



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

Minutes for March 10, 2023 Board Meeting

In accordance with the Miss. Code Ann. § 73-53-8 and the Open Meetings Act § 25-41-1 – 25-41-17, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists (Board) held a Board meeting on Friday, March 10, 2023, 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10: a.m. A quorum of Board members was present. An introduction was made to welcome the new Board members.

Opening Remarks Roll Call

Members Present: Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Board Chair
Elizabeth “Beth” McNamee, LCSW, Chair of SWDSC
Dr. Jamie Williams, LMFT, Chair of MFTDSC
Dr. Jeff Hinton, LMFT
Phylandria Hudson, LCSW
Dr. Valerie Joiner, LCSW
Krista Guynes, LCSW
Catherine Jones, LMFT
Valerie Burnett, LSW
Rosalind Yarber, LSW

Members Absent: All members present.

Staff and Guests: Erica Allen, Executive Director
Sarah Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General
Gwen Bouie-Haynes, Executive Director, NASW-MS
Britney Mangum, Executive Director, MAMFT
Chad Parker
Skyla Mitchell
Lakesha (no last name)
P.J.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth

McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Valerie Joiner to approve the February 2023 minutes. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

III. LICENSURE VOTES

APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL WORK UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION

The following Social Work Candidates were presented for Universal Recognition licensure:

LSW Level by Universal Recognition Reciprocity

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LMSW Level by Universal Recognition Reciprocity

A motion was made by Valerie Joiner and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve this candidate for licensure by universal recognition reciprocity at the LSW level.

Rebecca Bump

The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LCSW Level by Universal Recognition Reciprocity

There were no candidates presented at this level.

APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL WORK REINSTATEMENTS

LSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LMSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LCSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented at this level.

RATIFICATION OF SOCIAL WORK APPLICANTS APPROVED FOR LICENSURE

LSW Level

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LSW level on March 10, 2023. A motion was made by Valerie Joiner and 2nd by Valerie Burnett to approve these candidates for licensure at the LSW level.

*Marley Stantz
Celeste Wade
Heather Allen
Jadea Ervin*

The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LSW Level by Reciprocity

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LMSW Level

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level on March 10, 2023. A motion was made by Valerie Joiner and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level.

*Brayden Russell
Jasmine Wright
Michelle Dedeaux
Sparkle Davis
Shenika Young
Celia McSwain*

The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity on March 10, 2023. A motion was made by Valerie Joiner and 2nd by Valerie Burnett to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity.

*Tamika Carter-Alexander
Angela Allen
Christilian Turner*

The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff

Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LCSW Level

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level on March 10, 2023. A motion was made by Valerie Joiner and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level.

*Victoria Simms
Stephanie Tubbs
Demetrist Bass
Jessica Tatum
Sarah Brooks
Brittany Pippins
Lakesha Robinson*

The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity on March 10, 2023. A motion was made by Valerie Joiner and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity.

*Nikole Grant
Ayika Foster
Teresa Maxwell
Shannon Hargrove-Scott
Mariam Moquim
Michelle Garrett
Richard Pryor
Jamil Matthews
Katsiryana Kashtanova
Lesley Rickman*

The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

Marriage and Family Therapy

The following candidate(s) were presented for licensure:

LMFTA Licensure

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LMFT Licensure

A motion was made by Jamie Williams and 2nd by Gerard Tarrant to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LMFT level pending receipt of all fees.

D'Lessia Wedley

The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LMFT Licensure by Endorsement

A motion was made by Jamie Williams and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve the following candidate for licensure by endorsement at the LMFT level.

Colby Pomeroy

The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LMFT Licensure by Universal Recognition Reciprocity

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LMFT Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented at this level.

IV. REPORTS

Executive Director – Erica Allen

Office Updates

No updates were given.

Financial Report

Erica Allen reviewed the Expenditure Report. Fiscal Year 2023 Fund Balances as of February 28, 2023 are: Monthly Expenditures - \$13,397.15; Carryover – \$377,005.00; and Ending Balance - \$648,586.79. A copy of the report is attached.

A motion was made by Valerie Joiner and 2nd by Valerie Burnett to accept the Expenditure Report for February 28, 2023. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

Board Chair – Gerard Tarrant

There was no report given.

Chair of Social Work – Elizabeth “Beth” McNamee

Beth McNamee gave a SWDSC meeting update, discussed NASW, and her upcoming Board appointment expiration.

Chair of Marriage & Family Therapy – Dr. Jamie Williams

Dr. Jamie Williams briefly discussed MAMFT, the complaint process, and her upcoming Board appointment expiration.

Board Member

No report was given.

Legal Counsel – Sarah Mann

No report was given.

Committees

Continuing Education Committee Update

- The CE Committee met to update CE applications and the CE Guide.

V. RULES DISCUSSION

There was no report given.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Report from MAMFT

Britney Mangum gave a brief update regarding the MAMFT Conference and House Bill 854.

Report from NASW-MS Chapter

Gwen Bouie-Haynes gave an update regarding NASW, the Interstate Compact, and Women’s History Month.

Other Public Comments

There was no report given.

VII. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Reports on New and Current Complaints

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.

Reports on Disciplined Licensees' Progress

Please see the attached sheet for detail on each licensee's progress.


VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

IX. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE WORK

A motion was made Beth McNamee and 2nd by Phylandria Hudson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Jamie Williams, Rosalind Yarber, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Valerie Burnett, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

The next Board meeting will be held April 14, 2023 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



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

Friday, March 10, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Jackson Medical Mall, 1st Floor, Suite 761
350 W. Woodrow Wilson Avenue
Jackson, MS 39213

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Opening Remarks
 - B. Roll Call
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**
- III. LICENSURE VOTES**
 - A. Social Work
 - i. Ratification List for LSW, LMSW, LCSW
 - ii. Application for Universal Recognition
 - iii. Application for Reinstatements
 - B. Marriage & Family Therapy
 - i. Application for Licensure, Reinstatements, and Universal Recognition
- IV. REPORTS**
 - A. Executive Director
 - i. Office Updates
 - ii. Financial Report
 - B. Board Chair
 - C. Chair of Marriage & Family Therapy
 - D. Chair of Social Work
 - E. Board Member
 - F. Legal Counsel
 - G. Committees
 - i. Continuing Education Committee Update
- V. RULES DISCUSSION**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VII. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**
 - A. Reports on New and Current Complaints
 - B. Reports on Disciplined Licensees' Progress
- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)**
- IX. CLOSING COMMENTS AND 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 2023 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
PERSONAL SERVICES												
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 8,947.16	\$ 8,947.16	\$ 8,947.16	\$ 9,025.16	\$ 9,232.16	\$ 8,998.42	\$ 9,271.81	\$ 9,271.81				
Travel		\$ 450.00			\$ 831.25	\$ 832.50		\$ 436.23				
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES												
Employee Training		\$ 2,000.00										
Postage, Box Rent												
Promotional Expense(Exhibits, Displays)						\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,647.25				
Rent	\$ 3,294.50	\$ 1,647.25	\$ 1,647.25		\$ 3,294.50		\$ 3,294.50	\$ 1,647.25				
Office Equipment Rental	\$ 179.71	\$ 187.71	\$ 187.71	\$ 991.77	\$ 187.71	\$ 991.77	\$ 187.71	\$ 187.71				
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00				
ITS Fees			\$ 145.57	\$ 74.57	\$ 74.58		\$ 1,012.90	\$ 948.63				
MMRS Fees/Inter-Agency Fees							\$ 2,871.50					
Court Reporter			\$ 134.00									
Liability Insurance					\$ 350.00			\$ 500.00				
Fidelity Bonds	\$ 250.00						\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00				
Membership Dues	\$ 133.30	\$ 133.30	\$ 133.30	\$ 133.30	\$ 133.30	\$ 51.77	\$ 51.77	\$ 51.80				
Public Network Access Charges	\$ 51.69	\$ 51.75	\$ 51.75	\$ 51.75	\$ 51.77	\$ 51.77	\$ 9,168.38	\$ 3,635.39				
Cellular			\$ 2,599.58	\$ 1,551.39	\$ 4,391.86	\$ 4,843.54						
Total Contractual Services	\$ 3,977.80	\$ 4,311.95	\$ 2,599.58	\$ 1,551.39	\$ 4,391.86	\$ 4,843.54	\$ 9,168.38	\$ 3,635.39				
COMMODITIES												
Printing & Binding												
Office Supplies												
Paper Supplies												
Other Supplies		\$ 11.75	\$ 11.75	\$ 23.50		\$ 11.75	\$ 11.75	\$ 11.75				
Other Equipment			\$ 267.54	\$ 141.98	\$ 339.55	\$ 278.06	\$ 322.73	\$ 15.99				
Procurement Card		\$ 24.44	\$ 55.63	\$ 116.05	\$ 6.54	\$ 63.71	\$ 25.98					
Food For Board Meetings		\$ 36.19	\$ 334.92	\$ 281.53	\$ 346.09	\$ 278.06	\$ 398.19	\$ 53.72				
Total Commodities	\$ -	\$ 36.19	\$ 334.92	\$ 281.53	\$ 346.09	\$ 278.06	\$ 398.19	\$ 53.72				
EQUIPMENT												
Office Machines/Furniture							\$ 562.49					
Total Equipment							\$ 562.49					
Total Monthly Expenditures	\$ 12,924.96	\$ 13,745.30	\$ 11,881.66	\$ 10,858.08	\$ 14,801.36	\$ 14,952.52	\$ 19,400.87	\$ 13,397.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Monthly Revenue	\$ 43,373.00	\$ 12,135.00	\$ 42,223.00	\$ 44,035.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 10,616.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 29,400.00	\$ 64,161.80	\$ 67,424.95	\$ 8,580.00	\$ 50,258.90
Prior YR Revenue	\$ 36,678.00	\$ 36,331.85	\$ 50,840.90	\$ 10,610.00	\$ 27,125.90	\$ 12,920.95	\$ 0	\$ 18,047.95				

AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Board of Examiners Cumulative Report					FY 2023	AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023
	Actual	Projected	Difference	Percent		
PERSONAL SERVICES						
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 72,640.84	\$ 165,376.00	\$ 92,735.16	44%	Carryover funds from prior FY2022	\$ 377,005.00
Travel	\$ 2,549.98	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,450.02	21%	Revenue	\$ 382,981.20
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES						
Employee Training	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0%	Cumulative Expenditures	\$ 111,399.41
Postage, box rent	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 2,450.00	45%	Ending Balance	\$ 648,586.79
Promotional Expenses (exhibits displays)	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (2,200.00)	189%	Unencumbered Revenue	\$ 346,070.00
Rent	\$ 14,825.25	\$ 24,894.00	\$ 10,068.75	60%		
Office Equipment Rental	\$ 2,914.09	\$ 1.00	\$ (2,913.09)	291409%		
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 31,915.00	\$ 29,515.00	8%		
ITS Fees	\$ 2,256.25	\$ 1,375.00	\$ (881.25)	164%		
MMRS Fees	\$ 2,871.50	\$ 6,138.00	\$ 3,266.50	0%		
Court Reporter	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	0%		
Liability Insurance	\$ 134.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 216.00	38%		
Fidelity Bonds	\$ 350.00	\$ 345.00	\$ (5.00)	101%		
Membership Dues	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,889.00	\$ 889.00	53%		
Public Network Access Charges	\$ 666.50	\$ 1,574.00	\$ 2,000.00	42%		
Cellular	\$ 362.30	\$ 650.00	\$ 287.70	56%		
Total Contractual Services	\$ 34,479.89	\$ 77,981.00	\$ 43,501.11	44%		
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	\$ 70.50	\$ 624.00	\$ 553.50	11%		
Procurement Card	\$ 1,365.85	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 1,384.15	50%		
Food For Board Meetings	\$ 292.35	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,207.65	19%		
Total Commodities	\$ 1,728.70	\$ 5,877.00	\$ 4,148.30	29%		
EQUIPMENT						
Office Machines/Furniture	\$ 562.49	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 1,707.51	25%		
Total Equipment	\$ 562.49	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 1,707.51	25%		
Total Expenditures	\$ 111,399.41	\$ 263,504.00	\$ 152,104.59	42%		

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT AS OF 03/10/2023

CASE #	DATE OF ORIGIN	ASSIGNED TO	DATE ASSIGNED	ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATOR	INVESTIGATION COMPLETED	REPORT TO BOARD	STATUS/NOTES
SW19-190	4/8/2019	FULCHER	5/24/2019				Reassigned to V. Burnett 02/10/2023
SW19-194	6/13/2019	HUDSON	7/12/2019				Reassigned to P. Hudson 01/13/2023
SW20-212	7/31/2020	FULCHER	8/14/2020				Reassigned to R. Yarber 02/10/2023
SW20-214	10/5/2020	FULCHER	10/9/2020				Will be reassigned
SW21-216	1/21/2021	RIDDLEY	2/12/2021				Reassigned to V. Joiner 02/10/2023
SW21-218	3/3/2021	RIDDLEY	3/12/2021				Reassigned to V. Joiner 02/10/2023
SW21-219	5/3/2021	GUYNES	5/14/2021				Deciding on Advisory Letter Requirement
SW22-229	7/12/2022	MCNAMIEE	8/12/2022				Pending Action
SW22-231	10/14/2022	HUDSON	10/14/2022				
SW23-232	1/30/2023	GUYNES	2/10/2023				
SW23-233	2/28/2023		3/10/2023				

