

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
April 23, 2021**

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021. 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. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, and Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, were present for the meeting.

Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Jamie Barney, LCSW, Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, and Carla Moore, LMSW. Ada Nelson and John Shalett were present via videoconference for a portion of the meeting.

Members of the public in attendance that we are aware of are on the attached list.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to amend and approve the agenda as amended with the addition of Review of Draft Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Sanctions for Administrative Complaint Nos. 2019-251 and 2020-113, as well as the deletion of Personnel Matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 27, 2021.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 26, 2021, with the change of Hyacinth McKee's arrival time to 8:45 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Raven Lee, CSW

Raven Lee requested a review of a job description called Psychosocial Professionals to determine if it falls within scope of practice for an RSW. Board members responded that most of the duties listed fall under the scope of practice of an RSW but would like to know the name of the agency and a description of what counseling entails.

Kiandra Lee, RSW

Kiandra Lee requested a review of the job description of Client Care Coordinator/MHP, Mental Health Professional and Mental Health Specialist to determine if they fall within scope of practice for an RSW. Board members determined that the one for Mental Health Specialist falls within the scope of practice of an RSW.

Delilah Wells, CSW

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to grant Delilah Wells's request for a waiver of 90-day wait to retake the exam.

Susan Fendlason, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to deny Susan Fendlason's request to make-up missed supervision sessions.

Ellen Boyer, LCSW

Ellen Boyer submitted an inquiry regarding consent for students to receive services in school and was referred to Rule 111(F)(2) which requires informed consent to provide services to minors.

Kayla Allison, LMSW

Board members considered an email from Kayla Allison about opening a Community-based Organization. Board members responded that an LMSW may open a CBO as long as they are providing services as a salaried employee of the agency. Services include anything that falls under the definition of social work practice as defined in the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act, not just clinical services.

Adrienne Landry, LMSW

Adrienne Landry submitted an email asking if she can provide mediation services independently. The Board advised that mediation services cannot be provided independent of an agency until she obtains the LCSW.

Jasmine Dean, LCSW/Royal Elevation, LLC

Motion made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Jasmine Dean for Royal Elevation to be a CE approval organization

Lakenya Points, LMSW

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and carried by majority vote, to remove the disciplinary flag for Consent Agreement and Order #2017-138.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and carried by majority vote, to deny removal of the disciplinary flag for Consent Agreement and Order #2018-210.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron and carried by majority vote, to deny removal of the disciplinary flag for Consent Agreement and Order #2019-227.

Hyacinth McKee abstained from the vote.

Keiasha Benoit, LMSW

Board members reviewed an email from Keiasha Benoit relative to being on a planning board for social work continuing education and would like more information in order to respond. It was requested that Ms. Benoit provide more information about the planning board and advise if she is an external or internal employee of the agency.

Meredith Clancy, LMSW

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to accept Meredith Clancy's supervision conducted by phone through September 21, 2020.

Linda Carmouche, LCSW

Linda Carmouche submitted an inquiry regarding destroyed client files. She was advised that neither the Louisiana Social Work Practice nor the Rules, Standards and Procedures address damaged files. Board members recommended that she speak with her malpractice/liability insurer for guidance.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the consent agreement and order presented by Madeline Carbonette, AAG, in resolution of Imani Franklin, Complaint #2019-15.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the consent agreement and order presented by Madeline Carbonette, AAG, in resolution of Allison Betts, Complaint #2021-27.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:49 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: Jamie Barney, LCSW; Evan Bergeron, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:40 p.m.

BOARD/STAFF MATTERS

Report on Office Workflow and Staffing

Board members reviewed a report provided by the staff of the workflow since the last meeting. There have been 81 retakes processed, 113 licenses issued/reissued due to score reports and 154 new applications. 20 verifications have been completed. Board

members were advised that 25 complaints have been received of which 5 were not accepted.

ASWB – 2020 pass rates and other news

Board members will discuss at a future strategic planning meeting.

Legislation Review Committee Report

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to adopt the report of the committee.

FINANCIAL

Financial Statements for periods ending 01/31/21 and 02/28/21

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to accept the financial statements prepared by Robert Furman, CPA.

CLEAR

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to pay annual membership dues of \$250.00.

Quote from Crescent Multimedia Solutions

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to table this item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 2:42 p.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: Jamie Barney, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 4:02 p.m.

Impaired Professional Program

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to accept the report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to release one individual from her Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to deny Melisse Meza's request to receive supervision while she is not employed.

Complaints

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to set hearing in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2020-111 for June 4, 2021.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to set hearing in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2020-152 for June 4, 2021.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-100 CW 2021-106.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-103.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-109.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-110.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-111.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to not accept Complaint #2021-117.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to not accept Complaint #2021-126.

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Sanctions in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2019-251

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Sanctions in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2019-251 with the addition of costs.

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Sanctions in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2020-113

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Sanctions in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2020-113 with the addition of costs.

Private Consent Agreement and Order

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agreement and Order in the matter of Complaint #2021-98.

Compliance Hearings

There were three compliance hearings conducted in Executive Session. The hearing panel included Hyacinth McKee, Carla Moore and Ruth Weinzettle.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept a 2020-2021 renewal application from Tameca Linzer conditional of documentation of 20 hours of continuing education, payment of the renewal fee plus the lapsed license fee within 14 days.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept a 2020-2021 renewal application from Louis Deshotels conditional of documentation of 20 hours of continuing education, payment of the renewal fee plus the lapsed license fee within 14 days.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept a 2020-2021 renewal application from Lionel Osaze.

The compliance hearing for Debra Grows is deferred to June 4, 2021 meeting.

Motion was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the RSW application submitted by Toya Cameron with conditions.

Applications

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW application submitted by Sharonda Ruffin and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to approve Fredericka Jim's application for LMSW conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work:

Adcock, Albertha

Dickerson, Domonique

Fuhr, Margaret

George, Trinity

Jairles, Valencia

Johnson, Kiera

Johnston, Ramona

Lee, Mya

Lee, Raven
McConnell, Joycelyn
Sampey, Haven
Tassain, Kasey
Thomassie, Cerris
Turner, Monetria
Walker, Letecia
Williams, Allison
Williams, Angel

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work pending receipt of official bachelor's transcript:

Baker, Charmaine
Ballard, Kristan
Cazaubon, Rich
Kuhlow, McKenzie
Lane, Amber
Varise, Cajayln

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:

Anderson, Emma
Bacchus, Canisha T.
Braud, Briget (Rein)
Brown, LaKeiah
Davis, Rodrea
Guidry, Senetra M.
Hebert, Stephanie
Johnson, Ashley M.
(Reissue CSW through 06/08/21)
Landry, Keiara (Rein)
La Roche, Evan
Ochillo, Michelle
Porter, Lauren B.
Ransom, Zachary
Richard, Pariz M.
(Reissue CSW through 06/14/22)
Sears, Latoyia (Rein)
Williams Victoria (Rein)
Williams Mack, Kim D.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Master Social Work through endorsement to:

Haynie, Leslie (End-SC)
Hart, Paula (End-MS)

Johnson, Victoria (End-PA)
Williams, Phalange (End-MS)
Willow, Mark (End-OH)

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore 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 pending receipt of official master's transcript:

Amato, Hailey
Banks, Regine
Bardwell, Kathryn
Boyd, Haley
Case, Allison
Deitz, Andrew
Ferguson, Brooke
Foster, Breanna
Freeman, Aimee
Gallow, Nisha
Gonzales, Mallory
Gonzalez, Samuel
Hamilton, Katherine
Haydel, Caroline
Hunter, McKenzie
Jackson, Chantalyn
Juneau, Kelly
Lam, Oanh
Normand, Elise
Papierski, Katelyn
Perino, Alyssa
Polk, Victoria
Purser, Allison
Ray, Tyler
Recinos, Krysta
Romero, Clarissa
Salassi, Katherine
Shinners, Mary
Singleton, Destinee
Tardo, Danielle
Wade, Malikah

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:


Adams-Johnson, Yolanda
Bernard, Emma E.
Cadavid, Meagan B.
Diaz, Vanesa T.

Fisher, Phyllicia P.
Gillespie, Stormi C.
Ivory, Janaea A.
King, Freddericka
La Mark, Christi M.
McCollum, Bradly S.
Moten, Chenoa M.
Perales, Marissa H.
Rhodes, Tyesha N.
Timm, Megan E.
Vasquez Andrade, Victoria A.
Washington, Karen
Woods, Jada D.

Motion was made Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Clinical Social Work through endorsement to the following applicants:

Allah, Bishe (End-NY)
Bailey, Jonielle (End-OR)
Browning, Andrea (End VA)
Confer, Carolyn (End-PA)
Pierre-Joseph, Sandy(End-FL)
Rivas-Rocha, Mayra (End-NY)

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.



John Shalett, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson



Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer