

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
June 21, 2024**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2024. The delayed start to the meeting was due to technical difficulties with the equipment to stream the meeting. 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. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, and Rebecca Escoto who is with Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to replace Trinity George as panel member with Hyacinth McKee for agenda item 8(a)(i) and 8(a)(ii), replace Trinity George as panel member with Bora Sunseri for agenda item 8(a)(v), table agenda item 6(d) until all board members are present. The agenda was adopted with the amendments.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

In the matter of Susan Hutchinson, File #2023-146

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agreement and Order for Susan Hutchinson.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

In the matter of Mistie Smith, File# 2023-18

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to accept the Voluntary Surrender of License for Mistie Smith.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meetings held May 17-18, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. CDS Shreveport- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by CDS Shreveport to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- b. Empowering You Social Work Services, LLC- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Empowering You Social Work Services, LLC to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- c. Therapeutic Partners, LLC- **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Therapeutic Partners, LLC to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.

- d. Gisset Elliot, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to complete continuing education hours via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period. **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request for telesupervision.
- e. Anissa Moses, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to approve the continuing education offering completed via zoom to be used as in-person CE credit and to offer her a compliance hearing.
- f. Terry Rouprich, LCSW- The board is unable to provide consultation on different modalities of treatment.
- g. Betty Knox, RSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to allow all CE's to be completed via distance learning and to offer her a compliance hearing.
- h. Christopher McNeil, AmeriHealth Caritas- Board staff will send out a notice regarding LDH rule change and post on board website.
- i. Talyn Hilliard, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Melissa Haley and unanimously carried, to approve the request for supervision credit with Michael Breaux, LCSW-BACS.
- j. Abbie Sussman, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to accept supervision that was completed prior to having an approved Supervision Contract and to offer her a compliance hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:32 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 Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:15 p.m.

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

COMPLIANCE HEARINGS

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Jena Townsley, MSW to appeal the board's decision to deny the CSW/LMSW application. The hearing panel included Hyacinth McKee, Jamie Barney, and Melissa Haley. Jena Townsley and her attorney Kris Perret participated in-person.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the CSW/LMSW application with stipulations.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Christian Snowden to appeal the board's decision to deny the CSW/LMSW application. The hearing panel included Hyacinth McKee, Jamie Barney, and Melissa Haley. Christian Snowden participated in-person.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the CSW/LMSW application.

COMPLAINTS

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Melissa Haley to defer Complaint #2023-131. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Bora Sunseri to dismiss Complaint #2023-141. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2023-142. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley and seconded by Jamie Barney to dismiss Complaint #2024-21. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Melissa Haley to dismiss Complaint #2024-88. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Melissa Haley to dismiss Complaint #2024-103 with a letter to the agency.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri and seconded by Melissa Haley to dismiss Complaint #2024-115. The motion was unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- k. Will Francis, Executive Director-NASW-LA- letter regarding rulemaking language recommendations for telesupervision reviewed by board, no action taken.
- l. Will Francis, Executive Director-NASW-LA- letter regarding RSWs and the Interstate Compact reviewed by board, no action taken.
- m. Brandon Reeves, LCSW- letter regarding telesupervision reviewed by board, no action taken.
- n. Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS- letter regarding telesupervision reviewed by board, no action taken.
- o. Shelby Oxner, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing. Public comment made by Shelby Oxner and Kristel Scarcello.
- p. Paolo Roy, LMSW- **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried to deny the supervision request and offer a compliance hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 2:02 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: Bora Sunseri, yes; Jamie Barney, yes; Melissa Haley, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 4:30 p.m.

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

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Bianca Rowan, LMSW to appeal the board's decision to deny supervision hours that were completed without documentation of an approved Supervision Contract on file. The hearing panel included Melissa Haley, Jamie Barney, and Bora Sunseri. Bianca Rowan attended the hearing in-person with her supervisor Victor Sims.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny the supervision completed without an approved contract on file.

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of Jeanine Ally Tatum to appeal the board's decision to deny her request to accept supervision that was completed from 1999-2005. The hearing panel included Melissa Haley, Hyacinth McKee, and Bora Sunseri. Jeanine Ally Tatum attended via Zoom.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to accept supervision that was completed from 1999-2005.

Due to the entire board not being present, Meagan Snedigar, LMSW and Miyoka Landor, LMSW, chose to defer their rehearing to the September 13, 2024, board meeting.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE-LEGAL OPINION

Motion was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the release of the legal opinion submitted by Sheri Morris, Esq.

IMPAIRED PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to table the IPP Report to the August 2, 2024 meeting.

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Jamie Barney and unanimously carried, to approve the LMSW Reinstatement application for participant R.M.

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried release to release D.G. for completing the terms of her Consent Agreement and Order. This individual is eligible to apply for a license after March 8, 2029.

PERSONNEL MATTER

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve a salary increase of 4% to Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, effective July 1, 2024.

APPLICATIONS

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW Endorsement application submitted by Beverly Davis and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny the CSW/LMSW application submitted by Kearra Gourrier and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to deny the LCSW Endorsement application submitted by William Eddy and to offer him a compliance hearing.

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

Adams, Tashon
Ard, Desarya
Bell, Ivian
Bergeron, Alyssa
Black-Malone, Linnette
Brown, Erica
Brown, Karla
Butler, Koya
Ceasar, Makayia
Calvey, Latonya
Canal, Carlee
Carpenter, Mallory
Carter, Carolyn
Chaney, Lynell
Chatman, Shameka
Dartez, Alaina
Doss, De'Jahnae
Dubois, Misty
Elzy, Korea
Evans, YKeisha
Fairley, Joslyn
Fonseca, Melissa
Gilmore, Latavia
Givens, Stephanie
Gray, BryNesha
Griffin, ShaMijah
Higgins, Tyra
Hill, Cassandra
Jackson, Latice
Jones-LaBeaud, Shannon
Kelly, Takeyah
King, Shauntell
LaMotte, Tadrecka
Legendre, Elizabeth
Lestrick, Leo
Mahiai-Torres, Leilah

McCrary, Leigh
McMickens, Mitchell
Milson, Kelsey
Minifield, DeA'ngelo
Moss, John
Pierre, Latasha
Quarles, Desiree
Robertson, Sr., Brian
Robinson-Bridges, Dana
Scott, Jeanette
Smith, Shaquana
Stewart, Kristy
Testamark, Idalia

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

Crooks, Heather
McKinsey, Jr., Benny

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.

Afeluyi, Jamillia
Benton, Kristin
Blanchard, Laura
Broussard, Brandon (early test approval)
Brown, Shaurona
Bruce, Jada
Carhee, Chikuita
Crawford, Diamond
Dauzat, Emily (early test approval)
Davis, Alexis
Duarte, Victoria
Edwards, Asia
Fant, Harper
Fordjour, Jasmine
Gilyard, Myiesha
Girlinghouse, Lyndsey
Glasser, Eleanor
Goforth, Emily (early test approval)
Goldsmith, Monique
Golston, Traja
Gray, Danielle
Harris, Jada
Harris, Sabrina
Hawkins, Mykella
Jackson, Angel (early test approval)
Jackson, Jr. Kenneth
James, Nadia
Johnson, Amber
Joseph, Ja'Lon

Kliger, Anna
Langlinais, Jeanne
Lazaroe, Natalie
Lewis, Donte
Lewis, Madison
Locks, Danitra
Mann, Jody
Masters, Jessica
Maughon, Kara
Minifield, DeA'ngelo
Montgomery, Ava (early test approval)
Moore-Hudson, Mary (early test approval)
Neuneyer, Lauren
Nielsen, Hannah
Nevers, Jorgia
Parks, Chase
Parks, Sarah
Perez, Hilda
Petty, Ashlynn
Prejean, Airmagene
Salters, Deidre
Scott, Jun (early test approval)
Seals, Jalynne
Singer, Claire
Starns, Monica
Thomas, Raelyn
Vanderlass, Alexis
Veal, Marceia
Vincent, Jessica (early test approval)
Vinnett, Erin
Walker, Jaden
Watts, Haley
Webb, Marilyn
Wright, Bailey
Woods, Haley

Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for CSW Reinstatement, issue Certified Social Work credential and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam.

Declouet, Jessica

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.

Burrell, Alma
Davis, Beverly
Kittelson, Bridgett
Trigilio, Abigail

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

Bruce, Samantha

Martin, Chasity

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.

Angelain, Jeanique
Arceneaux, Shawn
Armstrong, Jessica
Barnett, Debra (early test approval)
Barrera, Nabila (early test approval)
Benoit, Ashley (early test approval)
Boudreaux, Malarie
Boquet, Hannah (early test approval)
Bourque, Alex
Browhow, Reginald
Brown, Keith
Calica, Lovella
Celestin, Shaleah (early test approval)
Dees, Latysha
Dill, Christina (early test approval)
Duplantis, Dawn
Eschette, Peyton (early test approval)
Evans, Keante (early test approval)
Felicie-Mejias, Jose
Gauthier, Angela
George, Shondia (early test approval)
Guidry, Claire (early test approval)
Hundley, Maria
Johnson, Danielle (early test approval)
Kausar, Hena
LacARRIERE, Jennifer
La Roche, Evan (early test approval)
Mann, Melanie
Murphy, Lorraine
O'Neal, Anna
Prestidge, Becky (early test approval)
Shinners, Mary (early test approval)
Shute, Lauren (early test approval)
Singer, Adam (early test approval)
Sisk, Lauren (early test approval)
Stark, Tamar (early test approval)
Story, Taylor (early test approval)
Stears, Tama
Williams, Akikka

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

Brandon, Mary

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

Baysah, Mywen
Beegle, Ashley
Brown, Kari
Caffery, Margaret
Coira, Jeffrey
Combs, Stephanie
Daniels, Juliet
Davies, Rhonda
Gomez, Steven
Hardester, Christin
Henderson, Jeremiah
Herring, Michell
Kirson, Bret
Mallett, Shaquita
McCorry, Patrick
Nelson, Kenya
Nelson, Tunisai
Neuman, Stephanie
Ruffin, Cedrina
Samaniego, Jaclyn
Seymour, Forrest
Slaughter, Anebra
Thrower, Chelsea
Velez, Guylene
Washington, Bridgette
Younger, Christine

BOARD/STAFF MATTERS

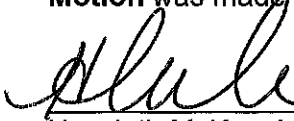
- a. Report on office workflow and staffing- The workflow and staffing report is attached to these minutes.
- b. Supervision Committee Report- **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Melissa Haley, and unanimously carried, to approve the draft with changes and forward to legal counsel for legal sufficiency. Public comment was made by Marsha Bins.
Motion was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to send the Clinical Supervision Verification Form to legal counsel for review. Public comments were made by Gina Rossi and Shelley Weaver.
- c. Policy & Procedure Committee Report- Melissa Haley provided an update on the work of this committee.

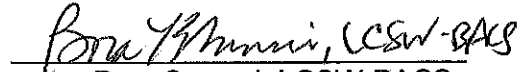
FINANCIAL

- a. FARB- membership – **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve renewal of FARB membership with \$250 fee.
- b. CLEAR Annual Conference- Board will not attend this year.
Financial Statements for February 2024-May 2024- Board members reviewed the Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Equity, Statement of Revenues & Expenses, and

Statement of Revenues & Expenses – Budgetary Comparison for the months of February, March, April and May 2024. **Motion** was made by Melissa Haley, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to accept the financial reports as information.

Motion was made by Melissa Haley to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.


Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS
Chairperson


Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS
Secretary-Treasurer

Workflow Report Presented on June 21, 2024

Since May 17, 2024 Meeting

Requests for early testing – Masters	14
Requests for early testing – Clinical	12
Early testers issued LMSW	35
Early testers issued LCSW	5
LMSWs issued (not early testers)	29
LCSWs issued (not early testers)	24
BACS Issued	12
Retake applications approved	96
Supervision Contracts approved	25
Other supervision approvals	27
Background checks mailed to LSP	47
License verifications	41
In-person CE waiver requests – out of state	34
In-person CE waiver requests – medical	20

Received 18 complaints between 05/14/24 and 06/13/24

Written response	5
Investigation	2
Under consideration	6
Not accepted – not a social worker	5
Not accepted – no violation	0

