

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**COMPLAINT NO. 2022-87**

**SHAWNDAYA THRASHER**

**APPLICANT FOR LMSW**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Shawndaya Thrasher (also referred to as Applicant or “Ms. Thrasher”) has submitted an application to the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (“Board”), and therefore is subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the Board;


**WHEREAS**, the Board received a complaint filed on April 20, 2022, wherein she alleged that Ms. Thrasher, who began employment with the LSU School of Social Work in August of 2021, practiced social work without being credentialed with the Board;

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated April 21, 2022, the Board notified Ms. Thrasher of the complaint filed against her, provided Ms. Thrasher with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that Ms. Thrasher, within fifteen (15) days, provide a written response giving her review of the allegations raised in the complaint;

**WHEREAS**, by correspondence dated May 2, 2022, Ms. Thrasher responded to the complaint, giving her response to the allegations contained therein;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a complaint and an administrative investigation, Applicant has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order as provided for in Rule No. 907 of the Board’s Rules, Standards and Procedures and La. R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act;

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**WHEREAS**, Applicant, Shawndaya Thrasher has admitted the following:

1. Applicant received a Master's of Social Work degree from the University of Georgia on May 13, 2016.
2. Applicant began employment as an Assistant Professor for the School of Social Work at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on August 15, 2021.
3. Applicant submitted an application for Licensed Master's Social Work on April 13, 2022.
4. Applicant practiced social work without a credential issued by the Board since August 15, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, by practicing social work without a social work credential, Applicant violated La. R.S. 37:2709(A).

**WHEREAS**, undersigned counsel has confirmed the respondent's desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

**WHEREAS**, Applicant, Ms. Thrasher, agrees not to repeat the misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order, and acknowledges that any further misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order will be considered a violation of the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order and shall be cause for further disciplinary action;

**WHEREAS**, Applicant, Ms. Thrasher, recognizes her right to have an administrative adjudication of the charges outlined in the complaint and notice letter, at which time Ms. Thrasher would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present witnesses on her behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the

Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. Ms. Thrasher nonetheless waives her right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. Ms. Thrasher also acknowledges that she waives any rights to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951, et seq., or which she otherwise may be afforded by any law, to contest her agreement to, or the force and effect of this Consent Agreement and Order, in any Court or other forum.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. R.S. 49:955(D), the Board orders and Shawndaya Thrasher accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. Applicant shall be issued a Certified Social Work certification and shall be permitted to sit for the ASWB Masters examination upon the Board's approval of her application for Licensed Master's Social Work.
2. Applicant shall pass the Board's Open Book Examination on the Social Work Practice Act and Rules, Standards & Procedures within ninety (90) days after the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
3. Applicant shall complete a total of three (3) hours of continuing education on the subject of ethics. These hours are to be pre-approved by the Board prior to completion. This continuing education is in addition to the annual hours of continuing education required to maintain her license. Applicant shall provide the Board with evidence of attendance within ninety (90) days after all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.

4. Applicant shall pay a fine in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$187.50) within ninety (90) days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Payments shall be made by credit card, certified check or money order.
5. Applicant shall pay all legal costs associated with Complaint No. 2022-87 in the amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$225.00) within ninety (90) days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Payments shall be made by credit card, certified check or money order.
6. Applicant specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may result in a denial, revocation, or suspension of any license, certificate, or registration issued by, or applied for, in accordance with La. R.S. 37:2717.
7. Applicant shall report the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order to any board or agency located in the United States with which she is licensed or registered.
8. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Applicant waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

**Effect of Non Acceptance of Agreement.** Ms. Thrasher acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Order is subject to the approval of the Board. She further acknowledges and agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, it will be void, and an Administrative Complaint may be filed relative to the allegations contained herein. If this Consent Agreement and Order is rejected by the Board, it will not constitute a waiver of Ms. Thrasher's right to a hearing on the matters alleged in an Administrative Complaint and the admissions contained herein will have no effect. She further agrees that if the Board rejects this

Consent Agreement and Order, the members of the Board may decide the matter after a hearing, and their consideration of this Consent Agreement and Order shall not alone be grounds for recusal of any member of the Board, including any claims that the Board is biased against her, that it cannot fairly decide the case, or that it has received ex parte communication.

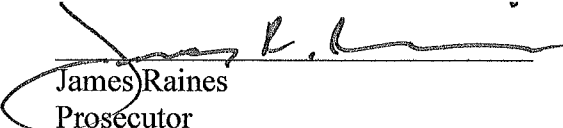
**Address of Board.** All payments ordered and any reports required by this Consent Agreement and Order shall be addressed to: Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED** that this Consent Agreement and Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board and is a public record of the Board. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order shall be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LABSWE website, the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), and the National Practitioner Data Bank-Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (NPDB-HIPDB).

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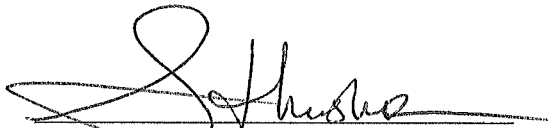
The prosecutor acknowledges negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which the social worker could be charged under Complaint 2022-87, and further certifies that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint, and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.

DATED: 7/21/22

  
James Raines  
Prosecutor

I, Shawndaya Thrasher, have read the Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. I specifically acknowledge that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order may result in revocation or suspension of my license. The admissions contained herein will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order. I make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint No. 2020-87 by Consent Agreement and Order pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth above and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LABSWE for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LABSWE the nature and results of the investigation of this matter. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. 49:960. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LABSWE shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LABSWE's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the LABSWE decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LABSWE approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

DATED: 7/18/2022

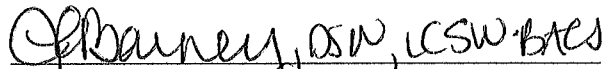
  
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**ORDER**

The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case No. 2022-87, adopted the Consent Agreement and Order in this matter.

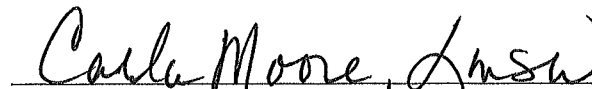
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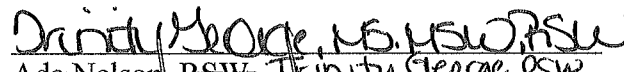
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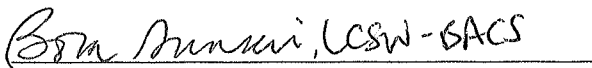
  
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