



# Mississippi Board of Examiners For Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists

## Minutes for February 12, 2021 Board Meeting

The Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists (Board) held a Board meeting on Friday, February 12, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in Suite 761, on the 1st floor of the Jackson Medical Mall, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Avenue, Jackson, MS 39213.

Candace Riddley called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. A quorum of Board members were present.

Members present were Candace Riddley, LCSW, Board Chair, Jamie Williams, LMFT, Chair MFT Discipline Specific Committee, Beth McNamee, LCSW, Chair SW Discipline Specific Committee, Pamela Rollins, LMFT, Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Sharon Adams, LMFT, Krista Guynes, LCSW, Victoria Murdy, LCSW, and Brenda Viverette, LSW. Also in attendance were Gwen Bouie-Haynes, Executive Director NASW-MS, Mark Lampton, Special Assistant Attorney General, Avery Lee, Senior Special Assistant Attorney General, and Erica Allen. Absent from this meeting was Jennifer Fulcher, LSW.

A motion was made by Pamela Rollins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to accept the agenda as is. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve the January 2021 minutes with no corrections. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

### Reports from NASW:

- ❖ Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes addressed the Board regarding Senate Bill SB2420.

### Expenditure Report:

Erica Allen reviewed the Expenditure Report. Fiscal Year 2021 Fund Balances as of January 31, 2021 are: Monthly Expenditures - \$10,887.25; Carryover - \$346,070.00; and Ending Balance - \$356,283.79. A copy of the report is attached.

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela Rollins to accept the Expenditure Report for January 31, 2021. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

#### Complaints File Report:

Erica Allen discussed the Complaints File Report, updating the Board on the status of pending complaints and investigations. A copy of the report is attached.

- ❖ Case number SW21-216 has been assigned to Candace Riddley.
- ❖ Case number MFT21-217 has been assigned to Sharon Adams.
- ❖ A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to schedule a hearing for the subject of SW19-201 on April 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

#### Executive Director Report:

- ❖ Beth McNamee discussed the implementation of LARS. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda Viverette to move forward with John McManus and ITS to migrate our current licensure system to the LARS system. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

#### Chair of the Board Report:

- ❖ There was no report given.

#### MFT Report:

- ❖ There have been eighteen (18) emergency permits approved for marriage and family therapy, and two pending.

#### SW Report:

- ❖ Beth McNamee gave an update regarding interviewing for the executive director's position.

- ❖ There have been fifty-four (54) LCSW emergency permits approved, five LMSW emergency permits approved, and one LSW emergency permit approved for social work.

Board Members Report:

- ❖ No report was given.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ Continuing Education:
  - ♦ SW Continuing Education offerings: There were no offerings reviewed.
  - ♦ MFT Continuing Education offerings: There were no offerings reviewed.

Social Work Licensure Report: The following Social Work Candidates were presented for Licensure:

LSW Level

Madison Hawes  
Sydney Breazeale  
Kallie Hubbard  
Brittany Howard  
Sylvia Penilla  
Chathan Kennedy  
Baylee Hallmark  
Amanda Wallace  
Kenseha Bennett  
Jenese Norman

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LSW level on February 12, 2021. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerard Tarrant to approve these candidates for licensure at the LSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

LSW Level by Reciprocity

There were no candidates presented for licensure at the LSW level.

LMSW Level

Tremeka Smith  
Autum Pierce  
Madison Henslee  
Emily Adams

Whitney Hawkins  
Katelee Cloys  
Danelle Woods  
Paige Phillips  
Gwendolyn Thaggard  
Sara Gallman  
Raven Traylor  
Mary Harbin  
Thomas Bennington II  
Angela Miller  
Shannon Casey  
Christina McCafferty

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LMSW level on February 12, 2021. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

Marshall Aldrich  
Alisa Reynolds  
Qu'Tashia Muhammad

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LMSW level on February 12, 2021. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

#### **LMSW Level by Reciprocity**

Megan Jones  
Marquita Harris

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LMSW level by reciprocity on February 12, 2021. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve this candidate for licensure at the LSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

#### **LCSW Level**

Ja'Ron Brown

Mahogany Bell  
James Guthrie, Jr  
Natalie B. Turner  
Gwenett Barron  
Kimberly Shelton-Hudgins  
Sabrina Vance  
Christy Williams  
Kenya Gatlin

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LCSW level on February 12, 2021. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

#### **LCSW Level by Reciprocity**

Alice Hiatt  
Chasity Davis  
Carol DeNomme  
Kassie Claughton  
Sara Gergory

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity on February 12, 2021. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

#### **LSW Reinstatements**

There were no candidates presented for LMSW reinstatement.

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There were no candidates presented for LMSW reinstatement.

#### **LCSW Reinstatements**

There were no candidates presented for LCSW reinstatement.

**Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Report:** The following candidate(s) were presented for licensure at the LMFT and/or LMFTA level:

### **LMFTA Licensure**

Sarah Caples

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LMFTA level on February 12, 2021. A motion was made by Pamela Rollins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve this candidate for licensure at the LMFTA level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: Sharon Adams; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

### **LMFT Licensure**

Kimberly Barnes

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LMFT level on February 12, 2021. A motion was made by Pamela Rollins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve this candidate for licensure at the LMFT level pending receipt of acceptable background check. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: Sharon Adams; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

### **LMFT Licensure by Endorsement**

There were no candidates presented for LMFT licensure by Endorsement.

### **LMFT Reinstatements**

There were no candidates presented for LMFT Reinstatement.

### **CLOSED DETERMINATION**

A motion to go into a closed determination session to determine if the Board had reason to go into executive session was made by Jamie Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth McNamee. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

In closed determination session, a motion was made by Jamie Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth McNamee that the Board had reason to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating and discussing case number SW20-209, the order of discipline for violation of social work laws, rules, and regulations, which deliberation could lead to appeal of the Board's order or litigation against the Board. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

The Board announced to the public the above desired reason for going into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela Rollins to dismiss case number SW20-215 on the basis that the license has expired and to flag her file pending outcome of trial. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: Brenda Viverette; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

Beth McNamee gave an update on case number SW19-198.

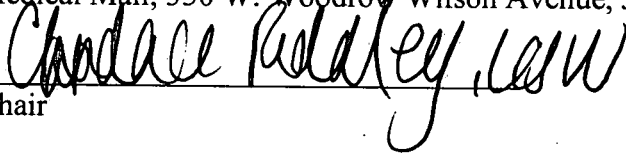
A motion was made by Jamie Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth McNamee to dismiss case number SW20-209 with an advisory letter. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: Victoria Murdy; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.


A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams for the board to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

The Board resumed in open meeting and announced to the public the above described action taken by the Board in executive session. The Board deferred making a decision pending receipt of further information.

A motion was made by Jamie Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerard Tarrant to adjourn regular board meeting business to committee work. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Brenda Viverette, Victoria Murdy, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jennifer Fulcher.

The next Board meeting will be held March 12, 2021, in Suite 761 on the 1st floor of the Jackson Medical Mall, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Avenue, Jackson, MS 39213 at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chair

  
Recorder

**AGENDA**

**Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists**

***"Protect the Public"***

**February 12, 2021**

**10:30 a.m.**

- I. Convene Meeting: Opening Comments
- II. Public Comments
- III. Review Minutes and Agenda
- IV. Executive Director Report
  - a. LARS Discussion and Voting
  - b. Financial Report
  - c. Disciplinary Actions
    - i. New Complaints
    - ii. Reports on Current Investigations
    - iii. Reports on Disciplined Licensees' Progress
- V. Board Chair Report
- VI. MFT Chair Report
- VII. SW Chair Report
- VIII. Legal Counsel Report
- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Board Member Reports
- XI. Licensure Votes
  - a. Social Work
  - b. MFT
- XII. Follow-Up Responsibilities

Action Needed	Responsible Party	Report Date

- XIII. Closing Comments & Adjourn to Committee Work

*All Public Comments Must Be Submitted to the Board Chair for Inclusion in Meeting*



**MS Board of Examiners for Social Workers/Marriage Family Therapists**  
**FY 2021 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT**

**AS OF JANUARY 31, 2021**

**FY 2021**

**PERSONAL SERVICES**

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 13,623.79	\$ 14,100.79	\$ 13,743.79	\$ 13,623.79	\$ 13,623.79	\$ 13,656.79	\$ 6,925.48					
Travel	\$ 315.72	\$ -	\$ -									
<b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>												
Employee Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
Postage, Box Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
Promotional Expenses(Exhibits, Displays)	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -									
Rent	\$ -	\$ 4,941.75	\$ 1,647.25	\$ 1,647.25		\$ 3,294.50	\$ 1,647.25					
Office Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ 1,240.86	\$ 337.62	\$ 972.87		\$ 1,141.68	\$ 168.81					
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 182.73						
ITS Fees	\$ -	\$ 90.81	\$ 103.68	\$ 113.84		\$ 1,631.25						
MMRS Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
Court Reporter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 341.00								
Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169.82									
Fidelity Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				\$ 350.00					
Membership Dues	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 500.00						
Public Network Access Charges	\$ 129.69	\$ 129.69	\$ 135.04	\$ 129.69		\$ 259.38	\$ 129.69					
Cellular	\$ 51.38	\$ 51.38	\$ 102.85	\$ -	\$ 51.56	\$ 51.43	\$ 79.30					
<b>Total Contractual Services</b>	\$ 431.07	\$ 6,704.49	\$ 2,496.26	\$ 3,204.65	\$ 51.56	\$ 6,560.97	\$ 2,875.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>COMMODITIES</b>												
Printing & Binding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
Paper Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
Other Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
Other Equipment	\$ -	\$ 20.50	\$ -				\$ 699.00					
Procurement Card	\$ -	\$ 573.70	\$ 411.09	\$ 411.09		\$ 159.19	\$ 387.72					
Food For Board Meetings	\$ -	\$ 89.48	\$ 683.68	\$ 411.09	\$ -	\$ 159.19	\$ 1,086.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Commodities</b>	\$ -	\$ 683.68	\$ 411.09	\$ 411.09	\$ -	\$ 159.19	\$ 1,086.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>												
Office Machines/Furniture	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Equipment</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Monthly Expenditures</b>	\$ 14,370.58	\$ 20,805.28	\$ 16,923.73	\$ 17,239.53	\$ 13,675.35	\$ 20,376.95	\$ 10,887.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Monthly Revenue</b>	\$ 13,356.00	\$ 37,041.00	\$ 47,668.46				\$ 26,427.00					
<b>Prior YR Revenue</b>	\$ 13,820.00	\$ 34,696.90	\$ 40,220.90	\$ 22,922.34	\$ 9,130.86	\$ 6,346.95	\$ 8,719.90	\$ 7,316.00	\$ 40,624.00	\$ 58,665.00	\$ 20,723.90	\$ 14,634.00



## DISCIPLINED LICENSEES' PROGRESS REPORT AS OF 01/08/2021

Licensee Name, #, Case #	License expiration date	Assigned To	Disciplinary action details	Probationary Period	1 Report completed	2 Report completed	3 Report completed	4 Report completed	Probation Completion Date
Chris Huff, C5077 SW15-151	4/30/2021	Murdy	<p>3 yr. probation, \$3000.00 fine. Paid \$1000.00 on 3/14/2017, Paid \$1,000.00 3/4/2018. Paid \$1,000.00 on 3/14/19. Fine paid in full.</p> <p>Informal Conference 11-8-19 in relation to additional filed complaint SW19-188</p> <p>12/13/2019 Board voted to request additional info</p> <p>Administrative Hearing scheduled for 11/13/2020-postponed</p> <p>Hearing date set for April 9, 2021</p>	3 yrs beginning 4/8/2017	4/30/2018	9/26/2018 1/21/19	5-21-20	8/3/20	
Stark Farrell, C6287 SW16-157	4/30/2019	Riddley	<p>3yr. probation, \$3,000.00 fine, license expired</p>	3 yrs. Beginning 5/11/18					

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT AS OF 02/12/2021

CASE #	DATE OF ORIGIN	ASSIGNED TO	DATE ASSIGNED	ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATOR	INVESTIGATION COMPLETED	REPORT TO BOARD	STATUS/NOTES
SW17-161	3/22/2017	LITTLE	reassigned 9/14/18				
SW17-168	8/16/2017	MURDY	8/18/2017			12/14/2018	Accepted Informal Offer
SW18-171	1/8/2018	LITTLE	1/12/2018			12/14/2018	Consent Order Revised/Mailed
SW18-177	7/17/2018	MURDY	8/10/2018				Hearing scheduled 03/12/2021
SW18-183	12/6/2018	MURDY	12/14/2018				
SW18-184	12/6/2018	MURDY	12/14/2018				
SW19-188	3/18/2019	MURDY	4/12/2019			5/24/2019	Hearing to be scheduled
SW19-190	4/8/2019	FULCHER	5/24/2019				
SW19-194	6/13/2019	LITTLE	7/12/2019				Informal Settlement Offer
SW19-195	7/12/2019	MURDY	7/12/2019			12/13/2019	License revoked for 5 years
SW19-198	9/25/2019	MCNAMEE	10/11/2019				re-assigned 11-8-19
MFT19-199	10/24/2019	WILLIAMS	11/8/2019				
SW19-201	11/13/2019	RIDDLEY	12/13/2019			2/14/2020	Hearing to be scheduled
MFT19-202	12/9/2019	ADAMS	12/13/2019				
MFT19-203	12/9/2019	ROLLINS	12/13/2019				
MFT19-204	12/17/2019	TARRANT	12/13/2019				
MFT20-208	4/1/2020	WILLIAMS	1/10/2020				
SW20-209	4/1/2020	RIDDLEY	5/8/2020				Hearing to be scheduled
SW20-210	7/10/2020	MCNAMEE	5/8/2020				
SW20-211	7/24/2020	RIDDLEY	7/10/2020				
SW20-212	7/31/2020	FULCHER	8/14/2020				
SW20-213	8/17/2020	GUYNES	8/14/2020				
SW20-214	10/5/2020	FULCHER	9/11/2020				
SW20-215	10/13/2020	MCNAMEE	10/9/2020				
			1/8/2021				