



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

Minutes for September 10, 2021 Board Meeting

The Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists (Board) held a Board meeting on Friday, September 10, 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.

Members present were Candace Riddley, LCSW, Board Chair, Jamie Williams, LMFT, Chair MFT Discipline Specific Committee, Beth McNamee, LCSW, Chair SW Discipline Specific Committee, Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Pamela Rollins, LMFT, Jennifer Fulcher, LSW, Valerie Joiner, LCSW, Krista Guynes, LCSW, Erin Pittman, LSW, and Sharon Adams, LMFT. Also in attendance were Edward Wiggins, Board Attorney, Gwen Bouie-Haynes, Executive Director NASW-MS, Erica Allen, Executive Director, Britney Mangum, Executive Director MAMFT-MS, Lauren Jackson, Tina Johnson, and Evangela Roebuck. All members were present.

Candace Riddley called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. A quorum of Board members was present.

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Jennifer Fulcher to approve the agenda as amended and the August 2021 minutes with corrections. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

Reports from NASW:

- ❖ Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes addressed the Board regarding several subject calls NASW-MS has been receiving regarding House Bill 1263 and Senate Bill 2420, and displaced Louisiana residents and licensees.

Expenditure Report:

Erica Allen reviewed the Expenditure Report. Fiscal Year 2021 Fund Balances as of August 31, 2021 are: Monthly Expenditures - \$9,885.28; Carryover - \$385,952.00; and Ending Balance - \$440,902.97. A copy of the report is attached.

A motion was made by Sharon Adams and 2nd by Beth McNamee to accept the Expenditure Report for August 31, 2021. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista

Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

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 SW21-223 has been assigned to Valerie Joiner.

Executive Director Report:

- ❖ Erica Allen briefly discussed new changes to the name check procedure.

Chair of the Board Report:

- ❖ Candace briefly discussed the proclamation.

MFT Report:

- ❖ Jamie Williams briefly addressed the Board regarding subcommittee meetings regarding Senate Bill 2420 and House Bill 1263.
- ❖ There have been no new permits issued; twenty-one (21) emergency permits approved for marriage and family therapy.

SW Report:

- ❖ A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Pamela Rollins to amend the emergency provisional permit application to include declared local, state or national disaster. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.
- ❖ A motion was made by Pamela Rollins and 2nd by Beth McNamee to we approve the recommendations of formatting of the emergency licensing subject to later input from the MFT DSC. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.
- ❖ Beth McNamee briefly discussed changes to the LCSW Supervisor Application.
- ❖ Beth McNamee discussed SWDSC meetings regarding upcoming changes in response to Senate Bill 2420 and House Bill 1263.
- ❖ There were three new permits submitted, two have been approved. There have been a total of eighty-three (83) emergency permits approved.

Board Members Report:

- ❖ No report was given.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ There were no reports given.

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

LSW Level

Jennifer Moore
Marissa Blalock
Jennifer Turner
Angelica Roberts

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LSW level on September 10, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Jennifer Fulcher to approve these candidates for licensure at the LSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LSW Level by Reciprocity

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

LSW Reinstatements

Yolanda Mahaffey
Robert Sudduth, Jr.
April Stratton

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for reinstatement at the LSW level on September 10, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Jennifer Fulcher to approve this candidate for reinstatement at the LSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LMSW Level

Mary Davis
Christine Jorgensen
Gary Waller

Catherine Waller
Mary Brown
Molly Floyd
Zanberg Phillip
Leon Flowers
Evangela Roebuck
Alexandra Jwainat
Jacquelyn Wilson
Sydney Rester
Andrea Munn
Devin Winsett
Jameria Bailey
Rae Ann Ballesteros
Kristen Olson

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LMSW level on September 10, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Jennifer Fulcher to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

Tami Miller
Jamee Williams
Alexandra Phillips
Becky Crowley
Olympia Clopton
Marisa Milanesio

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LMSW level by reciprocity on September 10, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Jennifer Fulcher to approve this candidate for licensure at the LMSW level by reciprocity. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LMSW Reinstatements

Grace Ethridge
Odia Shields
Cusi De la Cruz

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for reinstatement at the LMSW level on September 10, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Jennifer

Fulcher to approve this candidate for reinstatement at the LMSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LCSW Level

Asia Harkins
Ianthony Reiner
Cheryl Jones

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LCSW level on September 10, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Jennifer Fulcher to approve this candidate for licensure at the LCSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

Margaret Banks
Nancy Lazar
Rolanda Johnson-Abney
Teresa Peterson
Kelley Moule
Victor Furtick
Desiree Price
Marlena Pique
Nicole Rocco-Lapinski
Elizabeth Hounshell

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity on September 10, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Jennifer Fulcher to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LCSW Reinstatements

Olivia Ismail

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for reinstatement at the LCSW level on September 10, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Jennifer Fulcher to approve this candidate for reinstatement at the LCSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth

McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

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

LMFTA Licensure

There were no candidates presented for LMFTA licensure.

LMFT Licensure

There were no candidates presented for LMFT licensure.

LMFT Licensure by Endorsement

There were no candidates presented for LMFT licensure by Endorsement.

LMFT Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented for LMFT Reinstatement.

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

A motion was made by Pamela Rollins and 2nd by Beth McNamee that the Board had reason to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating and discussing case number MFT21-217, the order of discipline for violation of marriage and family therapy 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, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sharon Adams and 2nd by Beth McNamee to dismiss case number MFT21-217 as the licensee did not violate any laws, rules, and regulations governing marriage and family therapy. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher,

Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner, Krista Guynes, and Gerard Tarrant; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

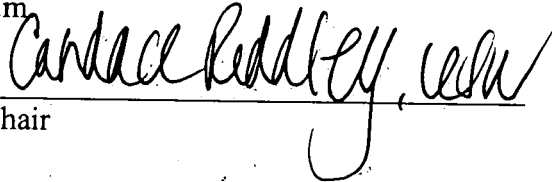
A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Pamela Rollins for the board to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jamie Williams, Valerie Joiner,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

The Board resumed in open meeting and announced to the public the above described action taken by the Board in executive session.

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

The next Board meeting will be held October 8, 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"
September 10, 2021

10:30 a.m.

- I. Convene Meeting: Opening Comments
- II. Review Agenda and Minutes
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Executive Director Report
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Disciplinary Actions
 - i. New Complaints
 - ii. Reports on Current Investigations
 - iii. Reports on Disciplined Licensees' Progress
- V. Board Chair Report
 - a. House Bill 1263
 - b. Senate Bill 2420
 - c. Emergency Permit Recommendation for Hurricane Ida
- VI. MFT Chair Report
- VII. SW Chair Report
 - a. LCSW Supervisor Application
- VIII. Legal Counsel Report
- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Board Member Reports
 - a. Emergency Permits
 - b. Emergency Proclamation
- 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 2022

AS OF AUGUST 31, 2021

FY 2022 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT	FY 2022											
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
PERSONAL SERVICES												
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 6,925.48	\$ 9,311.95										
Travel	\$ 103.04	\$ 313.60										
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES												
Employee Training												
Postage, Box Rent												
Provisional Expenses(Exhibits, Displays)												
Rent												
Office Equipment Rental												
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ 1,022.29											
ITS Fees	\$ 71.06											
MMRS Fees												
Court Reporter												
Liability Insurance												
Fidelity Bonds												
Membership Dues												
Public Network Access Charges		\$ 259.73										
Cellular	\$ 51.73											
Total Contractual Services	\$ 1,145.08	\$ 259.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COMMODITIES												
Printing & Binding												
Office Supplies												
Paper Supplies												
Other Supplies												
Other Equipment												
Procurement Card												
Food For Board Meetings												
Total Commodities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EQUIPMENT												
Office Machines/Furniture												
Total Equipment												
Total Monthly Expenditures	\$ 8,173.60	\$ 9,885.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Monthly Revenue	\$ 36,678.00	\$ 36,331.85										
Prior YR Revenue	\$ 13,356.00	\$ 37,041.00	\$ 47,668.46	\$ 29,667	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 26,427.00	\$ 3,261.24	\$ 64,284.00	\$ 75,291.00	\$ 10,780.00	\$ 27,950.95

Board of Examiners Cumulative Report					FY 2022	AS OF AUGUST 31, 2021
	Actual	Projected	Difference	Percent		
PERSONAL SERVICES						
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 16,237.43	\$ 165,376.00	\$ 149,138.57	10%	Carryover funds from prior FY2021	\$ 385,952.00
Travel	\$ 416.64	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,583.36	3%	Revenue	\$ 73,009.85
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES						
Employee Training	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0%	Cumulative Expenditures	\$ 18,058.88
Postage, box rent	\$ -	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,450.00	0%	Ending Balance	\$ 440,902.97
Promotional Expenses (exhibits, displays)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	0%	Unencumbered Revenue	\$ 346,070.00
Rent	\$ -	\$ 24,894.00	\$ 24,894.00	0%		
Office Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	0%		
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ 1,022.29	\$ 31,915.00	\$ 30,892.71	3%		
ITS Fees	\$ 71.06	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 1,303.94	5%		
MMRS Fees	\$ -	\$ 6,138.00	\$ 6,138.00	0%		
Court Reporter	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	0%		
Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	0%		
Fidelity Bonds	\$ -	\$ 345.00	\$ 345.00	0%		
Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ 1,889.00	\$ 1,889.00	0%		
Public Network Access Charges	\$ 259.73	\$ 1,574.00	\$ 2,000.00	17%		
Cellular	\$ 51.73	\$ 650.00	\$ 598.27	8%		
Total Contractual Services	\$ 1,404.81	\$ 77,981.00	\$ 76,576.19	2%		
COMMODITIES						
Printing & Binding	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	0%		
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0%		
Paper Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	0%		
Other Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	0%		
Other Equipment	\$ -	\$ 624.00	\$ 624.00	0%		
Procurement Card	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	0%		
Food For Board Meetings	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	0%		
Total Commodities	\$ -	\$ 5,877.00	\$ 5,877.00	0%		
EQUIPMENT						
Office Machines/Furniture	\$ -	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 2,270.00	0%		
Total Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 2,270.00	0%		
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,058.88	\$ 263,504.00	\$ 245,445.12	7%		

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT AS OF 09/10/2021

CASE #	DATE OF ORIGIN	ASSIGNED TO	DATE ASSIGNED	ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATOR	INVESTIGATION COMPLETED	REPORT TO BOARD	STATUS/NOTES
SW17-161*	3/22/2017	FULCHER	reassigned 9/14/18				
SW19-190	4/8/2019	MCNAMEE	5/24/2019				
SW19-198	9/25/2019	MCNAMEE	10/11/2019				
MFT19-203	12/9/2019	ROLLINS	12/13/2019				
MFT19-204	12/17/2019	TARRANT	1/10/2020				
SW20-210	7/10/2020	MCNAMEE	7/10/2020				
SW20-211	7/24/2020	RIDDLEY	8/14/2020				
SW20-212	7/31/2020	FULCHER	8/14/2020				
SW20-213	8/17/2020	GUYNES	9/11/2020				
SW20-214	10/5/2020	FULCHER	10/9/2020				
SW21-216	1/21/2021	RIDDLEY	2/12/2021				
MFT21-217	2/9/2021	ADAMS	2/21/2021				
SW21-218	3/3/2021	RIDDLEY	3/12/2021				
SW21-219	5/3/2021	Guynes	5/14/2021				
SW21-220	5/21/2021	RIDDLEY	6/9/2021				
SW21-221	5/21/2021	JOINER	6/9/2021				
SW21-222	8/13/2021	MCNAMEE	8/13/2021				
SW21-223	8/30/2021	New	9/7/2021				

12/14/2018 Accepted Informal Offer

Accepted Informal Offer

DISCIPLINED LICENSEES' PROGRESS REPORT AS OF 09/10/2021

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	4/30/2023	Murdy	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; Informal Conference 11-8-19 in relation to additional filed complaint SW19-188 12/13/2019 Board voted to request additional info Administrative Hearing May 14, 2021 12 months' probation, quarterly supervised reports	3 yrs beginning 4/8/2017	4/30/2018	9/26/2018 1/21/19	5-21-20	8/3/20	
SW19-188									
Paul McCollough, W3236 SW17-161	9/30/2022	n/a	Stipulation and Consent Order, Probation for a period of twelve (12) months, six (6) additional hours professional ethics	pending					
Shirley Falvey, C6791 SW17-168	4/30/2023	Murdy	Stipulation and Consent Order, Probation for a period of eighteen (18) months, \$1,000.00 fine	10/21/2020					
Melissa Ratliff, CS772 SW18-171	4/30/2022	n/a	Probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months, Supervision privileges revoked, \$458.00 administrative fine Fine paid in full on 6/9/2021 : \$458.00 fine CK 3173 6/14/2021	5/12/2021					
Holly Regan, C7870 SW18-183/184	4/30/2022	Murdy	Stipulation and Consent Order, Probation for a period of thirty-six (36) months, \$3000.00 fine	8/13/2021					
Terrence Skidmore, C8764 SW19-201	4/30/2022	Ridley	Consent Order, three (3) year probation, \$500.00 fine Fine paid in full on 6/9/2021 : \$500.00 fine CC 0451963312 5/21/2021	4/22/2021					
Alicia Danley, M6813 SW19-194	4/30/2021	n/a	She never signed or accepted the Informal Offer. Her license is expired.						
Stark Farrell, C6287 SW16-157	4/30/2019	Ridley	3yr. probation, \$3,000.00 fine, license expired 3 yrs. Beginning 5/1/18						