

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
March 19, 2020**

A special meeting was called by the Chairperson for March 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. to consider issues created by COVID-19 (coronavirus). The notice of the special meeting was sent to all social workers with an email address on file with the board. The agenda was posted on the door, as well as on the board's website more than 24 hours prior to the meeting. The meeting was conducted via video conference and all interested parties were provided the information to join the meeting. The allowance of a video conference is authorized by Proclamation 30 JBE 2020.

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, participated in the meeting.

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included John Shalett, LCSW, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, and Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member.

Ada Nelson, RSW, Jennifer Burch, LCSW, and LaTonya Charles, LMSW, did not participate.

Members of the public that we are aware were in attendance are listed on the attached document.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to add an email from ASWB to the meeting agenda.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to allow social workers to complete the required continuing education via distance learning for the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 continuing education collection period.

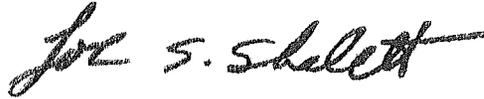
Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to extend the continuing education collection period to September 30, 2020.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to allow supervision to be conducted through electronic means until September 30, 2020.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to table the discussion relative to test date deadlines and expiration dates of Certified Social Workers until the April 3, 2020 meeting.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to allow ASWB to extend test approval deadlines should the board obtain authority to grant extensions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.



John Shalett, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson



Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer