

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
October 23, 2015**

Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2015, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, was present for the entire meeting. Carmen Weisner, Melanie Faust, Emily Creed, Anna LaGrange, Cherie McDermott, Linda Kelly Woodruff, Brooklyn Sanders, and Anne Williams were present for a portion of the meeting.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Robert Showers, RSW, Marguerite "Peggy" Salley, LCSW, Yolanda Burnom, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, John Shalett, LCSW, and Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member.

Judith Haspel was absent.

AGENDA

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with the addition of three items to Correspondence, (g) letter from Angela Tullier requesting approval for a position to count towards LCSW supervision, (h) letter from Rachel Eriksen regarding dual relationship and confidentiality, and (i) letter from Nancy Timm regarding Board Approved Clinical Supervisor designation; addition of File #2014-80 to Pending Complaints; and to remove Renewal Applications from the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, reported that NASW National is celebrating its 50 year birthday. She also advised that NASW worked with Senator Debbie Stabenow and Representative Barbara Lee to draft legislation that will increase Medicare reimbursement rates for social workers to 85%.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes for the September 25, 2015 meeting as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Laura Friedberg, LCSW

Laura Friedberg presented continuing education hours, as well as a letter from Charlene Henry regarding consultation, for the board to consider counting towards meeting the requirement of three hours of continuing education in the area of clinical supervision between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2014. She also requested that if the board did not recognize the hours that they allow her to continue supervising as a BACS until she is able to complete the continuing education.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny both requests from Laura Friedberg.

Clay Roberts, LCSW

Clay Roberts asked the board if it is a violation to rent office space from his former therapist. Board members referred Mr. Roberts to Rule 113(B)(7).

O'Brien House

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by O'Brien House to be a Continuing Education Pre-approval Organization.

Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority to be a Continuing Education Pre-approval Organization.

Allison Staiger, LCSW

Board members considered an inquiry from Allison Staiger regarding records of a minor client who is now 18. Members of the board responded that the mother of the client does not have the right to the records once the client is 18.

Northoaks Health System

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Northoaks Health System to be a Continuing Education Pre-approval Organization.

Angela Tullier, MSW

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to deny Angela Tullier's request that she be allowed to receive BACS supervision toward LCSW while employed as a Neuroscience Sales Specialist for Merck Pharmaceuticals.

Rachel Eriksen, LCSW-BACS

Rachel Eriksen submitted an inquiry regarding conflict of interest for someone to see a child at school and in a private counseling program, as well as, the confidentiality guidelines for school counseling verses individual therapy outside of a school setting. Board members responded that best practice is to provide the student's family with at least three referrals. In addition, they advised that the confidentiality standards are the same across all areas of social work.

John Shalett recused himself from this discussion.

Nancy Timm, LCSW

Board members reviewed an email from Nancy Timm regarding Board Approved Clinical Supervisor designation, as well as the response from Emily DeAngelo, Administrator. Members of the board agreed with Ms. DeAngelo's response that Ms. Timm cannot begin supervision with another LMSW until she either supplies documentation that she attended three hours of continuing education in the area of clinical supervision between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2014 or she completes all requirements and applies as a new supervisor.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

CLEAR – Conference Report

Carla Moore and Peggy Salley gave a verbal report to the board about the CLEAR conference.

FARB Regulatory Law Seminar

Emily DeAngelo gave a verbal report to the board about FARB's Regulatory Law Seminar.

FARB – 2016 Annual Forum – Clearwater Beach, FL

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to send Carla Moore and another board member and one staff member to FARB's 2016 Annual Forum.

ASWB Elections

Board members discussed the slate for the 2015 elections. They agreed to vote for Robert Payne for Treasurer, Ann Lyn Whitt for Director at Large Professional Member, Denise Pratt for Director at Large Public Member, and Carla Moore for Nominating Committee.

Strategic Planning - Community outreach

Board members chose the continuing education pre-approval organizations and the Regional NASW chapters that they will contact.

Committee Updates

Board members were provided with proposed changes to the Standards of Practice recommended by the Standards of Practice Subcommittee.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to accept the proposal.

2016 Board Meeting Dates

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to set the 2016 meeting dates as follows:

January 15	June 24
February 26	August 5
April 8	September 9
May 20	October 21

December 2

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:53 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: Peggy Salley, yes; John Shalett, yes; Robert Showers, yes; Carla Moore, yes; and Paulette Walker, yes.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 12:02 p.m.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to accept the disciplinary monitoring report provided by Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release **Devon Sanders** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to release **Montique Lee** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to release **Clarence Williams** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to release **Catherine Burnette** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to release **Courtney Farmer** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to release **Lydia Laporte** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to release **Joyclyn Reed-Owens** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to release **Brentoya Williams** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to release **Terrica Stevenson** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to release **Latira Jones** from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to grant **Robert Layne Bonvillain** a 30-day extension from October 23, 2015 to pay the fine required by his Consent Agreement and Order.

New Complaints

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2016-42**. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and Rule 107(B).

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2016-43**. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2718(B)(2) and Rule 115(D)(2).

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint #2016-44** for investigation of possible violations of LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(2),(7) and (11), and Rule 117(A).

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to issue a cease and desist to respondent named in **Complaint #2016-45**.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to request a written response to **Complaint #2016-46**. Possible violations include LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(7), and Rules 107(B), 113(A), 113(B)(1), (9).

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to send **Complaint #2016-47** for investigation of possible violations of LA R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and (11), Rules 113(A)(1), 113(B)(1), (3), and (9).

Pending Complaints

Board members were reminded that the hearing of Administrative Complaint #2014-80 will continue at the first of the year.

Applications

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the retake application and RSW application submitted by **Brandi Johnson** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing social work without a license.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by **Katherine Colson** due to her arrests in 2014 and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW application submitted by **Mary Reeves** conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for practicing social work without a license.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Carla Moore and carried by majority vote, to approve the LCSW application submitted by **Christine Tschannen**. Robert Showers voted against the motion.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a Registered Social Worker:

Calderon, Ronda	McDaniel, LaSonia
Carter Florence, Darcell	Mathews, LaTessa
Criswell, Annette	Murdock, Joshua
Davis, Chianti	Pavlov, Mary Anne
Glass, Ashlee	Provost, Margaret
Greenwood, Jennifer	Ricard, Donna
Groves-Banks, Tara	Sanders, Kayla
Jackson, Terri	Swearengin, Marla
Jefferson, Anita	

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for the Certified Social Worker certification and to grant approval for the applicants to sit for the ASWB Masters examination for licensing as a Licensed Master Social Worker:

Arp, Shaina L.	Felton-Johnson, Cassandra
Barnes, Shawntell F.	Robinson Jr., Steven E.
Buchanan, Colin J.	Shaw, Melissa B.
Calvin, Clarence	Stillman, Jayne W.
Cavanaugh, Drew C.	Strumolo, Samantha R.
Davidson, Max J.	

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to issue Certified Social Work certification and LMSW exam approval pending official school transcript:

Sahl, Samantha

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously to issue LMSW through endorsement to the following applicants:

Bergmann, Kimberly (IL)

Slaten, Cassie (MS)

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for licensing as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker:

Armand Jr., Craig P.

Lewis, Quian J.

Delahoussaye, Kristi S.

Miller, Janice A.

Collier, Jerwana L.

Payne, Orion N.

Diez, Mallori E.

Tarver, Christopher D.

Higgins, Tyria L.

Watts, Aimee H.

Hughes, Staci L.

Woodard, Ashley N.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to issue LCSW through endorsement to the following applicants:

Greene, Leon Jr. (TX)

Impaired Professional Program Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to approve the monitoring report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, LCSW, IPP Manager.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Peggy Salley and unanimously carried, to deem the position in question held by **AS-15** as a non-social work position.

Motion was made by Peggy Salley, seconded by Carla Moore and carried by majority vote, to allow **JS-15** to enter the program as an applicant for a social work credential instead of a credential. John Shalett voted against the motion.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Judith Haspel, LCSW
Chairperson

Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer