

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
January 16, 2026**

Brandon Reeves called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026. 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.

Board members present during the roll call included Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS, Katie Dotie, LCSW-BACS, Jacqueline Garrison, LCSW-BACS, and Melissa Haley, LMSW. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were also present at the meeting. Sara Banks attended a portion of the meeting.

Public Comments

Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS, made a public comment regarding correspondence item G(15).

Agenda

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Presentation of Consent Agreement and Orders

In the matter of Genitra Flemings, File #2023-23

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Genitra Flemings.

In the matter of Krista Gaston, File #2025-64

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Krista Gaston.

In the matter of Joseph Wilson, File #2025-77

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order for Joseph Wilson.

Public comment made by Adanna Ogbogu.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:05 a.m.

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: Jacqueline Garrison, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; Brandon Reeves, yes; and Katie Dotie, yes.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:08 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Melissa Haley, yes; Brandon Reeves, yes; Katie Dotie, yes; and Jacqueline Garrison, yes.

Compliance Hearings

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Angela Abel to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision completed more than 60 days before the submission of a Supervision Contract with Joseph Bodenmiller, LCSW-BACS. The hearing panel included Melissa Haley, Brandon Reeves, and Jacqueline Garrison. Angela Abel participated via Zoom. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision hours and work experience completed by Joseph Bodenmiller for the period of November 7, 2022 to April 16, 2025.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Shanah Bartram to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision completed more than 60 days before the submission of a Supervision Contract. The hearing panel included Melissa Haley, Katie Dotie, and Brandon Reeves. Shanah Bartram participated via zoom. **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision that was completed with Lois Simon and Annie Vaden for the period of April 20, 2023 to May 10, 2025.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Keiajuana Davillier to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision that took place more than 60 days before the submission of a Supervision Contract. The hearing panel included Jacqueline Garrison, Brandon Reeves, and Melissa Haley. Keiajuana Davillier participated via Zoom. **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve supervision that took place with Rochelle Gauthier, LCSW-BACS, from July 22, 2024 to June 28, 2025. The board also voted to send a letter of education to Rochelle Gauthier, LCSW-BACS, and require her to submit a list of her supervisees.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Keona Thompson to appeal against the board's decision to deny supervision completed more than 60 days before the submission of a Supervision Contract with Tamela Adit, LCSW-BACS. The hearing panel included Melissa Haley, Katie Dotie, and Jacqueline Garrison. Keona Thompson participated via Zoom. **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision hours and work experience completed by Keona Thompson for the period of September 24, 2024 to April 25, 2025.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Aisha Bass to appeal against the board's decision to deny her LMSW reinstatement application without a passing score on ASWB Masters level examination. The hearing panel included Melissa Haley, Brandon Reeves, and Katie Dotie. Aisha Bass participated via Zoom. **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to uphold the original denial due to not submitting the appropriate continuing education hours for the September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 collection period.

Financial

Statements for Quarters 1 & 2 of FY25-26 presented by Debbie and Danny Allday, CPA. Board members reviewed the Statement of Assets, Liabilities & Equity, Statement of Revenues & Expenses, and Statement of Revenues & Expenses Budgetary Comparison for the periods ending July 31, 2025, August 31, 2025, September 30, 2025, October 31, 2025, November 30, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to accept the financial statements as provided information.

Personnel Matter

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to grant Regina DeWitt an 8% salary increase.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to promote Blake Williamson to the position of Licensing Analyst 2. As per Civil Service rules, this promotion grants Mr. Williamson a 7% salary increase.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to release the five licensees that have successfully completed the terms of their Consent Agreements and Orders from further obligations under those agreements.

Executive Session Correspondence

Akee Jackson, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to accept all continuing education hours that were completed via distance learning.

Vonnie Hawkins, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to deny the continuing education request and the request for emeritus status and offer a compliance hearing.

Applications

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to deny the R-CSW application submitted by Tangela Bedford, and offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work.

Allen, Anayah
Ball, Devance
Barker, Jessica
Bellard, Gabrielle
Boyd, Jasmine
Brumfield, Shania
Clark, Sonnisha
Cortez, Korde'
Crowell, Brianna
Dykes, Latunya
Harper, Taliyah
Hunt, Dirmelda
Ingram, Jocelyn
Jack, Caitlin
Kreamer, Elaina
Langevin, Michael
Lewis, Kennedy
Lewis, Serenity
Mayberry, Kimberly
Mckay, Sierra

Mouton, Brianna
Myers, Renae
Pringle, Brandy
Rials, Kelcey
Richard, Corlette
Scott, Desiree
Slaydon, Karen
Sweet, Amanda Wilson
Toadvine, Crystal
Williams, Karen
Wilson, Maquita

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work reinstatement.

Dorsey, Bianca
Farris, Shailindra
Grant, Keyundra
Matthews, Lamonica
Nicholas, Tressa
Nutt, Meya
Walton, Brenda

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work endorsement.
Venters, Trina

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Licensed Master's Social Work, issue Certified Social Work certification and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam.

Antoine, Marie
Alexander, Tyja
Barnett, Jordin
Bibbins, Chanel
Blunt, Britney
Bowens, Jene
Broussard, Destiny
Busby, Kourtney
Cannon, Jarealle
Carter, Cameron
Carter, Ebone (early test approval)
Daigle, Kennedy
Derouen, Courtland
Edwards, Dionjonae
Fisher, Mona
Gallant, William
Green, Angela
Green, Shonnetta
Greer, Desree
Griffin, Katherine
Hebert, Jessica
Huff, Elizabeth

Hunter, Abriel
Jarvis, Kennedy
Johnson, Gabriel
Johnson, Krystal
Ledet, Letanna
Moore II, John (early test approval)
Pearl, Jayde
Smith, Kendria
Thacher, Blake
Tregre, Jesse
White, Madison
Wilkinson, Ethel

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Restricted-CSW
Harris, Brerona
Senegal, Tracy

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work.
Bentancourt, Caitlin
Harris, Tracie
Siegel, Dayna

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam.
Alexander, Sarah (early test approval)
Bolton, Madelyn (early test approval)
Burns, Kaylyn (early test approval)
Cannon, Lynn
Comery, Taina
Creekbaum, Summer
Dodd, Alexandra
Dylan, Skylar
Goldman, Isabella (early test approval)
Gorham, Terrell
Guin, Mary (early test approval)
Hebert, Rebecca (early test approval)
Jackson, Courtney
Kraemer, Malorie (early test approval)
LeBouef, Paige (early test approval)
Lovely, Rikeisha
Operario, Madelyn
Parish, Alexandra (early test approval)
Pulliam, Nyia (early test approval)
Sanders, Courtney
Sciambra, Patrick
Smith, Assyria
Smith, Kristen

Spears, Hannah
St. Julien, Dana (early test approval)
Stovall, Tyrian (early test approval)
Talbot, Miranda
Trepovicht, Abigail
Waller, Zadiiee
Wetzel, Erin
Wilburn, Kaycee
Williams, Chasity
Williams, Nykara (early test approval)

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applicants for issuance of the LCSW.

Atherley, Siedah
Capobianco, Krista
Haygood, Kayla
Hobold, Jessica
Robertson, Jennifer
Robinson, Lakesha
Simons, Rachel
Sionkowski, Rachel
Weeldreyer, Troy
Welch, Catiya
Young, Fanike-Kiara

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Reinstatement applicants for issuance of the LCSW.

Chenier, Laurel
Cockrell, Jennifer
Miller, Dijonnaise

Minutes

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 21, 2025.

Board/Staff Matters

1. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to cancel the meeting scheduled for March 20, 2026, and add meetings on February 27, 2026 and April 10, 2026.
2. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously, to postpone strategic planning meetings for a later date.
3. Social Work Leadership Roundtable- report provided by Melissa Haley regarding social work as a profession. The Council on Social Work Education is advocating to keep social work as a professional degree.
4. Synchronous interactive webinars- Board members discussed and decided for the present time that board and committee meetings are considered in-person continuing education. They are referring the word "interactive" to the Rules committee to define.
5. Report on office workflow and staffing is attached to minutes.

Financial

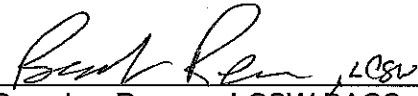
1. ASWB Membership Dues \$250- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie, and carried by majority vote to approve renewing membership. Melissa Haley abstained from the vote.
2. NASW-LA Conference Exhibit Fee \$750- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison, and unanimously carried to approve the exhibit fee. Public Comments were made by Adanna Ogbogu, Hyacinth McKee, and Shelly Weaver.

Correspondence

1. Ashlyn Bridges, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison, and unanimously carried to approve supervision completed from October 24, 2022 to June 24, 2023 without a loss of supervision credit.
2. Alexys Hebert, LMSW-- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried to approve supervision completed from July 11, 2024 to June 4, 2025 without a loss of supervision credit. Public comment made by Kimberly Catalon
3. Lauren Porter, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed from October 31, 2022 to November 10, 2022 without a loss of supervision credit. Public comment made by Lauren Porter.
4. Sierra Roberson, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison, and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed from September 5, 2024 to May 30, 2025 without a loss of supervision credit.
5. Leah Munroe, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison, and unanimously carried, to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing.
6. Cornerstone Counseling, LLC- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to approve Cornerstone Counseling, LLC, to be a continuing education preapproval organization.
7. Tia Cage, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to deny her request to count unsupervised work experience towards meeting the requirements for LCSW and to offer her a compliance hearing.
8. Ciera Davis, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Katie Dotie, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, that creating treatment plans, leading psychotherapy groups and conducting psychosocial assessments are outside the scope of practice for a Registered Social Worker.
9. Justin Laborde, LCSW-BACS- Board members recommended Mr. Laborde have the developing program peer reviewed.
10. Daniel Lau, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jacqueline Garrison, seconded by Katie Dotie and unanimously carried, to approve telesupervision credit for the November 7, 2025 training.
11. Kristy Lalonde, LCSW- Board advised moving forward the staff to accommodate licensees' request to unpublish exam scores. Public comments were made by Elizabeth Frein and Annie Vaden.
12. Heather Weaver, LCSW- Board advised her that she is not required to complete the telesupervision training if she is participating in non-clinical supervision.
13. Nita Baucom, LCSW-BACS- The board acknowledged and reviewed her correspondence. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jacqueline Garrison and unanimously carried, to continue using TPN for trainings. Public comment made by Dr. Cassandra Smith and Nita Baucom.

14. Nita Baucom, LCSW-BACS- The board acknowledged and reviewed the correspondence. Following consideration, the board declined to take further action. Public comment made by Nita Baucom.
15. Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS- the board acknowledged and reviewed the correspondence. Following consideration, the board declined to take further action.

Motion was made by Jacqueline Garrison to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.



Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson

WORKFLOW REPORT PRESENTED ON JANUARY 16, 2026

Since November 21, 2025 Meeting

Requests for early testing – Masters	5
Requests for early testing – Clinical	15
Early testers issued LMSW	10
Early testers issued LCSW	16
LMSWs issued (not early testers)	36
LCSWs issued (not early testers)	23
BACS issued	7
Retake applications approved	90
Supervision Contracts approved	90
Supervision Contracts denied	17
LCSW Applications - Supervision approvals	47
License verifications	46
Late renewals processed	52
Emeritus Status	4
Open Book Exam invitations	31
Disciplinary monitoring	57
Name changes	8

Update: Covalent reinstated the ability for CE Pre-Approval Organizations to post training on the LABSWE website. An email has been sent to each provider with information. <https://www.labswe.org/page/approved-courses>

COMPLAINTS

11/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Complaints received	30
Self-reports received	3
Sent to investigator	5
Written response requested	21
Sent for legal guidance	1

L.A.C. 46:XXV.1009(C) REPORT OF REJECTED COMPLAINTS

11/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

File Number	1009(B)(1) Respondent undetermined	1109(B)(2) Respondent not licensed	1109(B)(3) Complaint illegible	1109(B)(4) No violation alleged	Nature of Complaint
2026-4				X	Not in jurisdiction (MS)
2026-34				X	Interagency dispute.
2026-98				X	Defamation of business on social media and unprofessional conduct. Allegations not related to social work practice.
2026-103		X			Allegations not related to social work practice.
2026-110		X			Allegations not related to social work practice.