

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
May 15, 2026**

Brandon Reeves called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 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, and Kentrell Boyd-Heisser, RSW. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were also present at the meeting.

Jody Strother, LCSW-BACS, was absent.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Agenda

Additions approved:

- Update on Social Work Compact under Board/Staff Matters.
- Andrew Scallan, LMSW, under correspondence.

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

Presentation of Consent Agreement and Order

In the matter of Marlana Lehew, Complaint #2026-44

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Marlana Lehew.

Compliance Hearing

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Leah Munroe to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision that occurred in the years 2018 and 2019. The hearing panel included Jacqueline Garrison, Katie Dotie, and Brandon Reeves. Leah Munroe participated via zoom. Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to approve the supervision hours completed during the period of February 12, 2019 through December 10, 2019 and picking back up again May 1, 2025.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 8:56 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; Kentrell Boyd-Heisser, yes; Brandon Reeves, yes; and Katie Dotie, yes.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:10 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison to add Meagan Snedigar to the application list because due to clerical error she was missed. Votes for adding Meagan Snedigar: Jacqueline Garrison, yes; Kentrell Boyd-Heisser, yes; Brandon Reeves, yes; and Katie Dotie, yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison to add optional pay policy to the agenda. Votes for adding optional pay policy: Jacqueline Garrison, yes; Kentrell Boyd-Heisser, yes; Brandon Reeves, yes; and Katie Dotie, yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie to add summary suspension to the agenda. Votes for adding summary suspension: Jacqueline Garrison, yes; Kentrell Boyd-Heisser, yes; Brandon Reeves, yes; and Katie Dotie, yes. Motion carried.

Compliance Hearings

A compliance hearing was scheduled at the request of Kasey Sparish to appeal the Board's decision to deny the supervision that was completed more than 60 days before the submission of a Supervision Contract. The hearing panel included Brandon Reeves, Jacqueline Garrison, and Kentrell Boyd-Hessier. Kasey Sparish participated via Zoom. A motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried to approve the supervision Kasey Sparish completed between May 27, 2024 and May 16, 2025.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Courtney Zavala 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 Brandon Reeves, Katie Dotie, and Kentrell Boyd-Hessier. Courtney Zavala participated via zoom. Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Heisser, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision hours and supervised work experience completed between September 18, 2024 and May 18, 2025.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

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

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-85.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-139.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried to dismiss complaint #2026-173.

Pre-eligibility Determination – Andrew Knapp

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried that the criminal history considered does not disqualify Andrew Knapp from moving forward with the application process.

Applications

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the R-CSW application submitted by Vernita Taylor and to offer a compliance hearing. Note: This motion was made in accordance with current law. This applicant will be eligible for R-CSW should Senate Bill 314 pass and get signed into law prior to her CSW lapsing.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW endorsement application submitted by Sonia Khaleel. The board approved offering the CSW with exam approval for the Masters examination and a compliance hearing.

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

Allison Allen
Bryn Coffield
Crystal Burnett
Jaquonda Hill
Jyra Lambert
Morgan Albert
Serenity LeePerkins
Shontae Jett

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for RSW Reinstatement:

Colandra Johnson-Wise
Patricia Dunn
Sharonda Baham
Toni Jones

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for RSW Endorsement:
Jessica Proudfoot

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for MSW students requesting early testing for the Masters exam.

Amber Campbell
Crystal Guidry
Dominique Ellison
Emma Bonaldi
Grant Bienvenu
Hailie Coutee

Hannah Boudreaux
Jacques Ponthier
Kelli Loomis
Lindsay Breaux
Louis Zito
Maura LeBleu
Monica Hopkins
Myyah Husamadeen
Olivia Fenasci
Rosheka Lee
Tessa Graves
Victoria Killian
ZaDosha Pinellas

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier 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.

Addie Smith
Briel Harvey
Denise Tolbert
Felicia Byrd
Gabrielle Quartemont
Kai Ridley
LaShuntae Burrell
Nia Marsh
Terri Clemons
Yolanda Price

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for reinstatement of the Certified Social Work certification and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam.

Lynda Turner

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

Brenysha Brooks
Briana Proby
Felicia Garrett
Kelsey Szymusiak
Patricia Lewis
Shaunte Forester

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

Kayla Stephens

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam.

Angela Owczarek
Ashley Toney
Corey Baskin Hongo
Delicia Brown
Dorian Rolston
Jodi Capaci
Joshua Sykes
Joycelyn Hall
Kate Hebert
Katrina Hunter
Kiera Cash
Latrika Smith
Shauntoria
Shepherd
Sophia Torres

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applicants for issuance of the LCSW.

Angela Scott
Britni Pittman
Christina Randle
David Dodd
Eric McClure
Eryn Dorsey
Jocelyn Chavez
Keith Welsh
Lane Domingues
Margot Dutel
Marissa Engleman
Megan Glines-McBride
Melanie Gonsalves
Rebecca Johnson
Sarah Zell
Shakea Carodine
Sophia Schneider
Tiffany Flores
Tissan Jackson

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to approve the following applicants for early testing at the Clinical level:

Alexis Hunt
Ashtyn Turner
Brittney Williams
Courtney Zeller

Jamie Wright
Julianna Boudreaux
Karely Poche
Katelyn Davis
Katrinia Hunter
Kearney McDonnell
Lauren Baltimore
Mali Gore
Megan Kenny
Payton Simone
Rodrea Davis
Stephanie Isaac

Recovering Professional Program

Dr. Emily George Tilley, LCSW-BACS, provided members of the board with a compliance report related to the Recovering Professional Program.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried, to accept the report for information.

Minutes

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 10, 2026.

Correspondence

Rebecca Davidsson, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to grant supervision credit for the period of February 3, 2023, and October 23, 2024, totaling 55 hours.

Katherine Demaray, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing.

Public comments were made by Katherine Demaray and Noelle Deltufo.

Jade Lamb, LMSW

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing.

Andrew Najder, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried, to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing.

Lavinzale Batiste, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier, and unanimously carried, to approve Caroline Brady, LMSW and Amira Jackson, LMSW to increase the maximum number of group supervision hours from 48 hours to 72 hours.

Benita Baucom, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried, to approve the additional 6.5-hour BACS training to be provided on June 12, 2026.

Krystal Johnson, CSW

The board advised Krystal Johnson that the job description she provided is within the scope of practice of a CSW if they are under the supervision of an LCSW

Caity Robin, LMSW

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried, to deny the request for telesupervision credit and allow her to retake the training at no cost.

GLO Therapeutics

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the renewal application from GLO Therapeutics to be a continuing education approval organization.

Professional Development Network

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried, to approve the renewal application from Professional Development Network to be a continuing education approval organization.

Michael O'Hara, LMSW

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Hessier and unanimously carried, to approve the request for all distant learning continuing education hours for the 2025-2026 collection period.

Andrew Scallan, LMSW

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing.

Board/Staff Matters

Office Workflow Report

The report on the office workflow is attached. Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the report and to move forward with applying to Civil Service for an optional pay adjustment policy.

NASW-LA Annual Conference

Board members were provided with the evaluation summary of the ethics presentation at the NASW-LA Annual Conference presented by Emily DeAngelo and Lisa Lipsey on behalf of the Board.

ASWB Spring Education Meeting

Emily DeAngelo and Brandon Reeves attended the ASWB Spring Education Meeting which focused on supervision. Mr. Reeves provided a brief verbal report and advised the board that the ASWB has called together a committee to draft best practices for supervision of social workers working towards their clinical license.

Resolution Draft-Process for Application Approval

Tabled to June meeting.

Amendment to Policy on Financial Matters

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Kentrell Boyd-Heisser and unanimously carried to revise the financial policies that involve approval by the Secretary-Treasurer to allow for a board member to approve in the "absence or unavailability of the Secretary-Treasurer" as well as adopt the revisions proposed by the administrator.

Social Work Compact Update

Katie Dotie reported that a Memorandum of Understanding between the Compact Commission and ASWB for funding has been signed. The commission is now able to move forward with the database. It is anticipated that it will take a minimum of nine months to complete.

Financial

3rd Quarter Financial Statements & Comparisons

Board members reviewed the Statement of Assets, Liabilities & Equity, Statement of Revenues & Expenses, and Statement of Revenues & Expenses Budgetary Comparison for the periods ending January 31, 2026, February 28, 2026, and March 31, 2026.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to accept the reports for information and to request that the CPA to provide an explanation of prior adjustment.

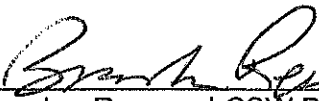
Amendment to Legal Services Contract

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to amend the current and upcoming contracts for legal services from Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich to Degan, Blanchard & Nash for services to continue to be provided by Sheri Morris.

Order of Summary Suspension

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to notify the licensee of intention to summarily suspend their license and send to the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program.

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.


Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson

WORKFLOW REPORT PRESENTED ON MAY 15, 2026

Since April 10, 2026 Meeting

Requests for early testing – Masters	15
Requests for early testing – Clinical	12
Early testers issued LMSW	2
Early testers issued LCSW	11
LMSWs issued (not early testers)	16
LCSWs issued (not early testers)	20
BACS issued	11
Retake applications approved	83
Supervision Contracts approved	60
Supervision Contracts denied	14
LCSW Applications - Supervision approvals	37
License verifications	35
Emeritus Status	4
Open Book Exam invitations	53

COMPLAINTS: 04/01/2026 – 04/30/2026

Complaints	15
Self-reports	1
Sent to investigator	0
Written response requested	5
Under consideration	4

L.A.C. 46:XXV.1009(C) REPORT OF REJECTED COMPLAINTS 04/01/2026 through 04/30/2026

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
N/A		X			Complainant emailed so # was not assigned since we can't accept complaint.
2026-164				X	Allegations are not violations of the Practice Act or Rules; complainant should address the complaints with the court.
2026-165				X	Wage dispute
2026-168		X			
2026-171				X	Wage dispute
2026-172		X			

Sara Banks received her PLPC and submitted her resignation April 17, 2026. Her last day in the office was April 23rd. The Licensing Analyst position has been advertised via Civil Service, and the application period is closed. We are at the interview stage.