

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
September 28, 2019**

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2019, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included John Shalett, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, Jennifer Burch, LCSW, Ada Nelson, RSW, and Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW.

Evan Bergeron was absent.

Members of the staff in attendance included Emily DeAngelo, Regina DeWitt, Holly Freeman and Jasmine Offord.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION PRE-APPROVAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Board members and staff discussed the growing number of Continuing Education Pre-approval organizations and the difficulty in auditing the organizations to ensure they are meeting the guidelines for the designation of a pre-approval organization. Board members discussed requiring organizations to go through ASWB's ACE program, but determined that it may be cost prohibitive. It was suggested that we consider asking ASWB if they would audit 10% of the organizations and ask that they provide a cost. Board members want organizations informed that they must send their list of approved offerings by August 31 of each year and that they must post the approved programs on the Board's website or provide a link to their website with a listing of the approved programs. Board members recommend charging a \$100.00 application fee. We also discussed how to determine clinical content and a presenter's qualifications to provide clinical content. Someone suggested creating a tool like the Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education to determine whether a program is clinical content.

**REMOVAL OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to begin using private disciplinary action for first time offenders of minor offenses.

**Stacey Griffin**

Stacey Griffin is requesting removal of the disciplinary action on her record. Board members requested that she submit the pardon she received by the governor.

**Tira Jones**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to defer Tira Jones's request to remove disciplinary action from her record to the November 1 board meeting.

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to consider on a case-by-case basis removing disciplinary action of first time rule violations with the exception of violations involving clients.

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Burch, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to add Executive Session to the agenda to discuss a renewal application that was submitted by PD.

**LIVE-INTERACTIVE WEBINARS**

Board members reviewed feedback from Connie Konikoff relative to live-interactive webinars. It is suggested that distance learning be redefined to only include pre-recorded courses and not live-interactive webinars. Board members agreed to refer the matter to the Rules Committee.

**REMOTE SUPERVISION**

Board members reviewed feedback from Traci Lilley relative to remote supervision. This will be considered as part of the comments when the proposed rules change are made public for comment.

**ADVANCED GENERALIST LICENSE**

**Motion** made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to defer to a future strategic planning meeting.

**IMPAIRED PRACTICE**

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Ada Nelson and unanimously carried, to defer to a future strategic planning meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:13 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.

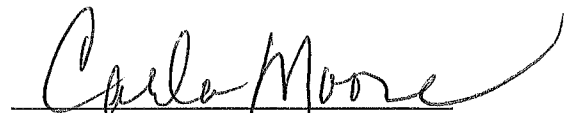
Votes for going into Executive Session: Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Ada Nelson, yes; Jennifer Burch, LCSW, yes; Brent Villemarette, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

**Motion** was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:27 a.m.

**Motion** was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Jennifer Burch and unanimously carried, to approve the renewal application submitted by PD and to move forward with process for failing to report arrest.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

  
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John Shalett, LCSW-BACS  
Chairperson

  
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Carla Moore, LMSW  
Secretary-Treasurer