

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
June 27, 2025**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 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.

Board members present during the roll call included Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS, Liam Doyle, consumer member, and Melissa Haley, LMSW. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, Sara Banks, Licensing Analyst, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were also present at the meeting.

Trinity George, RSW was absent.

Public Comments

Nikki Porterie informed the board that her correspondence has a typographical error, the supervision contract began December 2022.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 30, 2025.

Presentation of Consent Agreement and Orders

In the matter of Stephanie Michetti, File #2025-128

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agreement and Order for Stephanie Michetti.

In the matter of Zalexis Williams, File# 2025-96

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agreement and Order for Zalexis Williams.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Liam Doyle, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:00 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: Jamie Barney, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; and Liam Doyle, yes.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:05 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Melissa Haley, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; and Liam Doyle, yes.

Compliance Hearings

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Tanisha Bennett to appeal against the board's decision to deny her application for the CSW/LMSW. The hearing panel included Hyacinth McKee, Jamie Barney, and Liam Doyle. Tanisha Bennett participated in-person.

Motion was made by Liam Doyle, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the application, grant the CSW and approval to take the examination for the LMSW.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Anna Plaisance regarding supervision credit. The hearing panel included Jamie Barney, Melissa Haley, and Liam Doyle. Anna Plaisance participated in-person.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Liam Doyle and unanimously carried, to approve the supervised work experience received by Mark Drake, LCSW-BACS more than 60 days prior to the approval of the supervision contract.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Joshua Carpenter to appeal against the board's decision to deny his application for CSW/LMSW. The hearing panel included Hyacinth McKee, Liam Doyle, and Melissa Haley. Joshua Carpenter participated in-person.

Motion was made by Liam Doyle, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the application, grant the CSW and approval to take the examination for the LMSW.

Impaired Professional Program

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to accept the monthly report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager, as information.

Pre-eligibility Determination

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny a pre-eligibility approval letter for Cei C. Wendland.

Correspondence

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny the renewal application for Gloria Taylor and approve the reinstatement application with conditions. The 2024-2025 paid renewal fee will be used towards the reinstatement application fee. She has been granted approval to complete all her continuing education hours via distance learning through August 31, 2026.

Financial

Trae Russell provided a presentation to the Board on Cicero Licensing and answered questions about web accessibility compliance.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to authorize Administrator to initiate contract negotiations with Covalent not to exceed \$75,000 over the next two years for transitioning to Cicero Licensing and bringing the Board's website into compliance with PPM No. 74.

Financial statements for the periods ending March 31, 2025 and April 30, 2025 – Board members reviewed the Statement of Assets, Liabilities & Equity, Statement of Revenues & Expenses, and Statement of Revenues & Expenses Budgetary Comparison for the periods ending March 31, 2025 and April 30, 2025.

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

Applications

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny the CSW/LMSW application submitted by Lakyna Bell and to offer a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application for Constance Warren and to offer a compliance hearing.

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

Arnold, Chloe

Bennett, Mychal

Brown, Sarah

Burney, Tamera

Campbell, Kristien

Cates, Katelyn

Davis, Danisha

Franklin, Helen

Harris, Shelinda

Kimbrell, Devin

McGary, Tyra

McKey, Lauren

Myles, Cargina

Robertson, Rachea

Rogers, Jamsine

Sharp, Gabrielle

Short, Krystal

Smith, Alyssia

Spears, Nicole

Vernon, Kenneth

Werner, Kayla

Wines-Godsil, Summer

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

Smith, Nicholas

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney, 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.

Ardoyn, Alexandra

Blanton, Jake

Brown, Amanda

Brown, Antresiya (early test approval)

Brown, Erica

Brynat, Lauren

Callegari, Jayde

Chaney, Lynell

Cherry, Macee

Cook, Madison
Costanza, Travis
Davis, Cathelyn
Demming, Tierra
Eddins, Mahalia
Evans, Kristen
Fontenot, Deirdre
Freeman, Kierra
Harris, Christopher
Harris, Shelinda
Hoehn, Kelly
Jackson, Amira
Jackson, Tyanna
Johnson, Walter
Landry, Gabrielle
Landry, Rachel
Loup, Erin
Lowens, Mary
Mackey, Senita
McClinton, Marie
Moran, Eva
Menyweather, Jessica
Phillips, Tenisha
Redlich, Allison
Richardson, Kierra
Ross, Immesha
Smith, Susannah
Turner, Lasharia

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work.
Harris, Jazlyn

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam.
Arnouville, Sarah
Brown, Cynthia
Edwards, Maya
Gautreaux, Emilee (early test approval)
Roden, Kai
Schexnayder, Lindsey (early test approval)

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applicants for issuance of the LCSW.
Moore, Antonia
Tucker, Robert

Correspondence

- A. Carol Miles, MSW, LCSW, LLC- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by

- Carol Miles, MSW, LCSW, LLC to be a continuing education pre-approval organization pending receipt of a letter of reference from an approved provider.
- B. Crescent City Schools- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to deny the application for continuing education approval organization due to the letters of reference not meeting the criteria outlined in the application.
 - C. Rusty Miller- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Rusty Miller to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
 - D. Shari Stonehouse, LCSW- The board advised Shari Stonehouse they cannot provide legal advice. She was referred to Rule 109(A)(1), (2) & (3).
 - E. Kenisha Wooders, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to extend the expiration of the approval to take the ASWB Clinical examination.
 - F. Jessica Perkins, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request to waive 5 in-person continuing education hours for renewal.
 - G. D'Nez Bob, LMSW- **Motion** made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision with Sarah Dulaney, LCSW-BACS.
 - H. Madelynne McDaniel, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Liam Doyle and unanimously carried, to deny her request for remote supervision and offer a compliance hearing.
Public comment made by Gena Lewis.
 - I. Ronisha Johnson, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request to approve supervised work experience completed with Carmen Spooner, LCSW-BACS. A second **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney to send a letter of education to Carmen Spooner, LCSW-BACS regarding supervision, and to advise completion of an assessment to ensure all supervisees are in compliance with supervision requirements.
 - J. Rikeisha Lovely, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve supervised work experience hours for the period of 05/05/2022-04/28/2023.
 - K. Rebecca Majoue', LMSW- **Motion** was made by Liam Doyle, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to table to next meeting pending research of applicable rules.
 - L. Nikki Porterie, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve supervised work experience hours completed during the period of 12/03/2022-08/20/2024.
 - M. Anna Quartermaine-Bragg, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to deny the request to approve supervised work experience and offer a compliance hearing.
 - N. Jessie Ratliff, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve supervised work experience hours completed during the period of 8/16/2023-4/05/2025.
 - O. William Zoller, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the supervised work experience completed during the period of 3/26/2025-4/15/2025.

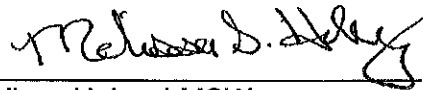
Board/Staff Matters

- A. Report on office workflow and staffing is attached to minutes. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney to accept the office workflow report as information.
- B. Fraudulent Transcript/Diploma- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Liam Doyle and unanimously carried, to adopt a policy to only accept official school transcripts electronically directly from the university or clearinghouse.
- C. Limited delegation of authority to staff regarding applications- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Liam Doyle and unanimously carried, to allow staff to review applications for approval if the applicant met the application deadline but were inadvertently left off the application list for the June 27, 2025 meeting.
- D. Update on Rules Promulgation – Sheri Morris advised that the rules are currently under review by the Occupational Licensing Review Commission and that the review did not qualify for an expedited review.
- E. Update on SB153 – Board members were advised that Senate Bill 153 passed and is now designated as Act 431. This law became effective on June 20, 2025.
- F. IPP Manager Contract- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to offer Dr. Emily George Tilley a contract as the Board's Impaired Professional Program Manager effective July 1, 2025 at a rate of \$100 per hour and a maximum contract amount of \$25,000. **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve a contract with Kathie Pohlman to provide 40 hours of training to Dr. Tilley at a rate of \$115/hour and a maximum amount of \$4,600.
- G. Accounting proposals – A recommendation of a CPA contractor is tabled to the August meeting. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to extend the current CPA's contract to August 31, 2025.

Motion made by Jamie Barney to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m.



Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson



Melissa Haley, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer