

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
February 18, 2022**

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022. The meeting was conducted at the Board office and streamed via video conference and all interested parties were provided the information to join the meeting. The allowance of a video conference is authorized by Proclamation 30 JBE 2020, Section 4 as extended by subsequent executive proclamations including 75 JBE 2020. and Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were present for the meeting.

Hyacinth McKee conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Bora Sunseri, LCSW, and Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member. Ada Nelson, RSW, and Jamie Barney, LCSW, were absent.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda with following amendments a) add strategic planning minutes for approval b) add Lean Training and ASWB Spring Education meeting to Financial, and c) table SWOT Analysis and Budget FY 22-23 to a future meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Evan Bergeron provided explanation of public comments and Emily DeAngelo explained continuing education credit. Public comment can be made during the meeting or submitted in advance of the meeting to [edeangelo@labswe.org](mailto:edeangelo@labswe.org). The public comment must pertain to an item on the agenda and persons are allowed two minutes per comment.

Attendees of the public portion of both meetings can obtain 1 hour of continuing education in ethics and 1 general hour of continuing education. A certificate is available at <https://www.labswe.org/board-member-meetings-and-agendas/> for you to save and upload to next year's renewal workflow or in your digital wallet.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 14, 2022.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the strategic planning meeting held January 14, 2022.

There were no public comments regarding the minutes.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Kimberly Peterson, LMSW**

**Motion** made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Bora Sunseri, to approve the position with Planned Parenthood to count towards the requirements to obtain LCSW and to deny the position with LSU. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Taylor Welytok, LMSW**

Taylor Welytok asked if the Board considers working for the VA Caregiver Support Line as clinical practice. Board members request that Taylor submit the job description for their review.

### **Alex Bourque, LMSW**

Board members advised Alex Bourque it is necessary to report to DCFS non-consensual sexual relations between minors.

### **Taylor Flowers, LMSW**

Taylor Flowers, social worker for a Catholic high school, submitted a concern regarding confidentiality and reporting to the Diocese reports made to DCFS. Board members advised to follow the policy of the Diocese.

### **The Carpenter Health Network**

**Motion** made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Bora Sunseri, to approve the application to be a continuing education approval organization submitted by The Carpenter Health Network. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **FINANCIAL**

**Motion** made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore, to pay \$500 fee to exhibit at the annual NASW-LA Chapter conference. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to approve a contract with Advanced Investigative Technology for investigations at a rate of \$40.00 per hour and a maximum contract amount of \$10,000.00 and with Integrated Security and Investigative Specialists for investigations at a rate of \$50.00 per hour and a maximum contract amount of \$20,000.00. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron, to seek bids to provide LEAN training not to exceed \$10,000.00. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, to fund the attendance of four board members and Emily DeAngelo to attend the ASWB Spring Education

meeting. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **BOARD/STAFF MATTERS**

#### **Report on office workflow and staffing**

Since the January meeting:

Approved 55 exam retake applications.

Processed 26 RSW applications, 72 CSW/LMSW applications, and 35 LCSW applications.

Current ongoing applications pending requirements: 297 RSW applications, 150 CSW applications, 71 LMSW endorsement, 160 LCSW endorsement, 110 LCSW applications.

Approved 12 BACS applications.

Completed 42 license verifications.

Received 9 complaints – 4 were not accepted because either the person is not a social worker or the allegation is not a violation of the Practice Act and Rules. The complainants were referred to DCFS.

Presented to LSU undergraduate social work students.

Regina DeWitt continues to work part-time mostly from home but works at the office at least 1 day per week.

Posted bid request for prosecuting officer – proposals are due by noon on 03/01/22; contract begins May 1, 2022. Hyacinth McKee and Ruth Weinzettle volunteered to review proposals.

The request for a Licensing Analyst position is pending review by the Civil Service Commission.

LCSW-BACS now show as LCSW-BACS instead of BACS in the Certemy licensing platform.

Reinstatement application workflows are active and are accessible from the website.

Revisions were made to the application page of the website to provide better explanation which will assist individuals in selecting the correct application.

#### **LABSWE's presentation at 2022 NASW-LA annual conference**

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Evan Bergeron to present on ethics at the plenary. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:03 a.m. for the following reasons:

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: Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; and Evan Bergeron, yes.

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:52 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; and Evan Bergeron, yes.

### **Compliance Hearings**

The panel for the compliance hearings included Evan Bergeron, Carla Moore and Bora Sunseri.

**Motion** made by Evan Bergeron and seconded by Bora Sunseri to issue Cory Kronenberger a Certified Social Work credential on probation for a minimum of two years during which he shall be monitored by the Impaired Professional Program and to issue approval to sit for the Masters examination. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** made by Evan Bergeron and seconded by Carla Moore to reinstate William O'Connor's LCSW No. 9745 subject to restrictions and proof of completion of the terms set forth September 19, 2013 Order in Docket No. 2013-85. Reinstatement will include probation for a minimum of two years during which he shall be monitored by the Impaired Professional Program and practice social work only in an agency setting until successful completion of probationary terms to include supervision. Once returning to work he shall have 48 months to pay costs assessed in Docket No. 2013-85 and in Docket No. 2014-130 totaling \$8,161.10. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Impaired Professional Program**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore and seconded by Evan Bergeron to accept the written IPP report provided by IPP Manager, Kathie Pohlman. There were no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to suspend Rebecca Dawson's LMSW No. 13842 for a minimum of three years. Any application for reinstatement must be accompanied by a determination by a Board approved evaluator that Licensee is fit to practice social work. There were no public comments relevant to this matter.

### **Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee to dismiss Complaint #2021-115. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore to dismiss Complaint #2021-194. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss Complaint #2022-15. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Hyacinth McKee to dismiss Complaint #2022-33. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Hyacinth McKee to dismiss Complaint #2022-34. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Hyacinth McKee to dismiss Complaint #2022-42. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Applications**

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron to deny the renewal application submitted by Bethany Darnell. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron to deny the LMSW by Endorsement application submitted by Amanda Bernheim, MSW, to issue CSW certification and to issue approval to sit for the ASWB Masters exam. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** made by Evan Bergeron and seconded by Carla Moore to deny the LCSW application submitted by Caroline Caronna. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was carried. Hyacinth McKee was recused from discussion and vote.

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee and seconded by Evan Bergeron to deny the RSW application submitted by Chadwick Jasper. There were no public comments relevant to this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work. There were no public comments on this matter.

Brantley, Shawnya  
Chesson, Willow  
Conaler, My'Dacia  
Conway, Deborah  
Elmore, Cee  
Francia, Shantell  
Harris, Jada  
Hodges, Alexis

Hopkins, Bernice  
Jones, Markeona  
Jones, Victoria  
Kasper, Camilla  
Magan Matthews  
Nelson, Kische  
Payton, Courtney  
Polk, Brittany  
Rothschild, Chynna  
Simmons, Carletta  
Smith, Dustin (End- OH, IN)

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Licensed Master's Social Work, issue Certified Social Work credential and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam.

Aldonza, Melanie  
Berry, Lauren  
Bullard, Louise  
Canfield, Alexis  
Chester, Calisha  
Crawford, Chrishel  
Doyen, Paul  
Grant, Gretchen  
Groedel, Mia  
Jones, Genevieve  
Kaufman, Samantha  
King-Smith, Raven  
Loranzo, Bertha  
Miceli, Alexandra  
Moussaoui, Anissa  
O'Hara, Cailyn  
Pettigrew, Tyler  
Plauche, Julia  
Quinn, Mary Michael  
Rubadue, Christopher  
Saucier, Adelaide  
Stahl, Michael  
Talbot, Miranda  
Washington, Raegan  
Werder, Kai  
Will, Tamara  
Williams, Nykara  
Workman, Jody

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work. There were no public comments.

Brown, Breanna (End-TX)  
Keller, Nancy (End- TX, MN)  
Thompson, Kimberly (End- TX/Rein)  
Wilder, Kaitlin (End-MS)

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work. There were no public comments.

Pritchett, Allison  
Tadman, Ellen

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. There were no public comments:

Barabino, Aundi  
Boehl, Tami  
Boura, Seddy  
Bradley, LaQuita  
Bradley, Rosalyn  
Brooks, Heather Kinney  
Deloney, Davlenn  
Domino, Terry  
Ducote, Rachel  
Gardner, Amanda  
Green, Channin  
Haagen, Chloe  
Hebert, Sherri  
Illarmo, Christina  
Jackson, Allison  
James, Lauren  
Johnson, Sonja  
Kudrecki, Christine  
Landry, Adrienne  
LeBlanc, Bethany  
Nathaniel, Carol  
Nesheiwat, Christina  
O'Brien, Candace  
Palermo, Rachel  
Parks, Kayla  
Paul, Dione  
Rice, Ila  
Robinson, Grace  
Smith, Carly  
Smith, Pamela (Rein)  
Stevens, Ashleigh  
Thompson-Dunn, Pamela

Walton, Ebonye  
Weinell, Sebastian  
Werquin, Miriam

**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applicants for Licensed Clinical Social Work. There were no public comments.

Armon, Alexa (End- NY)  
Babin, Richard (End- TX/ Rein)  
Barnes, Robin (End- AR)  
Charles, Mohanne (End- NY)  
Glasgow, Victoria (End- TX)  
Hasselvander, Krystal (End-SC)  
Sherman, Melanie (End-TX)  
Soltis-Velilla, Diane (End- FL, TX, MO, IL, NY)  
Williams, Kenisha (Rotibi) (End- TX)

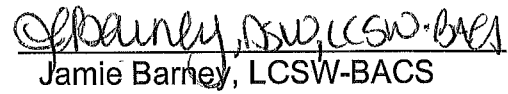
**Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement applicants for Licensed Clinical Social Work. There were no public comments.

Cedotal, Kiley

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to adjourn. There were no public comments on the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

  
Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW-BACS  
Chairperson

  
Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS  
Secretary-Treasurer