



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

## Minutes for May 14, 2021 Board Meeting

The Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists (Board) held a Board meeting on Friday, May 14, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in Suite 761, on the 1st floor of the Jackson Medical Mall, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Avenue, Jackson, MS 39213.

Members present were Jamie Williams, LMFT, Chair MFT Discipline Specific Committee, Beth McNamee, LCSW, Chair SW Discipline Specific Committee, Pamela Rollins, LMFT, Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Krista Guynes, LCSW, Sharon Adams, LMFT, Jennifer Fulcher, LSW, Victoria Murdy, LCSW, and Erin Pittman, LSW. Also in attendance were Gwen Bouie-Haynes, Executive Director NASW-MS, Edward Wiggins, Board Attorney and Special Assistant Attorney General, Mark Lampton, Special Assistant Attorney General, Chris Huff, Bradley Wellborn, Hank Rainer, and Erica Allen. Absent from this meeting was Candace Riddley, LCSW, Board Chair.

Beth McNamee served as Board Chair. Beth McNamee called the Administrative Hearing involving case number SW19-188 to order at 10:17 a.m. Attorney Mark Lampton served as Hearing Officer. A quorum of Board members were present.

Case number SW19-188 (In the Matter of Christopher Huff, LCSW) came before the Board. The Board also heard from Mr. Huff and his attorney, Bradley Wellborn.

A motion was made by Pamela Rollins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams that the Board had reason to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating and discussing case number SW19-188, 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: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Gerard Tarrant, Krista Guynes, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Sharon Adams.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board determined that the subject of SW19-188 did violate the following: Violation of NASW Code of Ethics 1.06 (c) Conflicts of Interests; Engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct in violation of 73-53-17(1)(b) and (e); and failing to adhere to the laws, rules, regulations and Code of Ethics governing the practice of social work in

violation of 73-53-17(1)(d) and € and 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 1901, R. 3.1(B) 16 and 17.

A motion was made by Pamela Rollins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth McNamee to accept the following recommendation for the subject of SW19-188:

- Extending probationary for a term of twelve months (12) months;
- Regular monthly counseling sessions in which the provider of counseling must submit quarterly updates to the Board; and
- He must submit a request to terminate the probationary status and return to active status.

The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Gerard Tarrant, Krista Guynes, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Sharon Adams.

A motion was made by Pamela Rollins 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: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Gerard Tarrant, Krista Guynes, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Sharon Adams.

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

The subject of case number SW19-188 has agreed to the terms of the Board.

Beth McNamee called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum of Board members were present.

An introduction was made to welcome the Board's new Board member, Erin Pittman.

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

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

Reports from NASW:

- ❖ Gwen Bouie-Haynes addressed a concern regarding scheduled hearings and actual Board meeting dates.

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

**LSW Level**

Stephanie Griffin  
McKenzie Morris  
Dameon Cunningham

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LSW level on May 14, 2021. A motion was made by Victoria Murdy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela Rollins to approve this candidate for licensure at the LSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Krista Guynes, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Gerard Tarrant.

**LSW Level by Reciprocity**

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

**LSW Reinstatements**

Mary Tucker

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for reinstatement at the LSW level on May 14, 2021. A motion was made by Victoria Murdy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve this candidate for reinstatement at the LSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Krista Guynes, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Gerard Tarrant.

**LMSW Level**

Candace Smith  
Edna Coleman  
Mary Eskridge  
Ashley Barksdale  
Jaquandria Brown  
Erin Glasscott  
Chelsea Porter  
Haley Skinner  
Carnetta Keeton  
LaShaundra Gale  
Madison Owen  
Miisha Lowe

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LMSW level on May 14, 2021. A motion was made by Victoria Murdy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirsta Guynes to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Krista Guynes, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Gerard Tarrant.

**LMSW Level by Reciprocity**

Johnathan Starko  
Kimberly Obusek  
Lindsay Glaeser

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LMSW level by reciprocity on May 14, 2021. A motion was made by Victoria Murdy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin Pittman to approve this candidate for licensure at the LMSW level by reciprocity. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Krista Guynes, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Gerard Tarrant.

**LMSW Reinstatements**

There were no candidates presented for reinstatement at the LMSW level.

**LCSW Level**

Olivia Ismail  
Sandra Truett  
Jessica Hobold

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LCSW level on May 14, 2021. A motion was made by Victoria Murdy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve this candidate for licensure at the LCSW level. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Krista Guynes, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Gerard Tarrant.

**LCSW Level by Reciprocity**

Zona Lee-Pietrogallo  
Emily Ryan  
Lora Millsaps Davis

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity on May 14, 2021. A motion was made by Victoria Murdy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to approve this candidate for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity. The

motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Krista Guynes, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Gerard Tarrant.

### **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**

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.

### **Expenditure Report:**

Erica Allen reviewed the Expenditure Report. Fiscal Year 2021 Fund Balances as of April 30, 2021 are: Monthly Expenditures - \$57,193.94; Carryover - \$346,070.00; and Ending Balance - \$418,066.06. A copy of the report is attached.

A motion was made by Pamela Rollins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Williams to accept the Expenditure Report for April 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Krista Guynes, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Gerard Tarrant.

### **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 SW21-219 has been assigned to Krista Guynes.

Executive Director Report:

- ❖ There was no report given.

Chair of the Board Report:

- ❖ A motion was made by Pamela Rollins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Victoria Murdy to extend the background check results to one year. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Beth McNamee, Pamela Rollins, Erin Pittman, Krista Guynes, Sharon Adams, Jennifer Fulcher, and Jamie Williams; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Victoria Murdy; Recusal: None; Absence: Candace Riddley and Gerard Tarrant.

MFT Report:

- ❖ There have been no new permits issued; twenty-one (21) emergency permits approved for marriage and family therapy, and seven pending.

SW Report:

- ❖ There have been a total of sixty-two (62) emergency permits approved.
- ❖ Beth McNamee addressed the Board regarding the Executive Director's position.

Board Members Report:

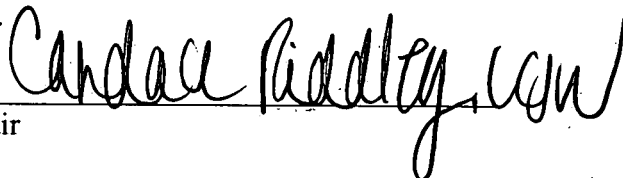
- ❖ No report was given.


Committee Reports:

- ❖ There were no reports given.

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

The next Board meeting will be held June 11, 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.

  
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Chair

  
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Recorder

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

*“Protect the Public”*

**May 14, 2021**

**11:30 a.m.**

- I. Convene Meeting: Opening Comments
  - a. Introduction of New Board Members
- II. Public Comments
- III. Review Minutes and Agenda
- IV. Executive Director Report
  - a. Financial Report
  - b. Disciplinary Actions
    - i. New Complaints
    - ii. Reports on Current Investigations
    - iii. Reports on Disciplined Licensees' Progress
    - iv. Possible Hiring of Investigator (deferred)
- V. Board Chair Report
  - a. ASWB & MBOE CE Application Approval (deferred decision)
  - b. Voting on 1-year Background Check Results
- VI. MFT Chair Report
- VII. SW Chair Report
  - a. Search Committee
- 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*





Board of Examiners Cumulative Report				FY 2021	AS OF APRIL 30, 2021	
	Actual	Projected	Difference	Percent		
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>						
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 155,436.05	\$ 164,392.00	\$ 8,955.95	95%	Cumulative Expenditures	\$ 195,332.64
Travel	\$ 727.88	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,272.12	6%	Revenue	\$ 267,328.70
<b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>						
Employee Training	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0%	Ending Balance	\$ 418,066.06
Postage, box rent	\$ 4,322.00	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 128.00	97%	Unencumbered Revenue	\$ 352,512.70
Promotional Expenses (exhibits, displays)	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,850.00	8%		
Rent	\$ 16,472.50	\$ 19,767.00	\$ 3,294.50	83%		
Office Equipment Rental	\$ 5,003.52	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 596.48	89%		
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ 2,076.99	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,923.01	0%		
ITS Fees	\$ 2,302.03	\$ 2,020.00	\$ (282.03)	114%		
MMRS Fees	\$ 3,262.50	\$ 6,525.00	\$ 3,262.50	24%		
Court Reporter	\$ 341.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,059.00	24%		
Liability Insurance	\$ 169.82	\$ 205.00	\$ 35.18	83%		
Fidelity Bonds	\$ 350.00	\$ 345.00	\$ (5.00)	101%		
Membership Dues	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,539.00	\$ 789.00	49%		
Public Network Access Charges	\$ 1,314.30	\$ 1,537.00	\$ 2,000.00	86%		
Cellular	\$ 490.78	\$ 612.00	\$ 121.22	80%		
Total Contractual Services	\$ 37,105.44	\$ 77,600.00	\$ 40,494.56	48%		
			\$ -			
<b>COMMODITIES</b>						
Printing & Binding	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0%		
Office Supplies	\$ 305.80	\$ 400.00	\$ 94.20	76%		
Paper Supplies	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	0%		
Other Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		
Other Equipment	\$ 30.75	\$ 124.00	\$ 93.25	25%		
Procurement Card	\$ 1,592.58	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,407.42	53%		
Food For Board Meetings	\$ 134.14	\$ 500.00	\$ 365.86	27%		
Total Commodities	\$ 2,063.27	\$ 4,624.00	\$ 2,560.73	45%		
			\$ -			
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>						
Office Machines/Furniture	\$ 699.00	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 1,571.00	31%		
Total Equipment	\$ 699.00	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 1,571.00	31%		
Total Expenditures	\$ 195,332.64	\$ 260,886.00	\$ 65,553.36	75%		