



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

Minutes for November 18, 2022 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, November 18, 2022, 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 10:39 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
Dr. Valerie Joiner, LCSW
Krista Guynes, LCSW
Rosalind Yarber, LSW
Catherine Jones, LMFT
Valerie Burnett, LSW

Members Absent: Phylandria Hudson, LCSW

Staff and Guests: Erica Allen, Executive Director
Sarah Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General
Gwen Bouie-Haynes, Executive Director NASW-MS
Reginald Virgil, NASW-MS Intern
Miranda Allen
Skyla Mitchell
Landon Woods
Gina Knitter

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Valerie Joiner to approve the October 2022 minutes. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Valerie Joiner, Rosalind Yarber, Valerie Burnett, Jamie Williams, Catherine Jones, and Jeff Hinton; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Phylandria Hudson.

A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve the October 2022 agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Valerie Joiner, Rosalind Yarber, Valerie Burnett, Jamie Williams, Catherine Jones, and Jeff Hinton; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Phylandria Hudson.

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

There were no candidates presented at this level..

LCSW Level by Universal Recognition Reciprocity

There were no candidates presented at this level.

APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL WORK REINSTATEMENTS

LSW Reinstatements

A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve this candidate for reinstatement at the LSW level.

Stephanie Carr

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

LMSW Reinstatements

A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Rosalind Yarber to approve these candidates for reinstatement at the LMSW level.

Brittany Pippins

Courtney Hicks

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

LCSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented for LCSW reinstatement.

RATIFICATION OF SOCIAL WORK APPLICANTS APPROVED FOR LICENSURE

LSW Level

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LSW level on November 18, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve these candidates for licensure at the LSW level.

*Jessica Jeff
Kandis Wahl
Summer Foy
Anna Suttle*

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

LSW Level by Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidate for licensure by reciprocity at the LSW level on November 18, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve this candidate for licensure by reciprocity at the LSW level.

Kaitlyn Smith

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

LMSW Level

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level on November 18, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Rosalind Yarber to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level.

*Amanda King
Kaitlyn Gray
Austin Wood
Jordan Copeland
Cresandra Washington
Stephanie Nowell
Martine Johnson
Beonca Terry
Miranda Williams*

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

Catherine Jones, and Jeff Hinton; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Phylandria Hudson.

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity on November 18, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Rosalind Yarber to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity.

Erica Crosby

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

LCSW Level

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level on November 18, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Valerie Joiner to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level.

*Rodnecia Joiner
Tabitha Hampton
Kemberli Brown
Sarah Johnson*

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

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity on November 18, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Valerie Burnett to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity.

<i>Madeline Friedman</i>	<i>Jamie Krone</i>
<i>Dayana Alequin</i>	<i>Yolanda Wallace</i>
<i>Ann Kennedy</i>	<i>Ashonda Reese</i>
<i>Shameeka Williams</i>	<i>Aja Riley-Bennett</i>

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

Marriage and Family Therapy

The following candidate(s) were presented for licensure:

LMFTA Licensure

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LMFT Licensure

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LMFT Licensure by Endorsement

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LMFT Licensure by Universal Recognition Reciprocity

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LMFT Reinstatements

A motion was made by Gerard Tarrant and 2nd by Krista Guynes to approve the following candidate for reinstatement.

John Southern

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

IV. REPORTS

Executive Director – Erica Allen

Office Updates

Office staff and ITS have begun reviewing and testing the new applicant portal.

Financial Report

Erica Allen reviewed the Expenditure Report. Fiscal Year 2023 Fund Balances as of October 31, 2022 are: Monthly Expenditures - \$10,858.08; Carryover – \$377,005.00; and Ending Balance - \$710,576.20. A copy of the report is attached.

A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Valerie Joiner to accept the Expenditure Report for October 31, 2022. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Valerie Joiner, Rosalind Yarber, Valerie Burnett, Jamie Williams, Catherine Jones, and Jeff Hinton; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Phylandria Hudson.

Board Chair – Gerard Tarrant

There was no report given.

Chair of Social Work – Elizabeth “Beth” McNamee

There was no report given.

Chair of Marriage & Family Therapy – Dr. Jamie Williams

There was no report given.

Board Member

Phylandria Hudson attended the ASWB Delegate Assembly meeting.

Legal Counsel – Sarah Mann

Sarah Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General, has replaced Edward Wiggins as our newly assigned Board attorney.

Committees

Continuing Education Committee Update

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

V. RULES DISCUSSION

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Report from NASW-MS Chapter

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Valerie Burnett to accept the request to support NASW MS Chapter as a sponsor at their 41st Conference March 2-24, 2023 at an amount not to exceed the Gold level, \$3,500.00 as requested. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Krista Guynes, Beth McNamee, Valerie Joiner, Rosalind Yarber, Valerie Burnett, Jamie Williams, Catherine Jones, and Jeff Hinton; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Phylandria Hudson.

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.

The subject of SW19-201 submitted quarterly progress report.

Reports on Disciplined Licensees' Progress

A detailed report on disciplined licensees' progress is attached.

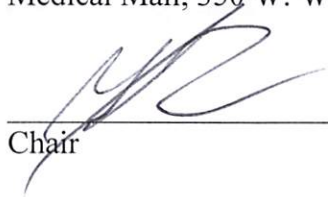
VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The next Board meeting will be held December 9, 2022, 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, November 18, 2022, 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		AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2022									
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												
Travel			\$ 450.00														
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES																	
Employee Training																	
Postage, Box Rent			\$ 2,000.00														
Promotional Expenses(Exhibits, Displays)																	
Rent		\$ 3,294.50	\$ 1,647.25	\$ 1,647.25													
Office Equipment Rental			\$ 179.71	\$ 187.71	\$ 991.77												
Personnel Service Contracts		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00												
ITS Fees				\$ 145.57	\$ 74.57												
MMRS Fees/Inter-Agency Fees																	
Court Reporter																	
Liability Insurance				\$ 134.00													
Fidelity Bonds																	
Membership Dues		\$ 250.00															
Public Network Access Charges		\$ 133.30	\$ 133.30	\$ 133.30	\$ 133.30												
Celluar			\$ 51.69	\$ 51.75	\$ 51.75												
Total Contractual Services		\$ 3,977.80	\$ 4,311.95	\$ 2,599.58	\$ 1,551.39	\$ -	\$ -										
COMMODITIES																	
Printing & Binding																	
Office Supplies																	
Paper Supplies																	
Other Supplies																	
Other Equipment			\$ 11.75	\$ 11.75	\$ 23.50												
Procument Card				\$ 267.54	\$ 141.98												
Food For Board Meetings			\$ 24.44	\$ 55.63	\$ 116.05												
Total Commodities		\$ -	\$ 36.19	\$ 334.92	\$ 281.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EQUIPMENT																	
Office Machines/Furniture																	
Total Equipment																	
Total Monthly Expenditures		\$ 12,924.96	\$ 13,745.30	\$ 11,881.66	\$ 10,858.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Monthly Revenue		\$ 43,373.00	\$ 12,135.00	\$ 42,223.00	\$ 44,035.00												
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	\$ 64,161.80	\$ 67,424.95	\$ 8,580.00	\$ 50,258.90				

Board of Examiners Cumulative Report						FY 2023	AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2022
	Actual	Projected	Difference	Percent			
PERSONAL SERVICES						FUND BALANCE	
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 35,866.64	\$ 165,376.00	\$ 129,509.36	22%	Carryover funds from prior FY2022	\$ 377,005.00	
Travel	\$ 450.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,550.00	4%	Revenue	\$ 382,981.20	
					Cummulative Expenditures	\$ 49,410.00	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES					Ending Balance	\$ 710,576.20	
Employee Training	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0%	Unencumbered Revenue	\$ 346,070.00	
Postage, box rent	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 2,450.00	45%			
Promotional Expenses (exhibits,displays)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	0%			
Rent	\$ 6,589.00	\$ 24,894.00	\$ 18,305.00	26%			
Office Equipment Rental	\$ 1,359.19	\$ 1.00	\$ (1,358.19)	135919%			
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 31,915.00	\$ 30,715.00	4%			
ITS Fees	\$ 220.14	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 1,154.86	16%			
MMRS Fees	\$ -	\$ 6,138.00	\$ 6,138.00				
Court Reporter	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	0%			
Liability Insurance	\$ 134.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 216.00	38%			
Fidelity Bonds	\$ -	\$ 345.00	\$ 345.00	0%			
Membership Dues	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,889.00	\$ 1,639.00	13%			
Public Network Access Charges	\$ 533.20	\$ 1,574.00	\$ 2,000.00	34%			
Celluar	\$ 155.19	\$ 650.00	\$ 494.81	24%			
Total Contractual Services	\$ 12,440.72	\$ 77,981.00	\$ 65,540.28	16%			
			\$ -				
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	\$ 47.00	\$ 624.00	\$ 577.00	8%			
Procument Card	\$ 409.52	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,340.48	15%			
Food For Board Meetings	\$ 196.12	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,303.88	13%			
Total Commodities	\$ 652.64	\$ 5,877.00	\$ 5,224.36	11%			
EQUIPMENT			\$ -				
Office Machines/Furniture	\$ -	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 2,270.00	0%			
Total Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 2,270.00	0%			
Total Expenditures	\$ 49,410.00	\$ 263,504.00	\$ 214,094.00	19%			

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT AS OF 11/18/2022

CASE #	DATE OF ORIGIN	ASSIGNED TO	DATE ASSIGNED	ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATOR	INVESTIGATION COMPLETED	REPORT TO BOARD	STATUS/NOTES
SW17-161*	3/22/2017		reassigned 9/14/18			12/14/2018	Waiting for Signed Order
SW19-190	4/8/2019	FULCHER	5/24/2019				Will be reassigned 12/09/2022
MFT19-204	12/17/2019	TARRANT	1/10/2020				
SW20-210	7/10/2020	MCNAMEE	7/10/2020				
SW20-212	7/31/2020	FULCHER	8/14/2020				Will be reassigned 12/09/2022
SW20-214	10/5/2020	FULCHER	10/9/2020				Will be reassigned 12/09/2022
SW21-216	1/21/2021	RIDDLEY	2/12/2021				Will be reassigned 12/09/2022
SW21-218	3/3/2021	RIDDLEY	3/12/2021				Will be reassigned 12/09/2022
SW21-219	5/3/2021	GUYNES	5/14/2021				
SW21-224	9/17/2021	GUYNES	10/8/2021				
MFT22-226	3/4/2022	TARRANT	3/11/2022				
SW22-227	5/9/2022	JOINER	6/10/2022				
SW22-229	7/12/2022	MCNAMEE	8/12/2022				Hearing rescheduled for 1/13/2023
SW22-231	10/14/2022	HUDSON					

DISCIPLINED LICENSEES' PROGRESS REPORT AS OF 11/18/2022

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
Paul McCollough, W3236 SW17-161	9/30/2022 Expired	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	n/a (Murdy)	Stipulation and Consent Order, Probation for a period of eighteen (18) months, \$1,000.00 fine	10/21/2020	9/1/2022				
Melissa Ratliff, C5772 SW18-171	4/30/2024	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	11/11/21	03/09/2022	09/08/2022		
Holly Regan, C7870 SW18-183/184	4/30/2024	n/a (Murdy)	Stipulation and Consent Order, Probation for a period of thirty-six (36) months, \$3000.00 fine Fine Paid in full on 11/3/2021: 020101796882 10/18/2021	8/13/2021	1/12/22	04/12/2022			
Terrence Skidmore, C8764 SW19-201	4/30/2024	Riddley	Consent Order, three (3) year probation, \$500.00 fine Fine paid in full on 6/9/2021: CC 0451963312 5/21/2021	4/22/2021	11/19/21	03/04/2022	05/16/2022	11/07/2022	
Alicia Danley, M6813 SW19-194	4/30/2023	Hudson	She never signed or accepted the Informal Offer. Her license was reinstated June 2022.	pending					
Jade Williamson, M7927 SW21-222	04/30/2023	McNamee	Concurrent Probation with Court Order Four additional hours of ethics – Submitted July 2022	06/10/2022					
Nicholas Tew, C6882 SW20-211	04/30/2024	Riddley	Stipulation and Consent Order, Probation for a period of twelve (12) months, 20 additional hours professional ethics, \$500.00 fine – paid 9/23/2022	08/12/2022					
Stark Farrell, C6287 SW16-157	4/30/2019 EXPIRED	Riddley	3yr. probation, \$3,000.00 fine , license expired 3 yrs. Beginning 5/11/18						