



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

Minutes for October 8, 2021 Board Meeting

The Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists (Board) held a Board meeting on Friday, October 8, 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 Avery Lee, Senior Special Assistant Attorney General, Gwen Bouie-Haynes, Executive Director NASW-MS, Erica Allen, Executive Director, and Britney Mangum, Executive Director MAMFT-MS. All members were present.

Candace Riddley called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. A quorum of Board members was present.

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

Reports from NASW:

- ❖ Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes inquired about House Bill 1263 and Senate Bill 2240.

Expenditure Report:

Erica Allen reviewed the Expenditure Report. Fiscal Year 2021 Fund Balances as of September 30, 2021 are: Monthly Expenditures - \$17,714.99; Carryover - \$385,952.00; and Ending Balance - \$474,028.88. 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 September 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; 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 SW21-224 has been assigned to Candace Riddley.
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- ❖ Case number SW21-225 has been assigned to Erin Pittman.

Executive Director Report:

- ❖ New office space.

Chair of the Board Report:

- ❖ Candace Riddley briefly clarifications with House Bill 1263.

MFT Report:

- ❖ Jamie Williams discussed reviewing applications in conjunction with the House and Senate Bills.
- ❖ There have been no new permits issued; twenty-one (21) emergency permits approved for marriage and family therapy.

SW Report:

- ❖ Beth McNamee discussed changes to the LCSW Supervisor application with changes to include macro and clinical experience.
- ❖ The emergency permit application has been revised to include local, state, and nation disasters.
- ❖ There was no report given on permits. There have been a total of eighty-three (83) emergency permits approved.

Board Members Report:

- ❖ Pamela Rollins gave an update on the AAMFT Annual Meeting.
- ❖ Pamela Rollins discussed contracting an investigator.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ Candace Riddley gave a brief update on the social work CE committee meeting.

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

LSW Level

Rachel Garrison
Josie Arrington
Renorda Dukes

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LSW level on October 8, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Sharon Adams 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, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; 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

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

LMSW Level

Britni Pittman
Jennifer Briggs
Yolanda Clark
Damaris Reid
Shannon Murray
Jody Edwards
Christina Powell
LaQuita Thomas
Alisha Dismukes
Ashley Pitts
Jaquan Walker
Sicely Cockrum
Shelby Dolbear

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LMSW level on October 8, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Beth McNamee 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, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista

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

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

Jamie Pence
Priscilla Kirk
Bonnie Atkinson

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LMSW level by reciprocity on October 8, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Sharon Adams 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, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LMSW Reinstatements

Corinne Taylor

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for reinstatement at the LMSW level on October 8, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Sharon Adams 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, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LCSW Level

April Kitchens
Carol Fraiser
Tasha Johnson
LaPatrick Stephens
Rachel Meredith

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LCSW level on October 8, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Sharon Adams 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, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

Kathryn Reynolds
Richard Roe

Lee King
Cecelia Hooks
Jacalyn Wetzel

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity on October 8, 2021. A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Sharon Adams 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, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

LCSW Reinstatements

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

A motion was made by Erin Pittman and 2nd by Sharon Adams to amend the minutes from September for Cusi De la Cruz pending one hour mandated reporting. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; 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

Zachary Polk

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LMFT level by Endorsement on October 8, 2021. A motion was made by Pamela Rollins and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMT level by Endorsement. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

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

A motion was made by Sharon Adams and 2nd by Beth McNamee that the Board had reason to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating and discussing case numbers SW21-220 and SW21-221, 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, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; 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 numbers SW21-220 and SW21-221 as the licensee did not violate any laws, rules, and regulations governing social work. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Candace Riddley, Beth McNamee, Sharon Adams, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Sharon Adams 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, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; 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, Erin Pittman, Pamela Rollins, Jennifer Fulcher, Jamie Williams, Krista Guynes, Gerard Tarrant, and Valerie Joiner; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: None.

The next Board meeting will be held November 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.

Candace Riddley

Chair

Emi Allen

Recorder

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

“Protect the Public”
October 8, 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. Chair Reports
 - a. Board Chair
 - i. House Bill 1263
 - ii. Senate Bill 2420
 - b. Marriage & Family Therapy
 - c. Social Work
- VI. Legal Counsel Report
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Board Member Reports
- IX. Licensure Votes
 - a. Social Work
 - b. Marriage & Family Therapy
- X. Executive Session
- XI. Follow-Up Responsibilities

Action Needed	Responsible Party	Report Date

- XII. 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 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT				FY 2022												AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021					
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June									
PERSONAL SERVICES																					
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 6,925.48	\$ 9,311.95	\$ 9,311.95																		
Travel	\$ 103.04	\$ 313.60	\$ 216.16																		
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES																					
Employee Training																					
Postage, Box Rent																					
Promotional Expenses/(Exhibits, Displays)																					
Rent			\$ 6,589.00																		
Office Equipment Rental			\$ 977.94																		
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ 1,022.29																				
ITS Fees	\$ 71.06		\$ 71.49																		
MMRS Fees																					
Court Reporter																					
Liability Insurance																					
Fidelity Bonds																					
Membership Dues																					
Public Network Access Charges																					
Cellular	\$ 51.73	\$ 259.73	\$ 259.73																		
Total Contractual Services	\$ 1,145.08	\$ 259.73	\$ 7,949.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
COMMODITIES																					
Printing & Binding																					
Office Supplies																					
Paper Supplies																					
Other Supplies			\$ 20.50																		
Other Equipment			\$ 157.74																		
Procurement Card			\$ 58.86																		
Food For Board Meetings			\$ 237.10																		
Total Commodities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 237.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
EQUIPMENT																					
Office Machines/Furniture																					
Total Equipment			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENDITURES																					
Monthly Revenue	\$ 8,173.60	\$ 9,885.28	\$ 17,714.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Prior YR Revenue	\$ 36,678.00	\$ 36,331.85	\$ 50,840.90	\$ 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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
	Actual	Projected	Difference	Percent		
PERSONAL SERVICES						
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 25,549.38	\$ 165,376.00	\$ 139,826.62	15%	Carryover Funds from prior FY2021	\$ 385,952.00
Travel	\$ 632.80	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,367.20	5%	Revenue	\$ 123,850.75
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES						
Employee Training	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0%	Cumulative Expenditures	\$ 35,773.87
Postage, box rent	\$ -	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,450.00	0%	Ending Balance	\$ 474,028.88
Promotional Expenses (exhibits displays)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	0%	Unencumbered Revenue	\$ 346,070.00
Rent	\$ 6,589.00	\$ 24,894.00	\$ 18,305.00	26%		
Office Equipment Rental	\$ 977.94	\$ 1.00	\$ (976.94)	97794%		
Personal Service Contracts	\$ 1,022.29	\$ 31,915.00	\$ 30,892.71	3%		
ITS Fees	\$ 142.55	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 1,232.45	10%		
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	\$ 519.46	\$ 1,574.00	\$ 2,000.00	33%		
Cellular	\$ 103.35	\$ 650.00	\$ 546.65	16%		
Total Contractual Services	\$ 9,354.59	\$ 77,981.00	\$ 68,626.41	12%		
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	\$ 20.50	\$ 624.00	\$ 603.50	3%		
Procurement Card	\$ 157.74	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,592.26	6%		
Food For Board Meetings	\$ 58.86	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,441.14	4%		
Total Commodities	\$ 237.10	\$ 5,877.00	\$ 5,639.90	4%		
EQUIPMENT						
Office Machines/Furniture	\$ -	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 2,270.00	0%		
Total Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 2,270.00	0%		
Total Expenditures	\$ 35,773.87	\$ 263,504.00	\$ 227,730.13	14%		

DISCIPLINED LICENSEES' PROGRESS REPORT AS OF 10/08/2021

Licensee Name, #, Case #	License expiration date	Assigned To	Disciplinary action details	Probationary Period	Reports				Probation Completion Date
					1 Report completed	2 Report completed	3 Report completed	4 Report completed	
Chris Huff, CS077 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	
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, C5772 SW18-171	4/30/2022	n/a	Probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months, Supervision privileges revoked, \$458.00 administrative fine	5/12/2021					
Holly Regan, C7870 SW18-183/184	4/30/2022	Murdy	Fine paid in full on 6/9/2021: \$458.00 fine CK 3173 6/14/2021 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	Riddley	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 EXPIRED	Riddley	3yr. probation, \$3,000.00 fine, license expired 3 yrs. Beginning 5/11/18						

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT AS OF 10/08/2021

CASE #	DATE OF ORIGIN	ASSIGNED TO	DATE ASSIGNED	ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATOR	INVESTIGATION COMPLETED	REPORT TO BOARD	STATUS/NOTES
SW17-161	3/22/2017						
SW19-190	4/8/2019	FULCHER	reassigned: 9/14/18			12/14/2018	Accepted Informal Offer
SW19-198	9/25/2019	MCNAMEE	5/24/2019				
MFT19-203	12/9/2019	ROLLINS					Accepted Informal Offer
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				Dismissed
SW21-219	5/3/2021	Guynes	5/14/2021				
SW21-220	5/21/2021	RIDDLEY	6/9/2021				Motion to dismiss
SW21-221	5/21/2021	JOINER	6/9/2021				Motion to dismiss
SW21-222	8/13/2021	MCNAMEE	8/13/2021				
SW21-223	8/30/2021	JOINER	9/7/2021				
SW21-224		New					
SW21-225		New					

Erin Candace