

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
November 21, 2025**

Melissa Haley called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 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 Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS, Katie Dotie, LCSW-BACS, Jacqueline Garrison, LCSW-BACS, and Melissa Haley, LMSW. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were also present at the meeting.

Liam Doyle, consumer member, was absent from the meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made at the start of the meeting.

Agenda

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda with the addition of F.4 Addendum to RPP contract, and G.27 Sienna Nacoste telesupervision question.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 8:35 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; Melissa Haley, yes; Brandon Reeves, yes; and Katie Dotie, yes.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:06 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Melissa Haley, yes; Brandon Reeves, yes; Katie Dotie, yes; and Jacqueline Garrison, yes.

Compliance Hearings

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Irina Sleptsova to appeal against the board's decision to deny supervision completed more than 60 days before the submission of a Supervision Contract with William Knecht, LCSW-BACS. The hearing panel included Melissa Haley, Katie Dotie, and Jacqueline Garrison. Irina Sleptsova and her legal counsel, Deborah Henson participated via Zoom.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision hours and work experience completed by Irina Sleptsova with William Knecht, LCSW-BACS for the period of July 8, 2024 to June 21, 2025.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Monica Guerra to appeal the board's decision to deny her supervision completed more than 60 days before the submission of a Supervision Contract with Deborah Oliveira, LCSW-BACS. The hearing panel included Melissa Haley, Katie Dotie, and Jacqueline Garrison. Monica Guerra participated via zoom.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve supervision that took place with Deborah Oliveria, LCSW-BAC from December 13, 2024 to April 4, 2025.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Fredrika Orange to appeal the board's decision to deny her CSW/LMSW application based on the disclosure of an arrest dated February 28, 2025.. The hearing panel included Jacqueline Garrison, Katie Dotie, and Melissa Haley. Fredrika Orange participated via Zoom.

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison, and unanimously carried to approve Fredrika Orange for the CSW and grant exam approval for the LMSW examination.

Recovering Professionals Program

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to accept the monthly report submitted by Emily Tilley, IPP Manager, as information.

Executive Session Correspondence

Isabel Dupre, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Brandon Reeves, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to waive the lapsed renewal fee.

Applications

Motion was made by, seconded by and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW reinstatement application submitted by Aisha Bass and to offer a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by, seconded by and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by Ta'Khia Holloway and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by, seconded by and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW application submitted by Otis Journey and to offer him a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by, seconded by and unanimously carried, to deny the CSW/LMSW application submitted by Temeika Lee and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by, seconded by and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW reinstatement application submitted by Paul Voorhies and to offer him a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by, seconded by and unanimously carried, to deny the R-CSW application submitted by Sharnice Byrd, and offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by, seconded by and unanimously carried, to deny the R-CSW application submitted by Ruth Moore, and offer her 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.

Austin, Rochelle
Batiste, Giovanna
Brown, Keisha
Buckner, Tiambra

Burgess, Regionta
Byrd, Sharnice
Moses, Sindy
Scott, Tavonjia
Small, Sholanda

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, 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.

Bell, Ella
Bowling, Allington (early test approval)
Cashio, Chad
Conner, Kiesha
Cooks, Shatterria
Evans, Kennedy (early test approval)
Ezzard, Austin (early test approval)
Fanatico, Nicole (early test approval)
Fielder, Nakayla
Fillo, Elizabeth (early test approval).
Frederiksen, Claire (early test approval)
Gagnet, Ellen (early test approval)
Garner, Amaya
Givens, Stephanie (early test approval)
Godson, Tiffany (early test approval)
Hansen, Scout (early test approval)
Harris, Mattie
Hendrix, Eric (early test approval)
Hunt, Alexis
King, Kaitlyn
Lambert, Sarah (early test approval)
Landry, Litonia (early test approval)
Mouton, Brooke
Nunn, Teaira (early test approval)
Pace, Alena
Parrilla, Alejandra (early test approval)
Pierre, Jordan
Robinson, Kennadi (early test approval)
Shaw, Danisha
Shorter, Kaitlyn
Timmons, Jacquelyn
Vest, Alana
Williams, Catherine

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

Jenkins, Rodisha
Victor-Holden, Antoinette

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

Branden, Toby
Hebert, Meghan
Koonce, Christina
Kopp, Aaryn
Rogers, Cynthia

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

Baham, Brandyn (early test approval)
Brady, Morgan
Cook, Shelby (early test approval)
Cross, Bailey
Daigle, Lauren (early test approval)
Eid, Kimberly
Foy, Janelle
Jolly, Madisyn
Kennedy, Brytney (early test approval)
Lane, Amanda (early test approval)
Long, Sheridene (early test approval)
Morrissette, Melissa
Meyer, Emilee
Randall, Chiera
Sanders, Courtney
Zanders, Felicia

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

Comenge, Maryanna
Dronet, Danielle
Gandy, Yvonne
Guillermo, Armenta
Holmes, Francine
Ndayizigiye, Dorine
Pannell, Tamitra
Rigby, Tenisha
Staiger, Allison
Williams, Zadora

Compliance Hearing

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Gregory Gonzales to appeal against the board's decision to deny supervision credit with Karl Winegar, LCSW-BACS. The hearing panel consisted of Melissa Haley, Brandon Reeves, and Katie Dotie. Gregory Gonzales, Karl Winegar, LCSW-BACS, and legal counsel Brett Conrad appeared before the hearing panel in-person.

Motion was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to approve all 96 hours of supervision contingent upon all recorded hours being submitted to the LABSWE office.

Public Comment made by Jennifer Hannon.

Presentation of Consent Agreement and Order

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Lakyna Bell-Rodriguez.

Minutes

Motion was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meetings held October 17, 2025.

Board/Staff Matters

1. Report on office workflow and staffing is attached to minutes.
2. **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to appoint Brandon Reeves as interim chair.
Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried, to appoint Katie Dotie as interim vice chair.

Financial

1. **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried, to accept the financial statement as information.
2. **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the building lease for the term of May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2031 at a rate of \$21.96 per square foot for 2,610 square feet.
3. **Motion** was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve TPN.Health to assist with training registration. Payments, records and certificates of completion.
4. **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to amend Kathie Pohlman's contract for the RPP for an additional 45 hours, through the end of the fiscal year.

Correspondence

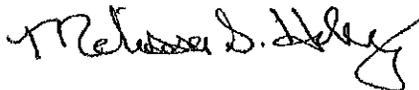
1. Community Enrichment Group- **Motion** was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried to approve Community Enrichment Group to be a continuing education approval organization.
2. Byron McKinney, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried to request clarification of fees that will be charged.
Public comment made by Kimberly Catalon
3. Kirby Petty, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to approve Kirby Petty, LCSW to be a continuing education approval organization.
4. LSU School of Social Work- **Motion** was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to approve the request for approval of the initial 6.5 hour BACS trainings.
5. Nita Baucom, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried, to approve the request for approval of the initial 6.5 hour BACS trainings.
6. Mary Freyder, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the request to use her position at Broadmoor towards the supervision requirements for LCSW. **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to deny the request for her position at Tulane to be used toward her supervision requirements for the LCSW and

advise her that working part-time may not allow her to finish supervision within the time limit.

7. James Bueche, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried, to approve up to 72 hours of group supervision.
8. Jazz Reynolds- Based on the information provided, the Board agreed that the situation does not appear to present any conflicts with the Practice Act or Rules, Standards and Procedures.
9. Tiffany Smith, LCSW-BACS- Ms. Smith was advised that synchronous trainings completed prior to October 20, 2025, are considered distance learning hours.
10. Kamiron May, LMSW- Ms. May was advised if she is still operating under a previously approved telesupervision arrangement, she is not required to complete the telesupervision training at this time.
Public Comment was made by Shelly Weaver
11. Dominique Williams, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried to approve the request for telesupervision credit between October 20, 2025 and November 14, 2025.
12. Shanah Bartram, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and carried by majority vote, to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing.
Public comments were made by Elizabeth Frein and Annie Vaden
13. Ryann Beard, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from July 31, 2024 to July 8, 2025.
14. Keiajuana Davillier, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing.
15. Faith Harris, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried to deny the supervision request and offer a Compliance Hearing.
16. Alexis Jones, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from April 1, 2024 to June 7, 2025.
17. Philip Katner, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from August 23, 2023 to March 14, 2025.
18. Joanna Lo, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from August 30, 2023 to July 3, 2025.
19. Wenona Mellott, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from January 27, 2024 to April 29, 2025.
20. Hunter Robin, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from February 22, 2024 to May 11, 2025.
21. Brittany Salloum, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from April 23, 2025 to June 23, 2025.
22. Mindy Sonnier, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from June 25, 2024 to June 5, 2025.

21. Brittany Salloum, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from April 23, 2025 to June 23, 2025.
22. Mindy Sonnier, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from June 25, 2024 to June 5, 2025.
23. Kasey Sparish, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Brandon Reeves and unanimously carried, to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing.
24. Sophia Stevenson, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Brandon Reeves, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from August 1, 2023 to March 7, 2024.
25. Emily Villemarette, LMSW- **Moton** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision request and grant supervision credit from September 16, 2024 to June 4, 2025 conditional of record of supervision supporting those supervision sessions.
26. Courtney Zavala, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing.
27. Sianna Nacoste-Caldwell, LCSW-BACS- Board members advised that individuals with prior authorization for remote supervision will not lose credit for supervision sessions that took place after October 20, 2025 as long as there have been no changes since the approval for remote supervision was granted. The training is required to resume supervision if there are changes or when a new supervision contract is submitted.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Melissa Smith Haley, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer

Workflow Report Presented on November 21, 2025

Since October 17, 2025 Meeting

Requests for early testing – Masters	19
Requests for early testing – Clinical	9
Early testers issued LMSW	3
Early testers issued LCSW	9
LMSWs issued (not early testers)	22
LCSWs issued (not early testers)	10
BACS issued	4
Retake applications approved	79
Supervision Contracts approved	80
Supervision Contracts denied	10
LCSW Applications - Supervision approvals	19
License verifications	63
Late renewals processed	38
Emeritus Status	9
Open Book Exam invitations	25
Disciplinary monitoring	51
CE approval organization audit notices	61
Name changes	12

Received 15 complaints between 10/01/25 and 10/31/25

Written response	11
Investigation	1
Under consideration – waiting for more info from complainant	1
Rejected – complaint against an agency not a social worker	1
Rejected – there was nothing described that could be a potential violation	1