

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
October 17, 2025**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. on Friday, October 17, 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, Liam Doyle, consumer member, Trinity George, RSW, and Melissa Haley, LMSW. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were also present at the meeting.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Agenda**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda with the addition of D.5. ASWB election slate and changes to bylaws.

**Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meetings held September 12, 2025 and September 13, 2025.

**Board/Staff Matters**

1. Report on office workflow and staffing is attached to minutes. **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to accept the report as provided information.
2. 2026 Meeting Dates. **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to schedule the following meeting dates for 2026:
  - January 16
  - January 17- strategic planning
  - March 20
  - May 15
  - July 31
  - August 1 - strategic planning
  - September 25
  - November 20

**Executive Session**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 8:55 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: Jamie Barney, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; and Trinity George, yes. Liam Doyle had to briefly exit the meeting and was not part of this vote.

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:54 p.m.

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

### **Compliance Hearings**

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Claire Duplantis to appeal against the board's decision to deny supervision completed more than 60 days before the submission of a Supervision Contract with Jennifer Medo, LCSW-BACS. The hearing panel included Melissa Haley, Trinity George, and Hyacinth McKee. Claire Duplantis participated via Zoom.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision hours and work experience completed by Claire Duplantis with Jennifer Medo, LCSW-BACS for the period November 1, 2023 to April 1, 2025.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of McKenzie Jackson to appeal the board's decision to deny her supervision with Byron McKinney, LCSW-BACS, that was completed via telephone. The hearing panel included Hyacinth McKee, Melissa Haley, and Trinity George. McKenzie Jackson and Byron McKinney participated via zoom.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny the supervision that was completed via telephone as well as the telesupervision received for the period January 16, 2025 to October 9, 2025. **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve remote supervision effective October 17, 2025.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Shonda McField to appeal the board's decision to deny her LCSW application via endorsement. The hearing panel included Hyacinth McKee, Liam Doyle, and Trinity George. Shonda McField participated via Zoom.

**Motion** was made by Liam Doyle, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW endorsement application.

**Motion** was made by Liam Doyle, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to offer Ms. McField the CSW and approval to take the ASWB Masters level examination upon completion of six hours of continuing education about social work ethics.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Alaina Willis to appeal the board's decision to deny her RSW application. The hearing panel included Jamie Barney, Liam Doyle, and Trinity George. Alaina Willis participated via zoom.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Liam Doyle and unanimously carried, to approve the RSW application conditioned upon receipt of verification that she successfully completed the pre-trial diversion program.

### **Disciplinary Monitoring Report**

**Motion** was made by Liam Doyle, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to release the individual from their Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms of their Consent Agreement and Order.

### **Pending Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint#2024-108. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint#2025-134. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint#2025-157. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint#2026-19. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint#2026-28. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Executive Session Correspondence**

Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the remote supervision that took place on September 22, 2025 with Lauren Godard, LMSW.

### **Applications**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny the CSW/LMSW application submitted by Fredrika Orange and to offer a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Liam Doyle and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW reinstatement application submitted by Constance Chrishon, offer her the CSW and exam approval for the LMSW or she may request a compliance hearing. Trinity George was recused from the discussion and vote.

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

Dupart, Raven

Fobb, Jordan

Goudeau-Allen, Valerie

Gray, Christopher

Harrell, Jarmain

Johnson, Beryl

Johnson, Lyric

Killian, Victoria

Maxwell, Carrie

Mithcell, Dejalyn

Moore, Ruth

Monts, Megan

Nicholas, Ronald

Nickelson, Diamond

Paul, Unique

Pinellas, Za'Dosha

Ruiz, Catherine

Scallan, Eva

Sears, Candace  
Smith, Jessica  
Smith, La'Chea  
Toomer, Teresa  
Turner-Evans, Sharon  
Ward, Kevin  
Waxter, Anita

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

Ortiz, Ashley  
Thompson, Wanda

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, 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.

Banas, Kathryn (early test approval)  
Bart, Corinne (early test approval)  
Bee, Aviance  
Bloom, David (early test approval)  
Bowman, Felicia  
Britt, Dylan  
Bruchhaus, Amanda  
Dellavecchia, Jeremiah  
Doescher, Sydney (early test approval)  
Dudley, Kaniya (early test approval)  
Edwards, Mason  
Escudier, Mendy  
Evans, Katie  
Felix, Amanda  
Griffin, Lakioya  
Guilbeau, Isabella  
Hall, Chauteion  
Hampton, Bria  
Harrison, Nekia  
Hawkins, Ebonee  
Hughes, Shastidy  
Jackson, Kai'Daryia  
King, Anne  
Kunis, Julia (early test approval)  
Miceli, Monica  
Morgan, Erin  
Murphree, Lauren  
Osborne, LaTonya  
Patin, Catherine (early test approval)  
Pham, Phuc  
Rentrop, Sarah  
Sartin, Ruben  
Shiryaev, Julia  
Sibley, Ka'Liah  
Smally, Vonecia

Smith, Melanie  
Tcholakian, Danielle (early test approval)  
Thomas, Brittany (early test approval)  
Warmesley, Chelsea  
Wasserman, Anika  
Wheat, Lauren

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

Coleman, Rose-Ashleigh  
Ducre, Tanya

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

Gerard, Funesha  
Glines-McBride, Megan  
Graham, Bryanna  
Hebert, Meghan  
Johnson, Jennelle  
Martinez, Maria  
Nance, Courtnei  
Rogers, Courtney  
Thompson, Rachael

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

Brodnax, Brandy (early test approval)  
Carlock, Madelyn (early test approval)  
Davidsson, Rebecca (early test approval)  
Davis, Ashley  
Delosh, Danialle (early test approval)  
Ford, Suanne (early test approval)  
Gilligan, Hannah (early test approval)  
Gladney, Jesse (early test approval)  
Harris, Jazzlyn  
Jones, Elizabeth (early test approval)  
Kirk, Elizabeth  
Mastin, Emily (early test approval)  
McGrew, Farrah (early test approval)  
McNett, Abbie  
Mouton, Ellen  
Patin, Catherine (early test approval)  
Plaisance, Anna  
Porterie, Nikki  
Spears, Jean (early test approval)  
Sussman, Abbie  
Will, Tamara

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

Beto, Staci  
Bond, Ericka  
Buie, Demetria  
Cunningham, Jenessia  
Esquivel, Isaac  
Fisher, Shenna  
Griffin, Barron  
Jones, Kate  
Masterson, Kayla  
Mauck, Mary  
Moore, Stephanie  
Nicholas, Edna Chism  
Nugent, Hannah  
Spigner, Dominique  
Turner, Celeste  
Wright, Dorine

#### **Pre-eligibility Determination**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve Hannah Nugent to proceed with the application process.

#### **Impaired Professional Program**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to accept the monthly report submitted by Emily Tilley, IPP Manager, as information.

#### **Compliance Hearing**

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Irina Sleptsova to appeal against the board's decision to deny supervision credit with Bill Knecht, LCSW-BACS. The hearing panel consisted of Melissa Haley, Jamie Barney, and Hyacinth McKee. Irena Sleptsova and Deborah Henson, Ms. Sleptsova's legal counsel, participated via zoom.

**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to continue the hearing to the November 21, 2025 meeting to allow Ms. Sleptsova the opportunity to provide evidence her agency supervisor was aware she was under the supervision of Bill Knecht, LCSW-BACS.

#### **Correspondence**

13. Angela Abel, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the first supervision contract with Joseph Bodenmiller, LCSW-BACS for employment with Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Liam Doyle and unanimously carried, to deny supervision that took place from November 7, 2022 through April 16, 2025 and offer a compliance hearing.

14. Savanna Andrews, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve supervision that was completed August 10, 2023 through March 12, 2025.

15. Caroline Brady, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to deny the request to approve supervision completed November 7, 2024 through January 30, 2025, and offer a compliance hearing.

16. Karis Dugas- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed from September 30, 2024 through July 1, 2025.
17. Zachary Green, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny the request to accept supervision completed between October 14, 2024 through June 11, 2025 and offer a compliance hearing.
18. Victoria Hall, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny the request for supervised work credit and offer a compliance hearing.
19. Katherine Pitarro, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request for supervised work experience credit completed from August 5, 2022 through May 14, 2025 and September 21, 2024 through May 7, 2025.
20. Shauntoria Shepherd, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request for supervised work experience credit completed from July 27, 2022 through May 23, 2025.
21. Jarvis Spearman, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the request for supervised work experience credited completed between September 18, 2024 through April 19, 2025.
22. Keona Thompson, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny the request for supervised work experience credit and offer a compliance hearing.  
Public Comment made by Keona Thompson.
23. Zadiie Waller, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Hailey and unanimously carried, to approve the request for supervised work experience credit completed from October 2, 2023 through December 1, 2023.
24. Courtney Zeller, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request for supervised work experience credit completed between August 23, 2024 through May 17, 2025.  
Public Comment made by Courtney Zeller.
25. Aunjenee Coner, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the request for supervised work experience credit completed between July 17, 2023 through June 11, 2025.
  1. Alanah Leger- Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Alanah Leger to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
  2. Byron McKinney, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Liam Doyle and unanimously carried, to deny the application submitted by Byron McKinney to be a continuing education pre-approval organization and to require new letters of recommendation from individuals outside of Northwestern State University.
  3. Kirby Peddy, LCSW. LLC- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Liam Doyle and unanimously carried, to deny the application submitted by Kirby Peddy, LCSW, LLC, to be a continuing education pre-approval organization and to require new letters of recommendation outside of Northwestern State University.
  4. Dionne Bracken, CSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to deny the request for a refund of the late fee for renewal.
  5. Adrienne Seals, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny the request to apply continuing education credit from the previous collection period to the current collection period.

6. Carol Nevers, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to deny the request to apply continuing education credit from the previous collection period to the current collection period.
7. Cassidy Armstrong, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision for the purpose of group supervision.
8. Reece Watts, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision with Tennia Williams, LCSW-BACS.
9. Ana Torres, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision with Andrew Wilson, LCSW-BACS.
10. Naomi Russell, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision with Janice Hill, LCSW-BACS.
11. Brittney Williams, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision with Dina Rife, LCSW-BACS.
12. Bonnie Lustig, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny the request to apply continuing education credit from the previous collection period to the current collection period.

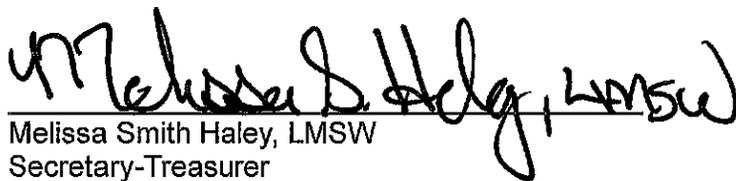
#### **Financial**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to defer this agenda item to the November 21, 2025, meeting.

#### **Board/Staff Matters**

1. Rules 503 & 505- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to move for legal sufficiency.
2. ASWB Fall Delegate- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to allow delegate to determine how Louisiana should vote.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried to adjourn the Board meeting at 4:59 p.m.

  
Melissa Smith Haley, LMSW  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Workflow Report Presented on October 17, 2025**

**Since September 12, 2025 Meeting**

Requests for early testing – Masters	8
Requests for early testing – Clinical	8
Early testers issued LMSW	11
Early testers issued LCSW	3
LMSWs issued (not early testers)	30
LCSWs issued (not early testers)	9
BACS issued	11
Retake applications approved	73
Supervision Contracts approved	225
Supervision Contracts denied	16
LCSW Applications - Supervision Phase 1 approvals	4
License verifications	61
In-person CE waiver requests – out of state	8
In-person CE waiver requests – medical	6
Open Book Exam Invitations	38
Disciplinary monitoring	52
Files sent to the Office of Debt Recovery (ODR)	0
Name changes	11
Paper renewals	7
Renewals requiring CE review	143

**Received 27 complaints between 09/01/25 and 09/30/25**

Written response	15
Investigation	1
Under consideration	4
Not accepted – not a social worker	2
Not accepted – no violation	3
Not accepted – anonymous	2