

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
January 11, 2025**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 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.

Bora Sunseri conducted a roll call. Board members present during the roll call included Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS, Melissa Smith Haley, LMSW, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS, and Evan Bergeron, Esq., Consumer Member. Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS, joined the meeting at 8:55 a.m. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, Sara Banks, Licensing Analyst and Blake Williamson, Licensing Analyst, were also present at the meeting.

Sharon Duronslet, Administrative Coordinator, and Trinity George, RSW, were absent. There is one vacant position on the board.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda with an amendment to table evaluation of current contractors and discussion on scheduling solicitation of bids for services provided to the board to the meeting scheduled for February 7, 2025.

Presentation by Covalent

Cody Cifelli, a representative of Covalent, provided a visual presentation of the progress made on the modules for the licensing platform.

A Perspective on Alternative Pathway to Social Work Licensure

Marette Monson is a former Chair of the Utah Board of Social Workers. She presented her perspective on an alternative pathway to social work licensure through the lens of a person with a disability. She believes that rather than having an alternative pathway that focus should be placed on ensuring appropriate accommodation is available for those who qualify.

Examination Committee Recommendations

Dr. Jamie Barney presented the examination committee's report and recommendations to the board and staff. Board members thanked the committee for their time and contributions.

Consent Agreement and Orders for Unlicensed Practice

Board members discussed the sanctions for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to require applicable renewal fees at lapsed license fee rate and include legal fees if applicable.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri and unanimously carried, to raise the fine of \$187.50 to \$200.00.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to reduce the fine of \$562.50 to \$550.


Public comment by Jania Martin.

Public Relations and Communication

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve using the message "Public Protection Profession" on board correspondence, email, newsletters and website.

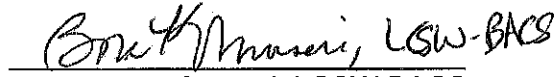
Public comments provided by Carla Moore and Joslyn McGhee

Motion made by Bora Sunseri to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.



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Chairperson



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Secretary-Treasurer