

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
August 2, 2024**

Jamie Barney, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 2024. The meeting was conducted at the Board office and streamed via video conference, and all interested parties were provided with the information to join the meeting. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were present for the meeting.

Bora Sunseri conducted a roll call. Board members present during the roll call included Bora Sunseri, LCSW, Melissa Haley, LMSW, Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS, and Trinity George, RSW. Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS and Evan Bergeron, Esq. were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written public comments were submitted by Gina Rossi and Dr. Hyacinth McKee.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda with the following amendments, move 5b(vi) to 4(q), add Piper Dixon to the agenda as item 4(r), and remove item 5a(vi) from the agenda because licensee requested to reschedule the hearing for the September meeting.

BOARD/STAFF MATTERS

- a. Update on Rules Promulgation – Sheri Morris reported that the legal sufficiency review of Rule 503 will be ready for board review at the September board meeting.
- b. Report on office workflow and staffing – The workflow and staffing report is attached to these minutes.
- c. 2025 NASW-LA Conference – Board members agreed that the board should submit a proposal for the 2025 conference. Ideas on the subject matter were briefly discussed but ultimately the board agreed that Lisa Lipsey should submit a proposal for either a 1.5-hour or 3-hour presentation.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 21, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Broadmoor Improvement Association- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Broadmoor Improvement Association to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- b. Grambling State University- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Grambling State University to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- c. Jill E. Murray, PhD, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Jill E. Murray, PhD, LCSW-BACS to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.

- d. Project Fleur-de-Lis- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Project Fleur-de-Lis to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- e. S.L Dillon Enterprises- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by S.L Dillon Enterprises to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- f. Jennifer Buras, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to accept two hours of remote supervision.
- g. Brittney Delafosse, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision.
- h. Courtney Zeller, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the request for remote supervision.
- i. Brittney Delaney, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried to approve the supervision completed prior to having an approved contract with a letter of education to the BACS supervisor.
- j. Ashlyn Fresina, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision completed prior to having an approved contract.
- k. Melinda Holmes, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision completed prior to having an approved contract.
- l. Layne Poplin, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision completed prior to having an approved contract.
- m. Nina Quinn, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision completed prior to having an approved contract.
- n. Heather Rogers, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision completed prior to having an approved contract. Public comments were made by Jennifer Hannon and Heather Rogers.
- o. Charity Santa Cruz-Davis, LMSW-**Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the supervision completed over four years ago subject to completing supervision by October 31, 2024.
- p. Lorie Jack, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried to deny the request to approve supervision completed prior to submitting a completed Supervision Contract and to offer her a compliance hearing. Public comment was made by Jennifer Hannon.
- q. Sandra DeHart, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried to deny the request for remote supervision and to offer her a compliance hearing.
- r. Piper Dixon, LMSW- Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried to approve the request for remote supervision with Jackie Kellett, LCSW-BACS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:02 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: Bora Sunseri, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; and Trinity George, yes.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:49 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Jamie Barney, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; and Trinity George, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lisa LaRochelle, LCSW-BACS- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete continuing education hours via distance learning for the continuing education collection period ending August 31, 2024.
2. Anne Chiang, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete continuing education hours via distance learning for the continuing education collection period ending August 31, 2024.
3. Heather Weaver, LCSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete continuing education hours via distance learning for the continuing education collection period ending August 31, 2024.
4. Letrise Scott, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to deny supervision hours complete between the years 2015 and 2016 and to approve the supervision completed with Monique Soignet from 9/30/2022-6/09/2023, and offer her a compliance hearing.
5. William Laird, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve remote supervision with Debra Voelker, LCSW-BACS.
6. Joseph Price, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to approve supervision hours completed more than four years ago, and offer a compliance hearing.

PRE-ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION HEARING

A pre-eligibility determination hearing was conducted at the request of Helen Franklin. Ms. Franklin consented to moving forward with the hearing without all six board members present. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to consider Helen Franklin eligible to apply for Registered Social Work.

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried to release Susan Hutchinson from the Consent Agreement and Order for successfully completing all terms.

COMPLIANCE HEARINGS

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Kearra Gourrier to appeal the board's decision to deny her CSW/LMSW application. The hearing panel included Bora Sunseri, Trinity George, and Melissa Haley. Kearra Gourrier participated in-person.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to issue Kearra Gourrier certification as a CSW and exam approval for the LMSW.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Luliana Charles to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision that was completed prior to submitting Supervision Contracts. The hearing panel included Bora Sunseri, Trinity George, and Jamie Barney. Luliana Charles participated via Zoom.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried to approve the supervision hours completed by Luliana Charles between November 20, 2020-November 10, 2022.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of William Eddy to appeal the board's decision to deny his LCSW Endorsement application. His application was denied due to not having a passing score for the ASWB Clinical level examination. The hearing panel included Bora Sunseri, Melissa Haley, and Jamie Barney. William Eddy participated via Zoom.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried to approve William Eddy to sit for the ASWB Clinical level examination.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Paolo Roy Eddy to appeal the board's decision to deny his supervision completed with Chrissy Roux, LCSW-BACS. His supervision was denied due to not submitting the Supervision Contract in accordance with Rule 503(C) of the Rules, Standards and Procedures. The hearing panel included Trinity George, Melissa Haley, and Jamie Barney. Paolo Roy participated via Zoom.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried to approve Paolo Roy's supervision and to send a letter of education to the BACS supervisor.

COMPLAINTS

Motion was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Bora Sunseri, to dismiss Complaint #2021-26 CW 2022-40. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-176 with a letter of education.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2022-16 CW 2022-26 with a letter of education.

Motion was made by Trinity George and seconded by Bora Sunseri, to dismiss Complaint #2024-41. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Bora Sunseri, to dismiss Complaint #2024-75. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Melissa Haley to dismiss Complaint #2024-79. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Bora Sunseri to dismiss Complaint #2024-85. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2024-86. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Bora Sunseri to defer Complaint #2024-106. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2024-109. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2024-114 with a letter of education. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2024-116. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2024-123. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trinity George and seconded by Bora Sunseri to dismiss Complaint #2024-127. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2024-129. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Trinity George to dismiss Complaint #2024-130. The motion was unanimously carried.

IMPAIRED PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the reports submitted for June 21, 2024 and August 2, 2024 as well as the annual report for FY23-24.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to refer AG-23 for administrative proceedings.

APPLICATIONS

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to defer and request more information for the LCSW endorsement application submitted by Jennifer Andrews-Burke, MSW.

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to defer and request more information for the LCSW endorsement application submitted by Rachel Fernelius, MSW.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to grant exam approval for the LCSW endorsement application submitted by Callie McGuire, MSW

Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to grant the CSW and exam approval for the LMSW endorsement application submitted by Khyati Joshi, MSW

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work.

Armstrong, Briana
Austin, Kayla
Beam, Cyrsten
Burns, Darius
Carey, Kyra
Davis, LaShonda
Derouen, Rachel
Dixon, Cardell
Green, Zanetta
Guyewski-Lautigar, Jana
Harris, Talanciana
Hartman, Taylor
Hartman, Tyrian
Johnson, Myesha
Johnson-Dent, LaTasha
Johnson-Hollis, Jovarria
Layssard, Kelsey
Mackey, Senita
Martin, Kenisha
Matthews, Jade
Moody, Kasheena
Odendahl, Mikelyn
Petersen, Trisha
Rice, Mary
Robinson, Myoshia
Threats, Taylor
Tony, Holly
Walker, Letecia
Walker, Nia
Washington, Mercedes
Webb, Alyia
Wells, Becky
Williams, Kelvanisha
Williams, Ramond
Zaleta, Stephanie

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Reinstatement of the RSW.

Watson, DeNequa

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Melissa Haley, 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.

Adams, Jasmine
Anderson, Lameisha
Arnaud, Irie

Arvie, Desiree
Barton, Audrey
Bourque, Lindsey
Brewer, Kayla
Calvin, Julianne
Chesson, Willow
Cotton, Keenan
DiLorenzo, Carli
Freibert, Jessica (early test approval)
Garrett, Claire
Gauthier, Aleice
Gendron, Celine
Gutter, Adrian
Hannan, Kaci
Harris, Faith
Harrison, Keyra
Hawkins, Lavon
Herrington, Oana (early test approval)
Hughes, Audrey
Hughes, Morgan
Johnson, Chantay
Johnson, Victoria
Jones, Audrey
Jones, Chiquita
Jones, Quinatora
Jones, Rosemary
Joseph, Kasey
Kidder, Maddison (early test approval)
Lee, Rhama
Martin, Renarta
Pennington, Avery
Pinkham, Nicole
Pooler, Latisha
Ounechith, Adesack
Overby, James
Owens, Shayla
Reese, Kia
Roux, Inna
Settles, Tracy
Shelton-Rogers, Shantel
Smith, Toriyana
Sneed, Michaela
Sterling, Ryan
Stiebing, Laney
Thomas, Karen
Traina, Ana
Vessell, Adriana
Vicari, Kaitlin
Williams, Lauren
Williams, Mariah
Wilson, Ronisha

Worsham, Mary
Yopp, Katelyn (early test approval)

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work.

Douglas, Audacious
Douglas-Jones, Joan
Leopold-Brown, Amanda
McGuire, Callie
Parker, Courtney
Tennison, Trevor
Williams, Teresa

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam.

Amato, Hailey (early test approval)
Brown, Ornisha (early test approval)
Caughie, Tyler (early test approval)
Delaney, Brittney (early test approval)
Charpentier, Dylan
Ehrlich, Mitzi
Engels, Madison (early test approval)
Griffin, Kala
Haydel, Caroline
Hudspeth, Hailey (early test approval)
Jackson, Jasmine (early test approval)
James, Melanie
Juneau, Kelly (early test approval)
Maples, Kelly
Michel, Lauren
Moses, Annissa
Nicko, Christy (early test approval)
Preston, Chloe
Sherrill, Jessica
Thomas, Jennifer (early test approval)
Zambrano, Victoria

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for Reinstatement of the LCSW.

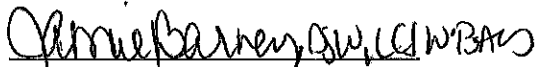
Dreher, Mary


Motion was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Endorsement applicants for issuance of the LCSW.

Anderson, Valarie
Andrews-Burke, Jennifer, Jalessa
Conyers, Tiffany
DeBeary, Jasmine
Ellison, Victoria Smith
Escareno, Erik
Fricke, Mollie

Gaddis, Sheena
Gilyard-Gaut, Kimberly
Gomez-Casseres, Luz
Jainarine, Khovita
Jensen, Mark
Lincoln, Lisa
Mandl, Heidi
Miller, Nickia
Minshew, Emily
Montague, Alexia
Neustrom, Vanessa
Omari, Emily
Ovrick, Mark
Smith, Keena
Tapia, Yesenia Gonzalez
Thompson, Teresa
Utley, Sarah
Valdes, Greysy
West, John
Wright, Steven

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri to adjourn at 3:13 p.m.


Jamie Barney, LCSW-BACS
Vice Chairperson


Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer

Workflow Report Presented on August 2, 2024

Since June 21, 2024 Meeting

Requests for early testing – Masters	5
Requests for early testing – Clinical	10
Early testers Issued LMSW	5
Early testers issued LCSW	3
LMSWs issued (not early testers)	34
LCSWs issued (not early testers)	19
BACS issued	19
Retake applications approved	82
Supervision Contracts approved	42
Other supervision approvals	16
Background checks mailed to LSP	43
License verifications	48
In-person CE waiver requests – out of state	56
In-person CE waiver requests – medical	41

Received 18 complaints between 06/14/24 and 07/28/24

Written response	10
Investigation	1
Under consideration	1
Not accepted – not a social worker	0
Not accepted – no violation	6

