

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Meeting Agenda

December 1, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comment

- Public comment from Ryan O’Pry is included with correspondence.
1. Approval of matters listed on the agenda
 2. Presentation of Consent Agreement and Orders:
In the matter of Patrice Jefferson – Complaint #2022-85
 3. Minutes of the meetings held October 20, 2023 and October 21, 2023
 4. Correspondence
 - a. City of N.O. Health Department- Application for CE approval organization
 - b. Jewish Family Service of GNO- Application for CE approval organization (reinstatement)
 - c. NAMI New Orleans- Application for CE approval organization (reinstatement)
 - d. VIA LINK- Application for CE approval organization
 - e. Nita Baucom, LCSW-BACS- request to provide 6.5 hour BACS workshop
 - f. Nita Baucom, LCSW-BACS-request to post supervision presentations
 - g. Alice Robin, LCSW- question relative to best practice
 - h. Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS- requesting rule change for virtual supervision
 - i. Rachel Swafford, LCSW-BACS- requesting continuation of virtual supervision
 - j. Debra Voelker, LCSW-BACS-requesting rule change for virtual supervision
 - k. Melissa Baker, LMSW- request to complete all CE’s via distance learning for 2023-2024
 - l. Madison Leigh Engels, LMSW- request to continue remote supervision
 - m. Jennifer Savage, LCSW-BACS- requesting remote supervision for the month of December 2023
 - n. Leigh Vaughan, LMSW- requesting remote supervision
 - o. Vanessa Graves, LCSW-BACS- requesting remote supervision
 - p. Kathryn Bardwell, LMSW- requesting remote supervision
 - q. Brittney Delafosse, LMSW-requesting remote supervision

- r. Joanna Hynes, LMSW- request for board to accept supervision completed prior to submitting a contract
 - s. Elizabeth Ma, LMSW- request for board to accept supervision completed prior to submitting a contract
 - t. Olivia Mancing, LMSW- request for board to accept supervision completed prior to submitting a contract
 - u. Destiny Nash, LMSW- request for board to accept supervision completed prior to submitting a contract
 - v. Caroline Wegener, LMSW- request for board to accept supervision completed prior to submitting a contract
 - w. Jimecia Williams, LMSW- request for board to accept supervision completed prior to submitting a contract
 - x. Jordan Schaffer, LMSW- request for board to accept supervision completed prior to submitting a contract
 - y. Danielle Parkman, LMSW- request for board to accept supervision completed without a contract
 - z. Ryan O’Pry, LCSW-BACS- requesting rule change for virtual supervision
 - aa. Joanna Spurgeon, LCSW-BACS- requesting rule change for virtual supervision
 - bb. Michele Thibodeaux, LCSW-BACS- requesting rule change for virtual supervision
 - cc. Jennifer Buras, LCSW-BACS- requesting rule change for virtual supervision
5. Financial
- a. Financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2023, August 31, 2023, September 30, 2023, and October 31 and 2022 amounts versus 2023 amounts – report from Rob Furman, CPA 9:30 a.m.
 - b. Board Professional Development – proposal from Tonya Bolden-Ball
 - c. FARB 2024 Forum on Professional Regulation
 - d. Telephone system upgrade options
6. Board/Staff Matters
- a. Report on office workflow and staffing
 - b. Report on ASWB Delegate Assembly
 - c. Social Work Licensure Compact Model Legislation
 - d. Rescinding committee appointments due to issues with quorum
 - e. Policy for remote participation in meetings by a member of the public with a disability recognized by the ADA – must also adopt rules
 - f. Feedback from complaint counsel regarding chapter 9
 - g. Status update on contract with Covalent
7. The following matters may be heard in Executive Session pursuant to 42:17.
- a. Correspondence
 - 1. Ford Baker, LCSW- request to complete all CE’s via distance learning for 2023-2024
 - 2. Maria Reyes, LCSW- request to complete all CE's via distance learning for 2023-2024
 - 3. April Sallier, RSW- request to complete all CE's via distance learning for 2023-2024
 - 4. Michele Guidry, LCSW-BACS- requesting authorization for remote supervision
 - b. Compliance Hearings (*Panel: Hyacinth McKee, Jamie Barney, Bora Sunseri*)
 - 1. Destin Yonge, LMSW- in person 1:00
 - 2. Ginnipher Spencer, MSW- in person 1:30
 - 3. Christian Narcisse, LMSW- zoom 2:00
 - 4. Hena Kausar, LMSW- zoom *rehearing (entire board) 2:30
 - c. Impaired Professional Program report and meeting with Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager 3:00 p.m.
 - d. Disciplinary Report
 - e. Complaints
 - 2023-71
 - 2024-07
 - 2024-17
 - f. Applications – list follows
 - g. Deliberations of matters on the foregoing agenda relating to the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person. Such deliberations are generally conducted in executive session pursuant to La R.S. 42:17(A)(1) unless otherwise requested by the applicant or licensee.
 - h. Consideration of matters deliberated in Executive Session

Meeting may recess to December 2, 2023 if necessary to complete agenda.

§16. Executive Sessions

A public body may hold executive sessions upon an affirmative vote, taken at an open meeting for which notice has been given pursuant to R.S. 42:19, of two-thirds of its constituent members present. An executive session shall be limited to matters allowed to be exempted from discussion at open meetings by R.S. 42:17; however, no final or binding action shall be taken during an executive session. The vote of each member on the question of holding such an executive session and the reason for holding such an executive session shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the meeting. Nothing in this Section or R.S. 42:17 shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public, nor shall any executive session be used as a subterfuge to defeat the purposes of this Chapter.

Acts 1952, No. 484, §1. Amended by Acts 1976, No. 665, §1; Acts 1977, No. 707, §1; Acts 1979, No. 681, §1; Acts 2010, No. 861, §23.

§17. Exceptions to open meetings

A. A public body may hold an executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) Discussion of 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, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, before the scheduled time contained in the notice of the meeting at which such executive session is to take place and that such person may require that such discussion be held at an open meeting. However, nothing in this Paragraph shall permit an executive session for discussion of the appointment of a person to a public body or, except as provided in R.S. 39:1593(C)(2)(c), for discussing the award of a public contract. In cases of extraordinary emergency, written notice to such person shall not be required; however, the public body shall give such notice as it deems appropriate and circumstances permit.

(2) Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, prospective litigation after formal written demand, or litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.

(3) Discussion regarding the report, development, or course of action regarding security personnel, plans, or devices, including discussions concerning cybersecurity plans, financial security procedures, and assessment and implementation of any such plans or procedures.

(4) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct.

(5) Cases of extraordinary emergency, which shall be limited to natural disaster, threat of epidemic, civil disturbances, suppression of insurrections, the repelling of invasions, or other matters of similar magnitude.

(6) Any meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board at which records or matters entitled to confidential status by existing law are required to be considered or discussed by the board with its staff or with any employee or other individual, firm, or corporation to whom such records or matters are confidential in their nature, and are disclosed to and accepted by the board subject to such privilege, for the exclusive use in evaluating lease bids or development covering state-owned lands and water bottoms, which exception is proved pursuant to and consistently with the Public Records Act, being Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other statutes to which the board is subject.

(7) Discussions between a city or parish school board and individual students or the parents or tutors of such students, or both, who are within the jurisdiction of the respective school system, regarding problems of such students or their parents or tutors; provided however that any such parent, tutor, or student may require that such discussions be held in an open meeting.

(8) Presentations and discussions at meetings of civil service boards of test questions, answers, and papers produced and exhibited by the office of the state examiner, municipal fire and police civil service, pursuant to R.S. 33:2492 or 2552.

(9) The portion of any meeting of the Second Injury Board during which records or matters regarding the settlement of a workers' compensation claim are required to be considered or discussed by the board with its staff in order to grant prior written approval as required by R.S. 23:1378(A)(6).

(10) Or any other matters now provided for or as may be provided for by the legislature.

B. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to judicial proceedings.

C. The provisions of this Chapter shall not prohibit the removal of any person or persons who willfully disrupt a meeting to the extent that orderly conduct of the meeting is seriously compromised.

D. The provisions of R.S. 42:19 and R.S. 42:20 shall not apply to any meeting of a private citizens' advisory group or a private citizens' advisory committee established by a public body, when the members of such group or committee do not receive any compensation and serve only in an advisory capacity, except textbook advisory committees of the State Department of Education or the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. However, all other provisions contained in this Chapter shall be applicable to such group or committee and the public body which established such group or committee shall comply with the provisions of R.S. 42:19 in providing the required notice of meetings of such group or committee.

Added by Acts 1976, No. 665, §1. Amended by Acts 1979, No. 681, §1; Acts 1982, No. 215, §1; Acts 1989, No. 389, §1; Acts 2003, No. 336, §1, eff. June 13, 2003; Acts 2006, No. 90, §1, eff. May 25, 2006; Acts 2009, No. 196, §7, eff. July 1, 2009; Acts 2010, No. 861, §23; Acts 2011, No. 188, §1; Acts 2012, No. 811, §15, eff. July 1, 2012; Acts 2014, No. 628, §1; Acts 2021, No. 66, §2, eff. June 4, 2021.