

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
April 25, 2025**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025. 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.

Bora Sunseri conducted a roll call. Board members present during the roll call included Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS, Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS, Trinity George, RSW, and Melissa Haley, LMSW. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, Sara Banks, Licensing Analyst, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were also present at the meeting.

Newly appointed consumer member Liam Doyle joined the meeting at 8:57a.m.

**Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Agenda**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda with the following amendments: removal of item IV.A.1. rehearing in the matter of Jessica Shelton and to note that Hyacinth McKee is recused from the discussion and vote on items VI.P. Jamilah Ayad and VI.W. DaVante Jenkins-Gethers.

**Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 21, 2025.

**Presentation of Consent Agreement and Orders**

In the matter of Melissa Montrose, LCSW, File #2024-33

**Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agreement and Order for Melissa Montrose.

In the matter of Special Ventroy, MSW, File# 2025-93

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agreement and Order for Special Ventroy.

**Correspondence**

- A. Alzheimer's Services of the Capitol Area- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Alzheimer's Services of the Capitol Area to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- B. Brandy Stroud, LCSW Forever Care Resources, LLC- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Brandy Stroud, LCSW to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- C. NASW-LA Chapter- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by NASW-LA Chapter to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.

- D. Nita Baucom, LCSW-BACS - **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Nita Baucom, LCSW-BACS to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- E. Marlon Washington, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny employment request while license is suspended. The job description falls under the scope of practice of a social worker.
- F. Abbie Sussman, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve Abbie Sussman's untimely request for a compliance hearing to appeal the denial of supervision hours made at the June 21, 2024 board meeting.
- G. Maria Rocha, LMSW(TX)- The Board advised she is required to hold a Louisiana license if she provides social work services to clients located in Louisiana. The Board further advises that clinical practice requires supervision by a LCSW licensing in Louisiana.
- H. Dana Rippey, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to deny her request to consider training conducted over Microsoft Teams be counted as in-person continuing education hours. Public comment made by Bradley Allison and Gina Rossi.
- I. Virgie Jackson-McKinley, RSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete all continuing education hours via distance learning for the 2024-2025 collection period.
- J. Kelsey Massery, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete all continuing education hours via distance learning for the 2024-2025 collection period.
- K. Tonya Walton, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to deny the request to allow a virtual continuing education program to count as in-person continuing education hours.
- L. Arielle Brown, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision with Jasmine Thomas, LCSW-BACS.
- M. Emily Maderia, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision with Catherine Poehling, LCSW-BACS.
- N. Brandon Queen- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to deny the request to accept a degree majoring in Sociology in lieu of a degree majoring in Social Work for the Registered Social Worker registration.
- O. Amanda Anderson, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed from January 14, 2024 to November 23, 2025.
- P. Jamilah Ayad, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing. Hyacinth McKee and Melissa Haley were recused from the discussion and vote.
- Q. Blessin Conner, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed from October 31, 2023 to January 5, 2024. **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed from January 29, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

- R. Chrishel Crawford, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed from May 2, 2022 and August 7, 2022.
- S. Claire Crosby, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed from November 25, 2022 to January 29, 2023.
- T. Jessica Freibert, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed from September 24, 2024 to January 19, 2025.
- U. Patricia Goudeau, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve supervision hours obtained from February 1, 2024 to December 4, 2024.

### **Executive Session**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:00 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: Bora Sunseri, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; Liam Doyle, yes; and Trinity George, yes.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:04 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Melissa Haley, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Liam Doyle, yes; and Trinity George, yes.

### **Rehearing**

A rehearing was scheduled at the request of Jessica Shelton, LMSW. Ms. Shelton emailed the morning of the hearing requesting a cancellation.

**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to deny request for a continuance and affirm the hearing panel's decision made September 13, 2024.

### **Compliance Hearings**

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Kimberly Clofer to appeal the board's decision to deny her supervision completed with Dawn Christian, LCSW-BACS, for the period of November 5, 2022 through December 18, 2024. The hearing panel included Bora Sunseri, Melissa Haley, and Liam Doyle. Kimberly Clofer participated via zoom.

**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision completed from November 5, 2022 through December 18, 2024 and provide a letter of education to Dawn Christian, LCSW-BACS regarding supervision requirements.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Leah Mendoza to appeal the board's decision to deny her request for remote supervision with Linda Hartdegen, LCSW-BACS. The

hearing panel included Bora Sunseri, Melissa Haley, and Liam Doyle. Leah Mendoza participated via zoom.

**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Liam Doyle and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision with Linda Hartdegen, LCSW-BACS at Beacon Behavioral Health with supervision credit beginning February 2025.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Kellie Henry regarding supervision credit. The hearing panel included Bora Sunseri, Melissa Haley and Trinity George. Kellie Henry participated in-person.

**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the supervised work experience received while employed with Acadian Hospice, Heart of Hospice and Louisiana Hospice and Palliative Care, including the timeframe in question which was December 31, 2023 to November 6, 2024. Board members advised Ms. Henry that the parent company, LHC, can complete the Professional Experience Verifications.

### **Correspondence**

- V. Rebecca Hebert, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried to approve supervision hours obtained from April 22, 2024 to December 16, 2024.
- W. DaVante Jenkins-Gethers, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve supervision hours obtained from August 15, 2023 to February 7, 2025. Hyacinth McKee was recused from the discussion and vote.
- X. Arielle Joseph, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve supervision hours obtained from August 30, 2023 to January 25, 2024.
- Y. Brian Larce, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve supervision hours obtained from June 11, 2024 to January 19, 2025.
- Z. Janis Vaughan, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried to approve the request for remote supervision with Damon Lowrey, LCSW-BACS. **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve supervised work experience completed from March 3, 2023 to August 17, 2024. **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to deny the supervised work experience completed from October 7, 2024 to January 5, 2025.
- AA. Destiny Williams, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the supervised work experience obtained from August 9, 2022 to March 10, 2023. **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve supervised work experience obtained from March 20, 2023 to November 19, 2023.

### **Board/Staff Matters**

- A. Report on office workflow and staffing is attached to minutes.
- B. Reminder for all board members to submit their annual financial disclosure report to the Board of Ethics by May 15, 2025.

### **Applications**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by Emery Cummings and to offer a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the RSW application for Alike' Lonzo subject to meeting additional requirements.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW endorsement application for Katherine Mayet and offer a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application for Naijhon Russell and to offer a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW Endorsement application for Paula Smith and to offer a compliance hearing. She is also offered certification as a Certified Social Worker and approval to sit for the ASWB Masters exam.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri and carried by majority vote, to deny the LCSW Endorsement application for Steven Kampton and to offer a compliance hearing. He is also offered the LMSW and approval to sit for the ASWB Clinical examination. Melissa Haley objected to the vote.

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

Brown, Shantellia  
Bush, Mikki  
Chambers, Crystal  
Delone, Troy  
Ellzey, Kimoni  
Felton-Joseph, Tanisha  
Fortner, Laura  
Hawthorne-Serignet, Amanda  
Hills, Debra  
Holmes, Aspen  
King-Smith, Raven  
Larce, London  
Matthews, Gerrick  
Porter, Brianna  
Riggs, Alescia  
Sterling, Christine  
Stribling, Jameka  
Waguespack-McMorris, Hallie  
Welch, Brittney  
Williams, Niegi  
Williams-Berryhill, Paquealla

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

Simms Martin, Deirdre  
Smith, Vanisha

**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Endorsement Registered Social Work.  
Hunter, Malaysia

**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 certification and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam.

Alvira, Adriana  
Armbruster, Michael (early test approval)  
Baham, Jabar  
Bazajou, Brian  
Bethancourt, Njaya  
Bida, Androniki (early test approval)  
Brasseaux, Destiny (early test approval)  
Briggs, Kalani (early test approval)  
Brown, Jamsine (early test approval)  
Brown, Tiara  
Bryant, Lauren (early test approval)  
Callegari, Jayde (early test approval)  
Cole, Toddra (early test approval)  
Dartez, Alaina (early test approval)  
Davis, Alexxis (early test approval)  
Day, Mattielyn (early test approval)  
Elkins, Kylee (early test approval)  
Fleury, Chaun  
Hall, Destinee (early test approval)  
Hebert, Catherine (early test approval)  
Hoehn, Kelly (early test approval)  
Jeansonne, Laney (early test approval)  
Keshner, Alex  
Landry, Jacob (early test approval)  
Lane, Rachel (early test approval)  
Layssard, Kelsey (early test approval)  
Leonard, Ashlyn (early test approval)  
Loup, Erin (early test approval)  
Manuel, Ijaelle (early test approval)  
Miles, Eliana (early test approval)  
Miller, Claudia (early test approval)  
Musso, Maria (early test approval)  
Phillips, Emma (early test approval)  
Poche, Aimee (early test approval)  
Populis, Ladaja  
Powell, Patricia (early test approval)  
Quebedeaux, Emma (early test approval)  
Ritter, Marguerite  
Scott, Amber (early test approval)  
Sellers, Zachary (early test approval)  
Sihotang, Rivani (early test approval)

Smith, Cayla  
Sonnier, Bailey (early test approval)  
Southall, Stella (early test approval)  
Stewart, Jaquala (early test approval)  
Whitehead, Riley (early test approval)  
Williams, Tekisha (early test approval)

**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.

Benedetto, Kathleen  
Cole, Nerissa (with a letter of education)  
Lyons, Jennifer

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

Chester, Calisha  
Cory, Alexandra  
Crawford, Kimberly  
Daigle, Rachelle  
Davis, Felicia  
DiNicolantonio, Bethany  
Dunmars, Michelle  
Hale, Olivia  
Isom, Erica  
Kapolczynski, Melissa  
Meeks, Pamela  
Sanders, Brittani  
Sarkisova, Kristina

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

Berteau, Lori (early test approval)  
Bienvenu, Virginia  
Braud, Bridget  
Broussard, Alexis (early test approval)  
Bullock, Abigail (early test approval)  
Cannon, Chasity  
Clements, Bianca (early test approval)  
Dasso, Allison  
Davis, Janay  
Delafosse, Brittney (early test approval)  
Delmore, Whitney (early test approval)  
Durr, Ashley (early test approval)  
Fasone, Christopher (early test approval)  
Flores, Mona  
Hooper, Margaret  
Hynes, Joanna (early test approval)  
Jimison, Dayna  
Lewis, Raven  
Lorio, Jacqueline (early test approval)

Marceaux, Ali  
Moreau, Shelby  
Remer, Karen  
Rubadue, Christopher (early test approval)  
Spann, Christina  
Wyatt, Cheryndria

**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Reinstatement applicants for issuance of the LCSW.

Breaux-Thompson, Alison  
Collins, Cherie  
Jospeh, Dorian  
Martyn, Sharon

**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applicants for issuance of the LCSW.

Adamson, Annie  
Boisrond, Maggie  
Bullen, Kaylee  
Butler, Lashannon  
Caster, Kenisha  
Cloud, John  
Coppersmith-Buschman, Maria  
Corbitt, Jessica  
Dalton, Miguelina  
Eichelberger, Yasmeeen  
Fortenberry, Tasha  
Garner, Danielle  
Harrison, Ladreamer  
Humphrey, Adrina  
Jackson, Elizabeth  
Kaminski, Heather  
Martinez, Cindy  
Matthews, Miriam  
Maxwell, LaTia  
McLean, Kathryn  
Miles, Shawnette  
Mindingall, Nazaren  
Schulman, Laurence  
Suarez, Rachel  
Woodall, Rebecca

### **Complaints**

- i. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Bora Sunseri to dismiss Complaint #2025-2. The motion was unanimously carried.
- ii. **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2025-45. The motion was unanimously carried.
- iii. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2025-47. The motion was unanimously carried.
- iv. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley and seconded Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2025-105. The motion was unanimously carried.



- v. **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2025-108 with letter of education. The motion was unanimously carried.
- vi. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint# 2025-110. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Impaired Professional Program**

**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to accept the monthly report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager, as information.


**Disciplinary Monitoring**

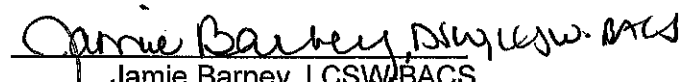
**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to release two individuals from their Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

**Pre-eligibility Determination**

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve a pre-eligibility letter for Brian Bazajou.

**Motion** made by Melissa Haley to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

  
Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS  
Chairperson

  
Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS  
Vice-Chairperson

**Workflow Report Presented on April 25, 2025**

**Since March 21, 2025 Meeting**

Requests for early testing – Masters	40
Requests for early testing – Clinical	11
Early testers issued LMSW	2
Early testers issued LCSW	3
LMSWs issued (not early testers)	13
LCSWs issued (not early testers)	11
BACS issued	9
Retake applications approved	99
Supervision Contracts approved	69
LCSW Applications - Supervision Phase 1 approvals	15
License verifications	46
In-person CE waiver requests – out of state	0
In-person CE waiver requests – medical	0
Open Book Exam Invites	21
Open Book Exam Passed	18
Open Book Exam Failed	2

Received 13 complaints between 03/18/25 and 04/21/25

Written response	5
Investigation	1
Under consideration	3
Not accepted – not a social worker	2
Not accepted – no violation	2