Minutes of the Meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners March 8, 2024

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024. 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. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, and Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, attended the meeting.

Bora Sunseri conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, Bora Sunseri, LCSW, Melissa Haley, LMSW, Trinity George, RSW, Jamie Barney, LCSW, and Evan Bergeron, Esq.

Candice Sorapuru, LCSW, joined the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried to amend the agenda to add 7(h) Suicide Prevention Task Force Report. Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as amended.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

In the matter of Deanna Coleman, File #2021-174 – **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Deanna Coleman.

In the matter of Shirley Falvey, File #2022-35 – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Shirley Falvey.

In the matter of Krystal Kelly, File #2022-47 – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Krystal Kelly.

In the matter of Jada Daniels, File #2023-51 — **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Jada Daniels.

In the matter of Benjamin Larisey, File #2023-64 – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Benjamin Larisey.

In the matter of Destiny Gary, File #2023-90 – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Destiny Gary.

HEARING IN THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT# 2023-103 CW2023-154, Heather Anthony

The hearing panel in this matter included Hyacinth McKee, Trinity George, Melissa Haley, Bora Sunseri, and Jamie Barney. Sheri Morris served as legal counsel to the hearing panel. James Raines was the prosecutor in this matter. The respondent, Heather Anthony appeared without representation and agreed that the matter could be conducted via zoom. A court reporter with U.S. Legal Support was present to create a transcript of the proceeding.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 5, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Greenpath Wellness, LLC- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Greenpath Wellness, LLC to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- b. New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers, INC-- Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers, INC to be a continuing education pre-approval organization. Melissa Haley was recused from the discussion and vote.
- c. Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response Center (STAR)- **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by STAR to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- d. Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded Trinity George, and carried by majority vote, to deny the application. The application will be reconsidered once the letter from Cheryl Brown has been resubmitted on letterhead.
- e. Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to extend group supervision hours, allowing up to 72 hours with Lauren Goodard, LMSW.
- f. Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to extend group supervision hours, allowing up to 72 hours with Donald Lagasse, LMSW.
- g. Jan Coker, LCSW- Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete all continuing education hours via distance learning for the remainder of the 2023-2024 collection period.
- h. Ashley Delavega, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete all continuing

- education hours via distance learning for the remainder of the 2023-2024 collection period.
- i. Ruth Seawell-Fernando, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete all continuing education hours via distance learning for the remainder of the 2023-2024 collection period.
- Donna Harris, CSW- Staff directed to send letter to clarify that a MSW that holds the RSW must practice within the scope of practice of the RSW in accordance with La. R.S. 37:2706(B).
- k. Ramona Johnston, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed with Calcasieu Parish School.
- Jacqueline Savoy, LMSW- Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and carried by majority vote, to deny her supervision and offer her a compliance hearing. Bora Sunseri abstained from the vote.
 Public comments made by Jacqueline Savoy, LMSW and Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS.
- m. Erica Berkowitz, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision hours with Mylischa Smith-Lewis, LCSW-BACS.
- n. Gabrielle Hahnebohm, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to approve the supervision hours and to offer a compliance hearing. Public comments were made by Gabrielle Hahnebohm and Lisa LaRochelle.
- Dejion Hughes, LMSW- Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron and carried by majority vote, to deny the request to approve supervision hours and offer him a compliance hearing.
 Public comments were made by Carmen Spooner and Dejion Hughes.

COMPLIANCE HEARINGS

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Jason Hauth, LMSW to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision completed 60 days prior to the board's receipt of his Supervision Contract. The hearing panel included Bora Sunseri, Hyacinth McKee, and Jamie Barney. Jason Hauth participated in-person.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision hours completed with Miriam Paiz-Wahl, LCSW-BACS.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 1:31 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: Trinity George, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes. Melissa Haley was not present to vote on this motion.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 5:12 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Trinity George, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; Candice Sorapuru, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Mackenzie Droddy, LMSW to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision completed prior to the board's receipt of her Supervision Contract. The hearing panel included Bora Sunseri, Hyacinth McKee, and Jamie Barney. Mackenzie Droddy participated remotely via Zoom along with Lisa LaRochelle, LCSW-BACS as her witness.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision completed with Lisa LaRochelle, LCSW-BACS.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Miyoka Landor, LMSW to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision completed prior to the board's receipt of her Supervision Contract. **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried to recess this hearing until the next scheduled meeting on April 12, 2024, to allow Miyoka Landor additional time to provide documentation.

A compliance hearing was scheduled for Candice Presson, MSW. Ms. Presson requested the hearing to be conducted via zoom. She did not log in for the compliance hearing. There were no actions taken regarding this matter.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Joanna Hynes, LMSW to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision completed prior to the board's receipt of her Supervision Contract. **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried to recess this hearing until the next scheduled meeting on April 12, 2024, to allow Joanna Hynes additional time to provide documentation.

COMPLAINTS

Motion was made by Trinity George and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2023-91. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Melissa Haley dismiss Complaint #2023-117. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trinity George and seconded by Candice Sorapuru to dismiss Complaint #2023-127 with a letter of education. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2024-36 with a letter of education. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Melissa Haley to dismiss Complaint #2024-40. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Melissa Haley to dismiss Complaint #2024-44. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2024-45. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trinity George and seconded by Bora Sunseri to dismiss Complaint #2024-49 with a letter of education. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trinity George and seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss Complaint #2024-51. The motion was unanimously carried.

IMPAIRED PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried to approve the reports submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager.

DISCIPLINARY MONITORING

Motion was made by Jamine Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried to release the three individuals that have completed the terms of their Consent Agreement and Order.

PERSONNEL MATTER

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to forward Sara Banks to Licensing Analyst 2.

APPLICATIONS

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried to deny Barbara Jacobs Fistanic, MSW, the LCSW via Endorsement, issue her exam approval for the ASWB Clinical level examination and offer her a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried to deny Trisha Peterson the RSW due to not holding a bachelor's degree or master's degree majoring in social work from a CSWE accredited program and offer her a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried to deny Marion Anne Wineiger the LMSW via Endorsement, issue her exam approval for the ASWB Master's level examination and offer her a Compliance Hearing.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work.

Achane, Shanie

Anderson-Alicea, Patricia

Bellar, Tatom

Blacknell, Yvette

Brown, Jasmine

Bynum, Kaleah

Davis, Ayanna

Decuir, BreAnna

Dejean, Morgan

Dixon, Esperanza

Fontenot, Deirdre

Forest, Zachary

Greene, Jr. Samuel

Hudson, Harriet

Jacks, Keondra

Jackson-McKinley, Virgie

Johnson, Ashley

Kitchen, Anna

Lewis, Shawna

Lyles, Kimberly

Maine, Casandra

Moore, Ryan

Page, Bethanie

Petersen, Trisha

Richard, Kassidy

Selman, Eliza

Shields, Ashley

Simms, Treva

Sumrall, Cameron

Thomas, Paulettte

Towers, Laura

Vidrine, London

Whitehead, Riley

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Reinstatement of the RSW.

Elbert, Sydney

Johnson, Jessica

Mimes, Mycheal

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, 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.

Bonin, Darci

Boudreaux, Julianna (early test approval)

Brady, Caroline

Bridges, Kasey

Brown, Jessica (early test approval)

Bullock. Elenora (early test approval)

Butler, Kiolga

Carroll, Hannah (early test approval)

Clayton, Samaiyah

Colombo, Francesca

Daniels, Alannah (early test approval)

Deairy, Bethany

Dean, Shermesia (early test approval)

Decuir, Laura

Dennis, Mary

Desselles, Bailey (early test approval)

Downs, Michelle

Dudley, Joycelyn

Dufresne, Abby (early test approval)

Dugas, Karis (early test approval)

Fleming, Amelie (early test approval)

Fryday, Emma (early test approval)

Gillett, Maslin

Gordon, Garrick

Greer, Patricia

Guillot, Emmanuel

Hendrix, Amber

Houlette, Chardonnay

Hughes, Jordan

Jones, April

Jones, Ingrid (early test approval)

Joslin, Aubrey (early test approval)

Kirksey, Floyd

Laine, Abby

Latiolais, Anna Claire (early test approval)

Lyons, Joanna

Martin, Shawanda

Mitchellm Madeline (early test approval)

Morris, Chelsea (early test approval)

Morton, Lisa

Mouton, Shaneeka

Myers, LaTonya

Pennington, Madeline (early test approval)

Pham, Haley (early test approval)

Rankin, Marcellus

Robillard, Katelyn (early test approval)

Rivers, Mildred

Schexnayder, Olivia (early test approval)

Smith, Nekeydra

Tallent, Martin

Townley, Peyton (early test approval)

Verret, Joni

Walker, Alexis (early test approval)

Ware, TreAnna (early test approval)

Watts, Reece (early test approval)

Williams, Emily (early test approval)

Williams, Qualontra

Woods, Katelyn (early test approval)

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Reinstatement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work

Arabie, Jr. Gregory

Atkinson, Anna

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work. Jones, Amalia

Motion was made by Melissa Haley to recess the meeting at 5:58 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2024. 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. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, and Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, attended the meeting.

Bora Sunseri conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, Bora Sunseri, LCSW, Melissa Haley, LMSW, Trinity George, RSW, Jamie Barney, LCSW, and Evan Bergeron, Esq.

Candice Sorapuru, LCSW joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

- p. Shondia Jackson, LMSW- Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to accept supervision contract that was submitted late. Public comments made by Shondia Jackson and Gina Rossi.
- q. Jamie Mason, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to accept the supervision contract that was submitted late with Michael Bejamin-Robinson, LCSW-BACS.
- r. Lauren Michel, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision contract that was submitted late with employer St. Joseph Hospice.
- s. Kellie Pebbles, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to accept supervision contract that was submitted late with Rachel Rhodes, LCSW-BACS while employed at LA Methodist Children's Home.
- t. Jasmine Smith, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and carried by majority vote, to deny her supervision contract that was submitted late and offer a Compliance Hearing.
- u. Bernadette St. Amand, LMSW- Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and carried by majority vote, to deny the request to approve the supervision contract that was submitted late and offer her a compliance hearing. Candice Sorapuru was recused.
- v. Leslie Vidrine, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and carried by majority vote, to deny the request to approve the supervision contract that was submitted late and offer her a compliance hearing. Bora Sunseri was recused.

- w. Alexis Wilcott, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete all continuing education hours via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.
- x. Kendra Edwards, LMSW- Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and carried by majority vote, to deny the request to accept remote supervision that took place on January 28, 2024, and offer a compliance hearing. Public comment was made by Gina Rossi.
- y. Courtney Bloodsaw, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete all continuing education hours via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.
- z. Darion Johnson, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried to defer this matter to the April 12, 2024 meeting to allow Darion Johnson to submit requested information.
- aa. Tara Jones, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete all continuing education hours via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.
- bb. Alexandria Sumlin, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to accept the supervision that began in 2018, to be used towards the LCSW application.
- cc. Nita Baucom, LCSW-BACS- submitted a question regarding records retention for supervisory files. Ms. Baucom was advised that this is not specifically addressed in the Rules. The supervision committee is currently reviewing chapter 5 of the Rules, Standards and Procedures.
- dd. Jenifer Colon, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete all continuing education hours via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.
- ee. Angela Thomas, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to allow remote supervision with Danisha Joseph, LCSW-BACS. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to accept supervision that was completed between 2012-2013 and to offer her a compliance hearing.
- ff. Carissa Breaux, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to accept the supervision contract that was submitted late and offer her a compliance hearing.
- gg. Shanta Daney, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to accept supervision hours that were completed between 1998-1999, and offer her a compliance hearing.

- hh. Katherine Gallagher, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to accept the supervision contract that was submitted late while working at Eden Centers for Hope and Healing with Kathleen Whalen, LCSW-BACS.
- ii. Arianna Lord, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to accept supervision contract that was submitted late with Pointe Coupee General Hospital.
- jj. Kristin Marsiglia, LMSW- Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to accept supervision contract that was submitted late with Rochelle Gauthier, LCSW-BACS while employed with Tulane.
- kk. Rachael Pribulsky, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and carried by majority vote, to approve the request to accept the supervision contract that was submitted late with Fresenius.
- II. Courtney Kidd, LMSW- Motion was made by Jamine Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to accept the supervision contract that was submitted late and offer a compliance hearing.

BOARD/STAFF MATTERS

- a. Report on office workflow and staffing report attached to minutes.
- b. Status of Rules Promulgation- The Financial and Economic Impact Statement has been approved by the Legislative Fiscal Office. The notice of intent and supporting documentation has been submitted to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC) for approval. Sheri Morris advised that the OLRC has not yet set their meetings for 2024.
- Status of contract with Covalent- Request scope of work from contractor.
- d. WKU Survey on Disparity in Licensure Pass Rate- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried to send the survey out to licensees.
- e. ASWB Social Work Census- Social workers and social service workers can take the Census between March 1 and May 31, 2024.
- f. Proposed telesupervision legislation by NASW-LA- Will Francis, Executive Director, NASW-LA Chapter, is in conversation with a legislator relative to authoring a bill allowing for telesupervision.
- g. Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, LCSW- IOC continuing education request regarding cultural responsiveness and social justice. Board members referred this to Sheri Morris for a response.

h. Suicide Prevention HCR 84- Hyacinth McKee reported to the board that the taskforce has completed its research and submitted their report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:53 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: Trinity George, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; Candice Sorapuru, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Trinity George, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; Candice Sorapuru, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Stella Colomb, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

LaDonna Hambrick-Schulz, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Gwendolyn Hart, RSW- **Motion** was made by Candice Sorapuru, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Amy King, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Crystal Moore, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Candice Sorapuru, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Christina Nesheiwat, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Laura Poirier, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Robin Richardson, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Candice Sorapuru, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Karen Smith, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Debra Stegenga, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Nicole Poiencot, LMSW- submitted a question relative to ethical practice. She was advised that the board cannot provide legal advice. If she is unable to decide based on the information previously provided, she may consider seeking legal counsel.

Tami May, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Cheri Nyegaard-Holbrook, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Candice Sorapuru, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Mary Elizabeth Lucia, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Shonna Riggs, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Linda Phillips, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried to approve the request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

Tamara Scott- Pre-eligibility determination due to criminal background as provided by Act No. 486 of 2022 Regular Session. **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried to deny with a notice of the right to submit additional information and/or appear before the board.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney to adjourn at 1:07 p.m.

Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS

Chairperson

Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS

Secretary-Treasurer

Workflow Report Presented on March 8, 2024

Since January 5, 2024 Meeting

Requests for early testing – Masters	39
Requests for early testing – Clinical	8
Early testers issued LMSW	4
Early testers issued LCSW	9
LMSWs issued (not early testers)	38
LCSWs issued (not early testers)	20
BACS issued	17
Retake applications approved	133
Supervision Contracts approved	112
Other supervision approvals	40
Background checks mailed to LSP	53
License verifications	97

Received 27 complaints between 12/30/23 and 03/04/24

Written response	11
Investigation	0
Under consideration	3
Not accepted – not a social worker	9
Not accepted – no violation	4

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