

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
August 26, 2022**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2022. The meeting was conducted at the Board office and streamed via video conference, and all interested parties were provided the information to join the meeting. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were present for the meeting.

Bora Sunseri conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, Bora Sunseri, LCSW, Trinity George, RSW, Evan Bergeron, Esq., and Jamie Barney, LCSW.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The chat log from the meeting is attached to the minutes. It includes public comments.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meetings held July 29, 2022, and July 30, 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE

LDH Office of Behavioral Health

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the application for continuing education approval organization submitted by the Office of Behavioral Health.

LDH Office of Public Health

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the reinstatement application for continuing education approval organization submitted by the Office of Public Health.

Team Dynamics, LLC

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Jamie Barney, and carried by majority vote, to approve the application for continuing education approval organization submitted by Team Dynamics, LLC. Ruth Weinzettle recused herself from the discussion and vote.

Crayton Counseling and Consulting

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the reinstatement application for continuing education approval organization submitted by Crayton Counseling and Consulting.

Richard Landry, LCSW

Richard Landry asked about board membership for a non-profit agency and whether he can do that without a license. Board members advised that if the nomination or appointment to a board is based on him being a social worker or because of his social work knowledge, skills, and abilities, he would not be able to serve without an active license. He also asked about signing his name after his license lapses, to which the board responded that he is not able to sign LCSW(ret) because that is not authorized by the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act or the Rules, Standards and Procedure. He was told that he can sign his name with MSW because that is his degree, and the degree is not retired.

Tyra Dodd, LCSW

Tyra Dodd asked if RSWs can complete a psychosocial assessment. Board members responded that RSWs can complete psychosocial assessments and referred her to La R.S. 37:2706.

Kelly Harper, LCSW

questions regarding scope or practice and school social work positions
LMSWs and CSWs can practice clinical social work and psychotherapy under the supervision of a LCSW. The scope of practice for a LMSW is provided by La R.S. 37:2707(B) and by La R.S. 37:2724(C) for CSWs. The examples of services you list in your email are all clinical; therefore, the LMSW or CSW must be supervised. LMSWs and CSWs can provide services as an employee of an agency under the scope of practice of a RSW without supervision of a LCSW.

Randi LeBlanc, LCSW- question relative to offering referral list when leaving an agency

Rule 111(H)(3) reads,

A social worker who anticipates the termination of services shall give reasonable notice to the client. A social worker shall take reasonable steps to inform the client of the termination of the professional relationship. A social worker shall provide referrals as needed and/or upon the request of the client. A social worker shall not terminate a professional relationship for the purpose of beginning a personal or business relationship with a client.

Board members advise that it is not appropriate to tell the client where you are going, but if asked, give them a list of providers. The agency you are going to can be included on the referral list.

FINANCIAL

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to fund Emily DeAngelo's attendance at FARB's Regulatory Law Seminar in Virginia.

BOARD/STAFF MATTERS

Report on office workflow and staffing

The workflow report is attached.

Rules Committee Report

Evan Bergeron reported that the rules committee has not met due to problems obtaining a quorum.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to abolish and reconstitute the committee. Current members of the committee can reapply.

Update on Technology Tools Research

Bora Sunseri advised members of the board that we will be receiving proposals from Agilify, Gulf South Tech and Torapath at the September meeting.

ASWB Exam Data

Board members discussed the exam data released by ASWB. Any questions one has relative to the data should be directed to ASWB. ASWB's next steps will be published on their website www.aswb.org.

Request to remove LMSW exam

La R.S. 37:2707 requires an exam approved by the Board, and at this time, LABSWE recognizes the ASWB exam.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:37 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: Jamie Barney, LCSW, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Bora Sunseri, LCSW, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Trinity George, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:00 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Jamie Barney, LCSW, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Bora Sunseri, LCSW, yes; Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Carla Moore, yes; Trinity George, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Compliance Hearings

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the LCSW endorsement application submitted by Leslie Goddard.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Carla Moore, and carried by majority vote, to retroactively approve and process the 2021-2022 renewal application submitted

by Hollyce Mason-Clement. Hyacinth McKee recused herself from the discussion and vote.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Kristopher Graham with a letter of education.

Impaired Professional Program

Motion was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Trinity George to accept the IPP report provided by IPP Manager, Kathie Pohlman. The motion was unanimously carried.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to release two licensees from their Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing the terms.

Complaints

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron and seconded by Carla Moore, to dismiss Complaint #2021-156 CW 2021-183 with a letter of education. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trinity George and seconded by Carla Moore to dismiss Complaint #2022-36. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2022-46. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2022-76. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss Complaint #2022-94. The motion was unanimously carried.

Applications

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work.

Anderson, Kailyn
Bailey, Kristina
Bell, Jermini
Brown, Dionna
Bryant, Crystal
Charles, Brandon
Cortes, Maria
Durand, Beverly
Finley, Sandra
Haas, Renee

Harris, Destini
Haynes, Shanta
McCall, Sha'Matt
McCormick-Lynch, Princess
McCoy, Marquisha
Maye, Billye
Morgan, Courtney
Norman, Marissa
Okoronkwo, Linda
Price, Jada
Rattleff, Keiyanah
Rivera, Juliana
Robinson, Shelia
Shamburgr, Amy
Tademy, Catrina
Walker-Weary, Chaska
Williams, Michael
Woods, Justin

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement applications for Registered Social Work.

Fleming, Catina
Johnson, Tonishia
Lewis, Garry
Myers, Renae

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Registered Social Work.

Nolen, Bria
Smith, Caroline

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Licensed Master's Social Work, issue Certified Social Work credential and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam.

Allen, Verna
Bates, Tinitra
Davis, Shelina
Dennis, Kimberly
Droddy, Makenzie
Edwards, Durrell
Fobb, Jordan
Frost, Sunnie
Lacy, MaKayla
Lavalais, Tayla
Lacy, MaKayla
Mullen, Abigail

Murphree, Lori
Newport, Jade
Van Wagenen, Caitlin
Ward, Kevin
West, Ashana

Nale, Hannah -Temporary (military spouse)

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work.

Casselli, Marin
Munroe, Leah
Wright, Brittney

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work.

Jackson, Shamina
James, Andrea

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam.

Athurlee, Jamie
Baudoin, Bethany
Butler, Kimberly
Escandon, Bridgette
Grant, Brittany
Guidry, Jake
Lavastida, Emily Anne
McCoy, Mandy
McCoy, Marquisha
McNair, Valencia
Naughton, Mary
Smith, Mason
Smith, Morchell
Smith, Vanessa
Sylve, Jennifer
Toliver, Tiffany
Truehill, Anna

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applicants for Licensed Clinical Social Work.

Albaugh, Avril
Chambers, Yanique
Conochan, Kate

Farrelly, Robert
Goodrich, Jennifer
Harkins, Asia
Koller, Tracy
Leslie, Jessica
Loeckle, Chris
McCutchen, Donna
Reed, Tara
Stone, Miranda
Wiltz, Amistic

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement application for Licensed Clinical Social Work.

Valteau-Williams, Karen


Renewal Application

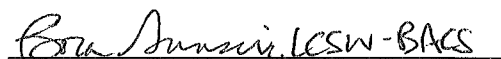
Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and carried by majority vote, to retroactively approve and process Marcia Daniel's 2021-2022 renewal application conditional of submitting 1.25 more hours of continuing education within 10 days. Bora Sunseri was recused from the discussion and vote.

Personnel Matter

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Carla Moore, and unanimously carried, to grant Regina DeWitt a 4% merit increase.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.


Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer

Workflow Report 08-26-22

Since July meeting:

Processed **57** retake applications

Processed **15** BACS applications

Processed **23** Supervision Contracts

Processed **71** license verifications

Received **10** complaints and **1** self-report between July 27 and August 24, 2022

1 not accepted - referred to DCFS

3 requests for a written response

7 pending review my review and/or complaint consultant

No CE Audits pending review.

Newsletter – We will publish a newsletter in September. Ideas?

Administrative Coordinator 3 position remains vacant. Continuing to interview.

Administrative Coordinator 4 position will be abolished and replaced with Licensing Analyst 2 position.

This information is as of August 24, 2022.