

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
June 5, 2021**

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2021. The meeting was conducted at the Board office and streamed via videoconference 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, Section 4 as extended by subsequent executive proclamations including 75 JBE 2020.

Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members and staff present at the time of roll call included John Shalett, LCSW, Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Jamie Barney, LCSW, Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, Carla Moore, LMSW, Ada Nelson, RSW, Emily DeAngelo, Holly Freeman and Maddy Andras. Regina DeWitt was present via videoconference.

Members of the public in attendance that we are aware of are on the attached list.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments were allowed for each agenda item. There were questions posed during this time relative to how to document continuing education for attending board meetings.

**ASWB 2020 EXAM RATES**

Board members and staff reviewed the ASWB 2020 national and Louisiana's pass rates. Concern was expressed regarding the pass rate percentages. The process for obtaining scores per university was discussed. Ultimately it was determined that the Board will not request exam information for individual universities as this is not a Board function.

**OPEN MEETING LAW AND WHAT CONSTITUTES A PUBLIC COMMENT**

This was a follow-up discussion from the previous strategic planning meeting. Evan Bergeron recommended that Google Forms be used as a tool for making a public comment. Board members discussed allowing public comment for a specified amount of time for each agenda item. There was no action taken pending feedback from board counsel.

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THOSE LICENSED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2011**


This was a follow-up discussion from the previous strategic planning meeting. At this time the Board is not going to move forward with requiring criminal background checks of all social workers licensed prior to January 1, 2011. The Board has authority to obtain a criminal background check prior to renewing a license so it will utilize that route if

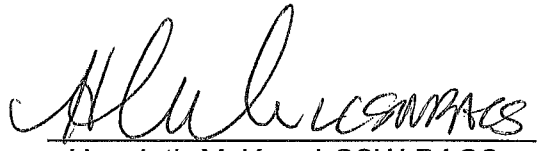
determined necessary. Consultation will be made with legal counsel to determine if the investigation of a complaint can require a criminal background check of a respondent.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 10:02 a.m.

  
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John Shalett, LCSW-BACS  
Chairperson

  
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Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS  
Secretary-Treasurer

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08:32:07 From AMANDA amandacourter@gmail.com to All panelists : Hi, Amanda Courter, here from Hawaii

08:46:47 From Jania P. Martin to All panelists : Jania P. Martin

08:47:03 From Jania P. Martin to All panelists : Good Morning,

08:47:12 From Jania P. Martin to All panelists : Everyone.

08:48:23 From Jania P. Martin to All panelists : I am attempting to switch viewing from my Cellphone to my Amazon Tablet.

08:56:47 From Chris to All panelists : Zoom has two options for contacting the hosts of a particular meeting. Q&A and Chat.

08:57:20 From Chris to All panelists : Maybe the Q&A could be used solely for official Questions, Comments, Concerns as a temporary solution?

08:57:44 From Chris to All panelists : Chats would be informal and not monitored the same way.

08:58:52 From Chris to All panelists : There's even the Raise Hand option that could be used.

09:03:03 From Jania P. Martin to All panelists : People address everyone, to acknowledge their Presence at the meeting. Perhaps, you may explain how the process of acknowledging that people's time are being documented How? Explain your Process prior to the meeting. More Clarity on how , when CEUs will be calculated or given.

09:09:12 From Carolyn McNeese to All panelists : I agree with comment from Ms. Martin.

09:10:48 From Jerchelle Simmons to All panelists : Or it can be mentioned in the email you guys send when we have these type of meeting the directives of how everything goes

09:11:12 From roshuna Young to All panelists : Maybe at beginning and end reminder

09:11:14 From Barbara A. Keesee to All panelists : Why not include that information in the email that you send out, clarifying if you have to stay on the entire time or which session?

09:11:16 From Chris to All panelists : On the topic of CEUs - how do we obtain a certificate of attendance?

09:11:49 From AMANDA amandacourter@gmail.com to All panelists : What description of credits do we need to provide?

09:13:02 From roshuna Young to All panelists : Do we need to add the email for a certificate? Proof

09:14:14 From Jania P. Martin to All panelists : Use both

09:17:29 From KaDario Drumgoole to All panelists : Good morning, just for clarification this meeting is worth 4 CEU hours?

09:27:34 From Earlene to All panelists : is this CEU today an in person credit or distant learning

09:30:12 From AMANDA amandacourter@gmail.com to All panelists : Can you repeat the email address for Emily please?

09:30:33 From Evan Bergeron : edeangelo@labswe.org

09:30:47 From AMANDA amandacourter@gmail.com to All panelists : thx!

09:31:52 From Delores Blackwell : I am going to assume that this also if you log in through the email that your received

09:33:15 From Megan Jackson to All panelists : I'm was making sure that you'll recognize I'm here.

09:33:59 From Ali Ali to All panelists : on my phone, it doesn't give

me the option to change my name.

09:35:38 From ned goldberg to All panelists : I just want to be sure that you have my name registered as Ned Goldberg . I am using 2 devices and at least one of them might show my name as Lisa Tabb. Thank you.

09:36:03 From June Brooks to All panelists : The email that I received of this meeting was forward to me and I got on through zoom.

09:49:26 From Tiffany Henderson to All panelists : do we get ceu credit for signing in from email

09:51:07 From Tiffany Henderson to All panelists : if the record has been expunge why would you check that you had been arrested

09:51:34 From Tiffany Henderson to All panelists : mine was over 20 years ago

10:00:20 From Megan Jackson to All panelists : What are the CEUs credit hours. Thanks

10:02:22 From Dr. Cynthia Edwards to All panelists : Thank you!

10:02:36 From Linda Thomas to All panelists : Thanks

10:02:38 From AMANDA amandacourter@gmail.com to All panelists : Mahalo

10:02:50 From Dr. Lakisha Mearidy-Bell to All panelists : Thank you!

Great meeting!

10:03:17 From AMANDA amandacourter@gmail.com to All panelists : yes