiste, Rachelle (early test approval)
Bellard, Gabrielle
Berry, Alice (early test approval)
Blackmon, Kristen
Bourgeois, Garrett
Boykins, Jr., Jerell (early test approval)
Briscoe, Najae
Brooks, Adrienna (early test approval)
Brown, Lynell
Burdick, Emilee
Cain, April
Causey, Jared
Chambers, Zakiya (early test approval)
Ciarfalla, Daniel
Coleman, Vanlissa Jordan
Cooley, Brianna (early test approval)
Cooper, Sydney (early test approval)
Corcoran-West, Ashley
Couvillion, Jana (early test approval)
Crawford, Yasmine
Diaz, Micaela (early test approval)
Duncan, Jennet
Elmore, Elizabeth (early test approval)
Ferguson, Kimberly
Fields, Brandie
Forest, Caroline (early test approval)
Franklin, Bryanna
Garrett, Caroline (early test approval)
Gibbs, Myra (early test approval)
Gilmore, Latavia
Granger, Bailey (early test approval)
Harper, Ann Hedrick (early test approval)
Harris, Karasha (early test approval)
Hebert, Maggie (early test approval)
Heming, Andrea
Higgins, Zoe
Holden, Terrence
Husband, Anna (early test approval)
Jackson, Jeanine
Johnson, Krystle (early test approval)
Johnson, Marka
Johnson, Raegan
Jones, Jasma
Jordan, Tasia (early test approval)
LaCroix, Jessica (early test approval)
Lambert, Laura (early test approval)
Lea, Jermani (early test approval)

Lee, Sumi
Lee, Tameika
Livingston, Joel
Loeb, Paul
Loubiere, Emily (early test approval)
Malvo, Indya (early test approval)
Manuel, Kalin
Martin, Bridget
Mathews, Bailey
Mayeux, Holly
Monceaux, Jack
Moody, Shannin (early test approval)
Moore, Catyia
Morgan, Cynthia (early test approval)
Moskowitz, Ellie
Moto, Michael (early test approval)
Mullen, Anna
Olin, Ashleigh (early test approval)
Overhelm, Kelcie (early test approval)
Ozah, Michelle
Paul, Emily (early test approval)
Pertuit, Lennox
Plauche, Claire
Porter, Olivia (early test approval)
Rachal, Sophia (early test approval)
Reliford, Keona (early test approval)
Richardson, Joicelynn
Rideau, Keyondra (early test approval)
Sanders, Shequantna (early test approval)
Savant, Randy (early test approval)
Scott, Olivia (early test approval)
Self, Meagan (early test approval)
Shepherd, Lakena
Sligh, Bertha
Smith, Mackenzie (early test approval)
Smith, Molly (early test approval)
Smith, Virginia (early test approval)
Thomas, Deekayla
Thompson, Toye (early test approval)
Toohey, Makayla (early test approval)
Trull, Courtney (early test approval)
Walters, Steven (early test approval)
Ward, Wynner
Watts, Gracie (early test approval)
Williams, Ebony
Willis-Rodriguez, Nyave (early test approval)
Woodard, Melody (early test approval)
Zeringue, Brandy (early test approval)

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Restricted-CSW.

Dawkins, Ronechia

Goudy, Latonya

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work.

Acosta, Paola Nieves

Anderson, Elizabeth

Auger, Ashleigh

Crowder, Shervonda

Feinberg, Sarah

Gonzales, Anna

Grudier, Lorena

Hamilton, Ericka

Hernandez, Amy

Huang, Anthony

Kopp, Aaryn

Leger, Destinee

Maisel, Adelaide

Miller, Angela

Raybon, Lillie

Richmond, Lisa

Russo, Marlana

Salvatore, Danielle

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement application for Licensed Master's Social Work.

Borrel, Dustin

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam.

Baker, Tionna (early test approval)

Baxter, Sharika (early test approval)

Bayonne, Mayshonna (early test approval)

Berardino, Rosemary

Bernard, David (early test approval)

Brandy, Tanya

Bristow, Edmund

Brouillette, Sandi (early test approval)

Burns, Crystal (early test approval)

Carter, Briana (early test approval)

Chaky, Elise (early test approval)

Cline, Tanyaka (early test approval)

Collins, Jamie

Corley, Victoria

Dawan, Hope

Dowell, Carlie (early test approval)

Doyen, Paul

Gonzales, Gregory

Goudeau, Patricia (early test approval)

Henderson, Ida
Hendrix, Ramsey (early test approval)
Henry, Kellie
Jefferson, Sharon (early test approval)
Johnston, Ramona
Jones, Alexis
Jones, Summer (early test approval)
Katner, Philip
Laborde, Tiffany (early test approval)
Larce, Brian (early test approval)
Lee-Cornell, Kathy (early test approval)
Mann, Avery (early test approval)
McElwee, Conchita
McKinley, Malika
McReynolds, Sarah
Murph, Shantrell (early test approval)
Myers, Marissa (early test approval)
Roby-Ellis, Alicia
Sleptsova, Irina
St. Amand, Bernadette
Stephens, Kari (early test approval)
Stevenson, Bailey (early test approval)
Thompson, Keona (early test approval)
Thompson, Theresa
Ukpabi, Courtney Holmes (early test approval)
Walker, Michelle
Wilkins, Jaime
Williams, Tiffany (early test approval)
Wilmore, Aline (early test approval)
Winton, Breanna
Woodard, Marlia (early test approval)
Yates, Alice

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applicants for issuance of the LCSW.

Bossick, Nathaniel
Buchanan, Brittany
Caputo, Christine
Chapman, Mark
Davis-Perry, Laura
Evert, Sarah
Farr-Goodwin, Sasha
Francisco, Joseph
Friend, Heather
Garcia, Monica
Geiger, Miriam
Grudier, Lorena
Haddad, Sarabeth
Hill, Latronna
Holck, Amy
Hritz, Sophia

Johnson, Gemini
Johnson, Rebecca
Jolly, Lorie
Keen-Avery, Andrea
Kemp, Sarah
Laws, Rachel
Lepique, Tom
Luxmore, Dawn
Monteferrario-Rubenstein, Tracey
Moore, Tammi
Olney, Heather
Padgett, Amy
Patrick, Summer
Perez, Laura
Robertson, Marcie
Scott, Sherri
Shumake, Pamela
Sinkgraven, Michelle
Thomas, Margaret
Ugbome, Armeshae
Ware, Christina
Weiser, Nora
White, Bria
Wilkes, Heather
Williams, Tammy

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Reinstatement applicant for issuance of the LCSW.
Pollock, Naomi

Minutes

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 16, 2026.

Correspondence

Kylie Alexander, LMSW

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Heisser and unanimously carried to grant supervision credit for the period of March 6, 2023, and October 6, 2023, totaling 12.4 hours.

Kathleen Barre, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to grant supervision credit for the period of March 28, 2025, and October 3, 2025, totaling 12 hours.

Corey Baskin, LMSW

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to approve the professional experience hours provided by Brentwood Hospital.

Hailey Folse, LMSW

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to grant supervision credit for the period of March 21, 2024, and February 20, 2025.

Tabitha Hudspeth, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to grant supervision credit for the period of March 4, 2024, and July 2, 2024, totaling 17 hours of supervision and 680 hours of professional experience.

Kevin Huval, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to grant supervision credit for the period of August 4, 2025, and November 11, 2025, totaling 7 hours of supervision and 317.67 hours of professional experience.

Erica Joshua, LMSW

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to grant supervision for the period of July 29, 2024, and July 28, 2025, totaling 16 hours of supervision.

Latonya McGee, LMSW

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to grant supervision credit for the period of May 13, 2023, and May 27, 2025, totaling 4,610 professional experience hours and 72 hours of supervision.

Wendy Powell, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to grant supervision credit for the period of May 31, 2022, and June 17, 2025, totaling 96 hours.

Arkeia Solomon, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to grant supervision credit for the period of July 31, 2023, and October 18, 2025, totaling 96 hours.

Rachel Veal, LMSW

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to grant supervision credit for the period of May 27, 2025, and December 9, 2025, totaling 966.75 professional experience hours and 13 supervision hours.

Alexis Washington, LMSW

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to grant supervision credit for the period of July 8, 2024, and September 2, 2025, totaling 56 hours of supervision.

Meeting recessed at 4:57 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on April 11, 2026.

Brandon Reeves called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026. 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.

Board members present during the roll call included Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS, Katie Dotie, LCSW-BACS, Jacqueline Garrison, LCSW-BACS, Kentrell Boyd-Heisser, RSW, and Jody Strother, LCSW-BACS. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were also present at the meeting.

Correspondence

Nita Baucom, LCSW-BACS

The Board advised Nita Baucom that she can issue a certificate for a partially completed BACS workshop. The training may be counted as continuing education, but it cannot be applied toward the 6.5-hour BACS training requirement.

Brandon Broussard, CSW

The Board advised Brandon Broussard that the term "therapy" is not defined by the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or the Rules, Standards, and Procedures. He was further informed that CSWs and LMSWs are not permitted to practice independently and may wish to seek legal counsel regarding appropriate terminology and scope of practice.

Amanda Campos, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried to deny the request for credit for the telesupervision training held on November 13, 2025. The request was denied due to the inability to verify attendance for the full duration of the training.

Sasha Cade-Crayton, LMSW

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny using supervision hours that were completed in more than four years. She was advised that she will need to follow either the current supervision requirements or the pre-2022 requirements.

Latreca Harrell, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to approve the job description for Medical Certification Specialist towards meeting the requirements for the LCSW.

Chalonda Harris, LCSW-BACS

The Board advised Chalonda Harris that the current Rules do not require an LCSW-BACS to be supervised for clinical practice. An LCSW-BACS is not required to complete telesupervision training when supervision is provided by another LCSW-BACS.

Juanita Johnson, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the request for credit for the telesupervision training held November 13, 2025. The request was denied due to the camera not being on for the training.

Tia Keenan, LMSW

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to acknowledge that Tia Keenan completed the hours requirements to apply for the LCSW.

Caitlin Leake, CSW

Board advised Caitlin Leake that the psychosocial assessment she provided for the board to review is a clinical document. A CSW or LMSW may provide this assessment if they are supervised by an LCSW.

Dana Logan, LCSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the request for all distance learning CEs. The request was denied due to Rule 1313(A) allowing synchronous training to count as in-person.

Erikka Neal, LCSW

The Board determined that the matter involves legal interpretation beyond the board's advisory role. She was advised to seek further guidance from the school's legal counsel.

Kimberly Parker, LCSW-BACS

The Board determined that this matter involves legal interpretation and falls outside the scope of the Board's regulatory and advisory authority. She was advised to consult with private legal guidance.

Megan Simon-Delone, LMSW

The Board determined the job description provided by Charlie Health does constitute social work practice. She was advised that a CSW or LMSW may not accept this position if it is structured as a 1099 employee position.

Rachele Thompson, LCSW

The Board acknowledged the emerging issue of mental health support being provided by online AI tools. She was advised that her concerns may best be directed to local representatives or professional organizations that are permitted to engage in advocacy and policy development.

Rebecca Vonier, LCSW-BACS

Board referred Rebecca Vonier to Rule 113(B) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures which address dual relationships. She was advised to provide the client with appropriate external resources for tutoring services.

Board/Staff Matters

Office Workflow Report

The report on the office workflow is attached.

Elections

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Jody Strother and unanimously carried to nominate Brandon Reeves as Chairperson.

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to nominate Katie Dotie as Vice-Chairperson.

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to nominate Jacqueline Garrison as Secretary-Treasurer.

Social Work Compact

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Shellington and unanimously carried to have a current board member representing Louisiana as its commissioner.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Jody Strother and unanimously carried to appoint Katie Dotie as Louisiana's commissioner effective immediately.

Public comments made by Cassandra Smith and Gina Rossi.

Discussion of Process During Acting Leadership
There were no decisions or votes related to this topic.

Consideration of Policy for Financial Matters that Addresses Absence of Administrator,
Secretary-Treasurer or Both
Revise current policy and bring to May 15, 2026 meeting for a vote.

Communication Protocol
Board members discussed the importance of their awareness of matters prior to any
announcements to the public.

Consideration of Resolution for Applications
Brandon Reeves, Emily DeAngelo and Sheri Morris will draft a resolution to address application
approval to include processes for applications with criminal history.

Legislation
Board members were provided with a list of legislation with potential impact to the Board or
social workers.

Consideration of Board Meeting Dates
Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to
add Thursday, June 18, 2026 for a board meeting.

Financial

ASWB Spring Education Meeting
Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to
fund Brandon Reeves to attend the Spring Education Meeting. Brandon Reeves abstained from
the vote.

25-26 Contract Amendments
Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to
amend the contract with Kathie Pohlman to allow for the reimbursement of 20 hours of unpaid
work and to allow for 20 additional hours of training.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to
increase the maximum contract amount for Lisa Lipsey's contract by \$5,000.00.

25-26 Budget Amendments
Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Heisser and unanimously
carried, to approve the budget amendments for FY25-26.

26-27 Proposed Budget
Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jody Strother and unanimously carried, to
approve the FY26-27 budget as presented.

26-27 Professional Service Contracts
Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to
renew the contract with Danny Allday for accounting services at a rate of \$800 per month and a
maximum contract amount of \$9,600.00.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to renew the contract with Lisa Lipsey as Complaint Consultant at a rate of \$115 per hour and a maximum contract amount of \$40,000.00.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Heisser and unanimously carried, to renew the contract with Integrated Security and Investigation Specialists for investigation services at a rate of \$50 per hour and a maximum contract amount of \$30,000.00.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to renew the contract with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson for legal services at a rate of \$350 per hour and a maximum contract amount of \$200,000.00.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jody Strother and unanimously carried, to renew the contract with Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich for legal services at a rate of \$350 per hour and a maximum contract amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion was made by Jody Strother, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to renew the contract with Dr. Emily George Tilley as the Recovering Professional Program Manager at a rate of \$100 per hour and a maximum of \$25,000.00.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jody Strother and unanimously carried, to pay to participate in the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program for FY26-27.

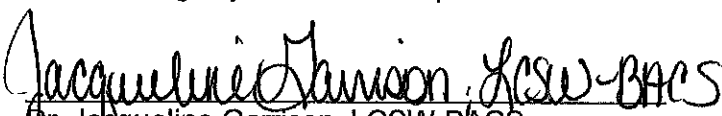
Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to pay Certemy for a 12-month extension of read-only access.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to add a discussion to the agenda related to a grace period for Supervision Contracts.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve supervision sessions and supervised work experience between May 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025 outside of the 60-day window provided that a Supervision Contract was filed on or before August 31, 2025.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to authorize the Administrator to manage financial matters and sign contracts on behalf of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.


Dr. Jacqueline Garrison, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer

WORKFLOW REPORT PRESENTED ON APRIL 10, 2026

Since January 16, 2026 Meeting

Requests for early testing – Masters	68
Requests for early testing – Clinical	22
Early testers issued LMSW	2
Early testers issued LCSW	14
LMSWs issued (not early testers)	47
LCSWs issued (not early testers)	23
BACS issued	18
Retake applications approved	187
Supervision Contracts approved	125
Supervision Contracts denied	41
LCSW Applications - Supervision approvals	64
License verifications	109
Late renewals processed	78
Emeritus Status	4
Open Book Exam invitations	79
Disciplinary monitoring	54
Name changes	34

OUTREACH:

02/10/26 Sara presented to LSU undergraduates.

Regina was invited to be part of the Southeastern Social Work Advisory Board. She attended their spring meeting on 02/24/26. The Advisory Board exists to provide essential guidance that helps ensure academic programs remain responsive to evolving community needs, current practice realities, and workforce trends, including the critical role of licensure in supporting professional standards.

02/26 – 27/26 Sara represented LABSWE as an exhibitor at the Baccalaureate Program Directors Association conference in New Orleans.

03/18 – 19/26 Sara represented LABSWE as an exhibitor at the NASW-LA Conference.

03/19/26 Emily & Lisa Lipsey presented at the NASW-LA Conference. Presentation entitled, "The Law, Ethics, and Your Social Work Practice".

03/23/26 Blake presented to SLU undergraduates.

COMPLAINTS: 01/01/2026 – 03/31/2026

Complaints received	46
Self-reports received	3
Sent to investigator	1
Written response requested	29
Waiting for more info from complainant	8

L.A.C. 46:XXV.1009(C) REPORT OF REJECTED COMPLAINTS
01/01/2026 through 03/31/2026

File Number	1009(B)(1) Respondent undetermined	1109(B)(2) Respondent not licensed	1109(B)(3) Complaint illegible	1109(B)(4) No violation alleged	Nature of Complaint
2026-64				X	Complainant alleged defamation of character. More info requested from complainant 10/21/25; no response rec'd.
2026-110		X			Complainant was referred to employer.
2026-113				X	Complainant is a parent involved in custody dispute. Respondent is dating the other parent involved in dispute. No evidence that respondent identified themselves as the child's social worker or was involved in the situation in a professional role.
2026-114		X			Respondent is deceased.
2026-115				X	Person listed as the complainant did not file the complaint. There was little information provided. A separate complaint was opened against respondent for practicing with a lapsed license.
2026-116				X	Same complainant & situation of 2026-113.
Complaint emailed 01/22/26- as not filed via the complaint portal so no # assigned	X				Complaint named social workers but did not include allegations specific to the named social workers.
2026-118		X			Complainant referred to agency.
2026-130				X	Complainant and respondent were involved romantically. Allegation does not fall under the authority of LABSWE.
2026-131				X	Complainant is the ex-husband of a social worker. Filed a complaint about social worker's arrest. The social worker reported her arrest and we are following the matter.
2026-133				X	Duplicate of 2026-131
2026-134				X	Duplicate of 2026-131
Complaint emailed 03/28/26- was not filed via the complaint portal so no # assigned				X	Complainant alleges she found respondent and respondent's family via Ancestry and alleges they have taken away her rights to her family and erasing her identity.

2026-158				X	Complaint is a personal matter between two parties that share a child.
2026-159				X	Duplicate of 2026-158
2026-160		X		X	Complaint is a personal matter and is against a social worker that has not held a credential since 2001.