

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
September 13, 2025**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:56 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, 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.

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

Liam Doyle, Consumer Member, was absent.

Committee Updates

Rules Committee- The Rules Committee is currently the only standing committee. The last meeting of this committee was in July 2024. Meetings were not scheduled for 2025 due to the board being in the promulgation process of 70 rules. For the 2026 fiscal year, the committee members are as follows: Jamie Barney (chair), Katie Dotie, Karen Austen, Donna Wimberly, Ashley Toney, Michaelynn Parks, and Emily DeAngelo. There will be two committee meetings scheduled for 2026.

Continuing Education Committee- This committee has not met in 2025 however the chair of the committee, Trinity George delegated assignments to committee members. There have been discussions about implementing a moratorium of approving new approval organizations, requiring approval organizations to provide workshops accessible to all social workers, addressing accessibility issues related to continuing education, considering requirements for a minimum number of workshops offered. The board is requesting a recommendation by December 2025.

Supervision Committee- The committee has completed its work revising Chapter 5.

Telehealth/Interstate Compact- The first meeting was held in November 2024. The draft for the Interstate Compact State Implementation Guide has been approved by the commission. The Executive Committee and Rules Committee have been holding monthly meetings.

Vision for FY 26

The vision for 2026 is efficiency, enhancement, expansion and elevation.

Status of rules promulgation

The Board received approval to move forward with Chapter 1, Chapter 5 and Chapter 7 that was published in the January 20, 2025 which should be published as a rule in the October 20, 2025 edition of the *LA Register*.

Interstate Compact Implementation Guide

A draft of the guide was shared with board members. Boards are encouraged to start having dialogue about how the compact will be implemented. The Compact Commission will issue some recommendations about costs to the Board.

Records Retention

Board members continued its discussion about records retention. It was suggested that records for active licenses be retained. Further consideration should be given to files of lapsed and deceased social workers. Records need to be designated as vital, important and useful.

R-CSW – Act 431

Restricted Certified Social Worker is a designation created through Act 431 which passed during the 2025 legislative session. The R-CSW is an extension that CSWs nearing the lapse of the three years to hold the CSW who are providing CPST services are eligible to apply for an extension to continue to provide CPST services. The scope of practice of a R-CSW is limited to CPST.

SWOT Analysis

Dr. McKee shared the staff's feedback on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Board members were also given time to give feedback.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 2:42 p.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: Jamie Barney, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; and Trinity George, yes.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 4:34 p.m.

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

R-CSW Applications

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the R-CSW application submitted by Casey Cannon.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the R-CSW application submitted by KaDario Drumgoole.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to deny the R-CSW application submitted by LaShunte Jones and offer a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and carried by majority vote, to deny the R-CSW application submitted by India Lewis and offer a compliance hearing. Hyacinth McKee recused from the discussion and vote.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and carried by majority vote, to approve the R-CSW application submitted by Jade Newport. Melissa Haley recused from the discussion and vote.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the R-CSW application submitted by Angelletha Petit.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the R-CSW application submitted by Sunnie Spikes Frost.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the R-CSW application submitted by Angelica Staten.

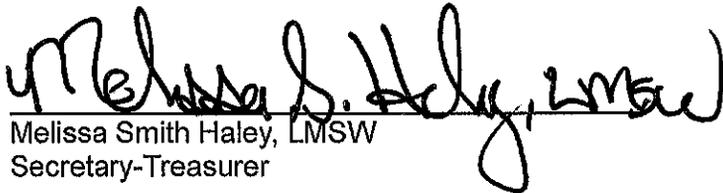
Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the R-CSW application submitted by Kenneth Vernon.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the R-CSW application submitted by Erica Wade.

Personnel Matter

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to grant Emily DeAngelo a salary adjustment in accordance with the evaluation policy effective to July 1, 2025.

Motion made by Trinity George to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m.


Melissa Smith Haley, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer