

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
February 26, 2021**

John Shalett, LCSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021. 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. 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. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, and Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, were present for the meeting.

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, John Shalett, LCSW, Jamie Barney, LCSW, Evan Bergeron, Consumer Member, and Carla Moore, LMSW.

Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.
Ada Nelson, RSW, was absent.

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

AGENDA

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to add a request from Joshua Murdock to Correspondence.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 22, 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rosalyn Bradley, LMSW

The Board considered an email from Rosalyn Bradley regarding a client with untreated schizoaffective disorder and mania being employed as a Lyft/Uber driver. It is their opinion that this is a clinical judgment which should be made with full consideration of her obligation to client confidentiality. They recommend that she discuss her concerns with her supervisor.

Kevin Bourgeois, LCSW

Kevin Bourgeois submitted an email about the possibility of the same clients receiving services from him in a volunteer setting and a contract setting. Board members

recommend that dual relationships be avoided. They also recommended that he speak with an attorney regarding possible malpractice issues. They advised that they agree with his decision to obtain peer consultation with an LCSW.

Dayna Jimison, LMSW

Board members advised Dayna Jimison that she can take orders from a physician as long as the orders are not for medication.

Donna Stephens, RN

Donna Stephens requested clarification of orders that a social worker can take from a physician. She was advised that it is the opinion of the Board that social workers can take orders from a physician with the exception of medication orders.

Lynette Jones, RSW

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to waive the 90-day wait between taking the exam.

Colette Pellissier, LCSW

Colette Pellissier submitted an inquiry regarding oral and written reports made to DCFS. Board members referred Ms. Pellissier to DCFS for clarification.

Elizabeth Thoms, LCSW

Elizabeth Thoms asked the Board if she can carry her licensing card in her ID badge since she does not see clients in an office. Board members agreed that is acceptable.

Ann Lyons-Jackson, LMSW

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to deny Ann Lyons-Jackson's request to remove disciplinary action from her record.

Kei Ri, LMSW

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to deny Kei Ri's request that her supervision contract be accepted late and without penalty.

Tasha Johnson, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to deny Tasha Johnson's request that the Board accept Ronnika Brewer's supervision contract be accepted late and without penalty.

Katherine Hebert, LCSW-BACS

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to approve Katherine Hebert's request that Katherine Hebert be allowed to complete 72 hours of group supervision.

Michele Nelson, LCSW

Board members reviewed a business plan submitted by Michele Nelson in which she will be providing skill training courses on communication, relationship building and conflict resolution in the workplace. They advised Ms. Nelson that this would be considered social work practice.

Zelina Chinwoh, LMSW

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to deny Zelina Chinwoh's request to accept the Supervision Contract with Chalonda Hollins from April 10, 2020. Ms. Chinwoh was advised that credit begins 60 days from when the document was received.

Joshua Murdock, LMSW

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve Joshua Murdock's request for a waiver of the 90-day waiting period between exams.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDERS

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order presented by Madeline Carbonette, AAG, for Patricia Kelly Moran, LCSW-BACS, in resolution of Complaint #2021-6.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept the Consent Agreement and Order presented by Madeline Carbonette, AAG, for Kimberly Parker, LCSW, in resolution of Complaint #2019-212.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:38 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: Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

Hearing in the Matter of Administrative Complaint #2019-15

The respondent in this matter appeared before a panel of board members which included John Shalett, Evan Bergeron, Hyacinth McKee, Carla Moore and Ruth Weinzettle and requested a continuance. This was the first request for a continuance.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to continue the hearing to April 23, 2021.

Hearing in the Matter of Administrative Complaint #2019-10

This matter was heard by a panel of board members which included John Shalett, Jamie Barney, Hyacinth McKee, Carla Moore and Ruth Weinzettle. Sheri Morris was present as legal counsel to the hearing panel. Madeline Carbonette was present as prosecutor. The respondent was not present. A court reporter with Court Reporters of Louisiana recorded the proceedings.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

Chapter 7 of the Rules, Standards and Procedures

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to establish a committee to review Chapter 7 and research best practices for addiction recovery.

Report on Office Workflow and Staffing

Board members reviewed a report provided by the staff of the workflow since the December meeting. There have been 157 retakes processed, 320 licenses issued/reissued due to score reports, 181 new applications, and 32 BACS applications. There are 110 licenses being monitored following disciplinary action. 4 Consent Agreement and Orders have been issued for unlicensed practice. 69 license verifications have been processed. Board members were advised that 27 complaints have been received of which 11 were not accepted.

Report on FARB

Hyacinth McKee attended the FARB Conference held January 27-29, 2021. Topics included disruptions created by the pandemic, short and long term impacts of the pandemic, practices to be put in place because of pandemic, universal licensure, and embracing diversity, equity and inclusion.

FINANCIAL

Financial Statement for the periods ending November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the financial statements prepared by Robert Furman, CPA, for the periods ending November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

Amendment to maximum contract amount for Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to increase the maximum contract amount by \$15,000.00.

ASWB Membership Dues

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to pay the ASWB Membership dues in the amount of \$250.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 11:30 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: Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Jamie Barney, LCSW; Evan Bergeron, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:30 p.m.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES

TPN – Trusted Provider Network

A representative of TPN presented to the Board relative to a continuing education partnership.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Hyacinth McKee and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 2:57 p.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: Ruth Weinzettle, yes; Jamie Barney, LCSW; Evan Bergeron, yes; Hyacinth McKee, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 4:27 p.m.

Impaired Professional Program

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to accept the report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to release six individuals from their Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to deny the request made by Natalie Jarrell to terminate supervision early.

Complaints

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to set Administrative Complaint #2017-28 for hearing on June 4, 2021.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to return Complaint #2019-239 to Madeline Carbonette, AAG.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-23.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-54.

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-63 with a letter of education.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-88.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2021-97.

Request from Board Member

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to deny Ada Nelson's request for a leave of absence from March 1 through May 31, 2021. The Board affirmed that Ms. Nelson remains a member in good standing and may return to attending Board meetings. Members believe the actual presence of the RSW on the Board is valuable and best serves the public and the registered social workers of Louisiana.

Compliance Hearings

There were three compliance hearings conducted in Executive Session. The hearing panel included John Shalett, Carla Moore and Hyacinth McKee.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to uphold the denial of Shavonda Pondexter's RSW application. She can reapply for RSW once the conditions of probation are successfully complete. The hearing panel advised applicant she is practicing social work without a license.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to uphold the denial of Sarah Gray's LMSW application. She can reapply for LMSW once the conditions of probation are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the LCSW Endorsement application of Rachel Stephens with conditions.

Hearing of Administrative Complaint #2019-10

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to order Dominick Bell ineligible for a social work credential until he is evaluated by the Impaired Professional Program and follows all recommendations of IPP. Respondent is ordered to pay costs of adjudication.

Applications

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW application submitted by Sabrine Alexander and to offer her a compliance hearing. LCSW-BACS supervisor is required to attend the compliance hearing should applicant request one.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW application submitted by Victoria Vasquez and to offer her a compliance hearing. LCSW-BACS supervisor is required to attend the compliance hearing should applicant request one.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Ruth Weinzettle and unanimously carried, to approve Stacey Denham to sit for the Masters exam conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice and applying for RSW.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve Melissa Meza's application for LMSW conditional of a Consent Agreement and Order for unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to deny George Duncan's application for LCSW through endorsement, approve applicant to sit for Clinical exam and offer him a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to deny Barbara Hawkins' application for RSW and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work:

Bailey, Tazya
Banks, Sheketha
Baze, David
Bourgeois, Tora
Bridges, LaTaisha
Brion, Jolanda
Brooks, Danielle
Brooms, Cattera

Celestin, Jamara
Claude, Trinette
Deruise, Darcelle
Diggs, Jennifer
Dudley, Kaniya
Frank, Kelsey
Gavion, Neysa
Hawkins, Kyvon
Hodge, Janita
Jackson, Glenda (Odom)
Jackson-Hudson, Marilyn
Johnson, Gayland
Johnson, Kyra
Johnson, Nia
Johnson Malone, Sherrill
La Roche, Evan
Leach, Ellen
Lewis, Shereka
Manchester, Marla
Mitchell, Brooke
Oatis, Kaitlyn
Pangelinan, Shanee
Parker, Madison
Rehman, Sarah
Sallier, April
Simms, Deirdre
Striplin, LaSaundra
Tumblin, Corea
Tyler, Howienisha
Van Pelt, Kimberly
Wade, Erica
Watts, Earlene
Williams, Courtney

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron 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:

Anderson, Amanda
Bell, Antrina M.
Bennette, Zakiya
Breux, Carissa
Bunn, Emma C.
Caesar, Meloney J.
Candey, Kaylob
Cooley, Tiffany K.
Davis, Ayanna B.

Fisher, JoAnna M.
Hollis, Ryann S.
Jones, Deric T.
Lewis, Shevonte' Z.
Mastin, Emily M.
Perry, Shannon H.
Pope, Santrica
Potier, Casey
Quispe, Maria-Elena
Stewart, Tiffany A.
van Alstyne, Timothy
Wagner, Mary G.
Williams, Jakyra S.
Wyatt, Cherlyndria D. (MSW testing)
Yuen, Olivia J.
Zanes, Hailey


Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Master Social Work through endorsement to:
Hylton, Simone (End-PA)
Sattazahn, Kristi (End-PA)

Motion was made by Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Evan Bergeron and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam:
Ackermann, Christine M.
Anderson, Sean T.
Barbier, Jordan P.
Bastian, Catherine E.
Bibbins, Darleshia M.
Bridges, Desiree
Dumas, Kelli A. (Reinstatement)
Fontenot, Nicole
Gaspard, Sheena L.
Johnson, Rebecca L.
Lucien, Dominique A.
Mangigian, Elizabeth A.
Matranga, Sharon
Matthews, Austin L.
Pesta, Eva M.
Powell, Melanie (Reinstatement)
Robichaux, Alexandra B.
Richard, Carlie J.
Saux, Margaret F.
Snyder, Annette
Thomas, DeMarquane S.
Thompson, Amber

Motion was made Ruth Weinzettle, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to issue Licensed Clinical Social Work through endorsement to the following applicants:

Autman, Kasey (End-MS)
Brewer, Genevive (End-KY)
Burkhardt, Hannah (End-FL)
Crosby, Debra (End-NJ)
Dear, Tiffany (End-MS)
Grimes, Rachel (End-TX)
Hill, Tiffiney (End-MS)
Humphery, Felicia (End-TX)
Macaskill, Amanda (End-IN)
Sansone, Kelly (End-IL)
Turner, Erin (End-TX)

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



John Shalett, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson



Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer

Ashantia	Anderson
Simone	Annette
Latoya	Armstrong
Matthew	Auzenne
Angie	Badeaux
Trendalyn	Banks
Jordan	Barbier
Carrie	Beal
Gina	Beck
Jordan	Benoit
Kiara	Beverly-Lee
Trinette	Bolding
Aundrial	Booker
Ashleigh	Borgmeyer
Haley	Boyd
Debra	Braddock
Julia	Broussard
Ernell	Brown
Susan	Bueche
Lenny	Burgos
Jada	Burrell
Mary	Bushnell
Erin	Campbell
Trish	Carter
Philip	Castillo
Monique	Ceasar
Zelina	Chinwoh
Tanyaka	Cline
Flora	Cooper
Jutorrean	Davis
Eloise	Dixon
Lasheka	Drew
Jill	Dugas
Nadine	Faciane
Anitra	Ford
Rochelle	Gauthier
Sonia	Gilkey
Fallon	Gillette
Cheryl	Gilmore-Oubre
Marie-Jo	Green
Shemeka	Green
Jennifer	Hannon
Consuela	Hunter
Gail	Jackson-Wolfe
Dayna	Jimison
Yolanda	Johnson
Sharday	Jourdan

Hena	Kausar
Monitetra	King
Brandy	Lacombe
Ivy	Lation
Darlene	Lewis
Gena	Lewis
Jodi	Mallett
Jaelyn	Maricle
Jania	Martin
Joel	McLain
Beth	McLain
Mary	Melton
Chantel	Moore
Keian	Nawash
Jamilah	Olivier
Carmen	Overton
Annie	Patterson
Dianne	Peabody
Melissa	Peeler
Paulitha	Perkins
Ardia	Perkins
Diamond	Perri
Wyvetta	Pruitt
Cheryl	Quarles
Leslie	Quartano
Sarah	Quattlebaum
Tara	Reed
Deanna	Reine
Jamie	Rickert
Bobbye	Roberts
Samantha	Robinson
Gina	Rossi
Sonja	Saizan
Jerrelda	Sanders
Tangeka	Sawyer
Jenny	Settoon
Robert	Showers
Angie	Simonton
Eva	Slater
Patricia	Spears
Lauren	St. Germain
Helen	Stavros
Ayn	Stehr
Felicia	Stewart
Pamela	Sunseri
Shoneka	Taylor
Leonetta	Terrell

Victoria	Vasquez
Antionette	Washington
Karen	Washington
Shelly	Weaver
Briann	Williams
Roxie	Wilson
Jasmin	Wilson
Martha	Wyly
Toni	Yuengel