

**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
October 22, 2022**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, 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. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, Sara Banks, Licensing Analyst, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were present for the meeting.

Jamie Barney conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Trinity George, RSW, Evan Bergeron, Esq., and Jamie Barney, LCSW.

Bora Sunseri, LCSW, was absent.

**Agenda**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle, and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

**Public Comments** – a call for public comments was made with each agenda item that required a vote.

**Recusal v Abstain for Board Members** – brief explanation of the difference  
Sheri Morris explained that a recusal is to avoid a conflict of interest. The board member who recuses is prohibited from the discussion and vote on the matter. Abstention is a voluntary removal from the vote. A board member may abstain from a vote if they do not have enough information to vote.

**IOC update**

The interorganizational committee is working on several items involving macro practice, cultural competency requirements, and test data.

**Certemy update**

The notice of termination has been received by Certemy.

**Agilify update**

Sheri Morris has submitted the proposed contract to Agilify.

**ASWB testing procedure with board approval** – follow up from last strategic planning meeting regarding clinical examination

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to allow a LMSW to sit for the Clinical exam upon completing 75 hours of supervision in addition to being within 6 months of completing supervision effective January 1, 2023 should the LMSW make such a request.

**Position letter from CSWE regarding pass/fail test data from ASWB**

No action was taken in this matter.

**Public comments regarding pass/fail test data from ASWB**


Dr. Rebecca Chaisson commented that Southern University at New Orleans and the IOC have strong concerns with the exam disparity.


Dr. Jerrelida Sanders commented that the inequality includes the Clinical exam.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to appoint a committee to hold public meetings to receive comments about the pass/fail test data from ASWB.

Hyacinth McKee appointed Ruth Weinzettle and Jamie Barney and asked that they provide a report at the December board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

  
Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS  
Chairperson

  
Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS  
Secretary-Treasurer

09:25:28 From Rebecca Chaisson To Everyone:

It is serious- how can we repair the damage done to the many who have paid fees to retake an examination that was faulty?

09:25:38 From Beryl deMontluzin , LCSW To Everyone:

I agree

09:29:16 From Rebecca Chaisson To Everyone:

Many individuals have paid fees and struggled with test anxiety, resources for study and preparation time. They have been marginalized by the profession of social work due to the national examination. We need to think of ways to repair the damage to those individuals.

09:30:12 From Rebecca Chaisson To Everyone:

How do we measure social work competency in Louisiana?

09:39:45 From Rebecca Chaisson To Everyone:

Doesn't the law just say an examination and does not mandate the ASWB test?

09:40:07 From Beryl deMontluzin , LCSW To Everyone:

Years ago, the substance abuse test in Louisiana was a combination of written test and oral test

09:41:05 From Rebecca Chaisson To Everyone:

Yes, we have been asking for a long time.

09:42:28 From Rebecca Chaisson To Everyone:

I have been asking for the areas of the examination that could assist our university in preparing students.

09:43:37 From Rebecca Chaisson To Everyone:

We have a number of the students with undiagnosed ableism issues.

09:44:35 From Rebecca Chaisson To Everyone:

We can volunteer to advertise to receive feedback.

09:54:26 From Beryl deMontluzin , LCSW To Everyone:

great idea as long as it does not become a endless loop

09:54:54 From Rebecca Chaisson To Everyone:

Great idea!