

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

Minutes for April 14, 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, April 14, 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 10:47 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. Jeff Hinton, LMFT Phylandria Hudson, LCSW Dr. Valerie Joiner, LCSW Krista Guynes, LCSW Catherine Jones, LMFT Rosalind Yarber, LSW Valerie Burnett, LSW

Members Absent: Dr. Jamie Williams, LMFT, Chair of MFTDSC

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

Victoria Bolls

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

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

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

LaShonda Davis

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

LMSW Level by Universal Recognition Reciprocity

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Krista Guynes to approve this candidate for licensure by universal recognition reciprocity at the LMSW level.

Portia Jackson Skyla Mitchell Whitney Starks Lastangela Thomas

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

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 for reinstatement.

LMSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented for reinstatement.

LCSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented for 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 April 14, 2023. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Krista Guynes to approve these candidates for licensure at the LSW level.

Miriam Thompson Brittany Byers

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

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 April 14, 2023. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Krista Guynes to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level.

Raevin Wade Virginia Holtz Melissa Novak Tabitha Cooper Shaniqua Forrest Mia Rice

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

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity on April 14, 2023. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Krista Guynes to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity.

Rokoyia Roper-Lee Tenierdra Griffin Toni Williams Jennifer Hime

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

Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Valerie Burnett and Jamie Williams.

LCSW Level

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level on April 14, 2023. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Krista Guynes to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level.

Allison Lowther Sabrina Benson Lindsay Bergman

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

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity on April 14, 2023. A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Valerie Joiner to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity.

Sage Conner
Ciarra Spruill
Elisa Fuld
Carlie Jo Richard LeBlanc
Cindy Blacklidge
Stacy Gurganus
Samantha Stone

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

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 Gerard Tarrant and 2nd by Krista Guynes to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LMFT level.

Josh Evans

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

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

There were no candidates presented at this level.

IV. REPORTS

Executive Director - Erica Allen

Office Updates

- -Microsoft Surface Tablets have been ordered.
- -Current office lease is up in November; therefore, new office space is being taken into consideration.

Financial Report

Erica Allen reviewed the Expenditure Report. Fiscal Year 2023 Fund Balances as of March 31, 2023 are: Monthly Expenditures - \$15,971.41; Carryover – \$377,005.00; and Ending Balance - \$632,615.38. A copy of the report is attached.

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Krista Guynes to accept the Expenditure Report for March 31, 2023. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Phylandria Hudson, Rosalind Yarber, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Valerie Burnett and Jamie Williams.

Board Chair - Gerard Tarrant

There was no report given.

Chair of Social Work - Elizabeth "Beth" McNamee

Beth McNamee and Valerie Joiner attended and presented at the NASW MS Chapter Conference.

Beth McNamee and Valerie Joiner will be presenting at the NASW MS Chapter Conference in March.

Chair of Marriage & Family Therapy - Dr. Jamie Williams

There was no report given.

Board Member

There was no report given.

Legal Counsel - Sarah Mann

Discussion given on Legislative updates.

Committees

Continuing Education Committee Update

• There was no report given.

V. RULES DISCUSSION

There was no report given.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Report from NASW-MS Chapter

Gwen Bouie-Haynes gave an update regarding NASW and thanked the Board for their attendance at the NASW MS Chapter Conference.

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.

SW23-234 has been assigned to Beth McNamee.

Reports on Disciplined Licensees' Progress

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Krista Guynes to go into a closed determination session to determine if the Board had reason to go into executive session. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Phylandria Hudson, Rosalind Yarber, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Valerie Burnett and Jamie Williams.

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

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

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Krista Guynes that the Board had reason to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating and discussing case number SW21-216/218 and SW20-212, 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: Gerard Tarrant, Phylandria Hudson, Rosalind Yarber, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Valerie Burnett and Jamie Williams.

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Valerie Joiner and 2nd by Beth McNamee to dismiss case number SW21-216/218 as the licensee has not violated any rules, regulations, and statutes pertaining to social work. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Phylandria Hudson, Rosalind Yarber, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Valerie Burnett and Jamie Williams.

A motion was made by Rosalind Yarber and 2nd by Beth McNamee to dismiss case number SW20-212 as the licensee has not violated any rules, regulations, and statutes pertaining to social work. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Phylandria Hudson, Rosalind Yarber, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, and Catherine Jones; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Valerie Burnett and Jamie Williams.

A motion was made by Beth McNamee and 2nd by Valerie Joiner for the board to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Phylandria Hudson, Rosalind Yarber, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Krista

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

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

IX. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE WORK

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

The next Board meeting will be held May 12, 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.

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Friday, April 14, 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

FY 2023 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT July August September C	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	.lune
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Salaries & Fringe Benefits \$ 8,947.16	\$ 8,947.16	\$ 8,947.16	\$9,025.16	\$ 9,232.16	\$ 0,990.42	\$ 9,2/1.01		4 000 40			
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CONTRACTUAL SERVICES											
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Promotional Expenses(Exhibits, Displays)					\$ 3,500.00						
\$ 3,294.50	_	_		ω		c	_				
Office Equipment Rental	\$ 179.71	\$ 187.71			\$ 991.77						
Personnel Service Contracts \$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00			
		\$ 145.57	\$ 74.57	\$ /4.58		\$ 1,012.90	\$ 948.03	\$ 4/4.3/			
MMRS Fees/Inter-Agency Fees						\$ 2,871.50					
Court Reporter											
Liability Insurance		\$ 134.00									
Fidelty Bonds				\$ 350.00)					
Membership Dues \$ 250.00						\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00				
cess Charges	\$ 133.30	\$ 133.30	\$ 133.30	\$ 133.30							
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Total Contractual Services \$ 3,977.80	\$ 4,311.95	\$ 2,599.58	\$ 1,551.39	\$ 4,391.86	\$ 4,843.54	\$ 9,168.38	\$ 3,030.39	3,019.19	6	6	•
COMMODITIES											
Printing & Binding											
Office Supplies											
Paper Supplies											
Other Supplies								¢ 11 75			
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Food For Board Meetings	\$ 24.44	\$ 55.63	\$ 116.05	5 6.54		300.7	\$ 62.70	4 704 22	A	A	£
Total Commodities \$ -	\$ 36.19	\$ 334.92	\$ 281.53	\$ 346.09	\$ 2/8.06	398.19	\$ 53.72	\$ 1,701.23	6	6	•
EQUIPMENT Office Machines/Furniture						\$ 562.49 \$ 562.49					
Total Monthly Expenditures \$ 12,924.96 Monthly Revenue \$ 43,373.00	\$ 13,745.30 \$ 12,135.00	\$ 11,881.66 \$ 42,223.00	\$ 10,858.08 \$ 44,035.00	\$ 14,801.36	\$ 14,952.52	\$ 19 400 87	\$ 13 397 15	\$ 15,971.41	⇔	€9	69

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		Actual	Р	Projected	D	Difference	Percent					
PERSONAL SERVICES									FUND E	FUND BALANCE		
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	€	81,912.65	↔	165,376.00	€	83,463.35	50%	Carry	over funds from	Carryover funds from prior FY2022	49	377,005.00
Travel	G	3,649.16	€	12,000.00	69	8,350.84	30%				•	
								Revenue	nue		¥	382,981.20
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES								Cum	Cummulative Expenditures	nditures	49	127,370.82
Employee Training	↔	ï	69	500.00	↔	500.00	0%				•	
Postage, box rent	↔	2,354.00	↔	4,450.00	↔	2,096.00	53%	Endi	Ending Balance		4	632,615.38
Promotional Expenses (exhibits, displays)	€9	4,700.00	€	2,500.00	€9	(2,200.00)	188%	Uner	Unencumbered Revenue	/enue	4	346,070.00
	↔	16,472.50	€	24,894.00	69	8,421.50	66%					
Office Equipment Rental	↔	3,905.86	€	1.00	69	(3,904.86)	390586%					
Personnel Service Contracts	↔	2,700.00	49	31,915.00	69	29,215.00	8%					
TS Fees	69	2,730.62	€	1,375.00	€9	(1,355.62)	199%					
MMRS Fees	69	2,871.50	€	6,138.00	49	3,266.50						
Court Reporter	69	·	↔	1,400.00	49	1,400.00	0%					
iability Insurance	€9	134.00	69	350.00	↔	216.00	38%					
Fidelty Bonds	↔	350.00	69	345.00	69	(5.00)	101%					
Membership Dues	€	1,000.00	69	1,889.00	↔	889.00	53%					
Public Network Access Charges	€	666.50	69	1,574.00	↔	2,000.00	42%					
Celluar	€	414.10	↔	650.00	€	235.90	64%					
Total Contractual Services	€	38,299.08	69	77,981.00	A 69	39,681.92	49%					
COMMODITIES												
Printing & Binding			69	1.00	↔	1.00	0%					
Office Supplies	4	ï	€9	1,000.00	↔	1,000.00	0%					
Paper Supplies	↔	,	69	1.00	€9	1.00	0%					
Other Supplies	€9	,	€	1.00	69	1.00	0%					
Other Equipment	€9	82.25	69	624.00	€	541.75	13%					
Procument Card	€	3,109.35	€	2,750.00	69	(359.35)	113%					
Food For Board Meetings	€9	318.33	↔	1,500.00	49	1,181.67	21%					
Total Commodities	69	3,509.93	↔	5,877.00	€	2,367.07	60%					
EQUIPMENT					€	1						
Office Machines/Furniture	↔	562.49	€	2,270.00	69	1,707.51	25%					
Total Equipment	€	562.49	69	2,270.00	G	1,707.51	25%					
Total Exponditures	A	127 270 82	ө	263 504 00	A	136 133 18	18%					

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT AS OF 04/14/2023

SW23-234	SW23-233	SW23-232	SW22-231	SW22-229	SW21-219	SW21-218	SW21-216	SW20-214	SW20-212	SW19-194	SW19-190		CASE #
4/7/2023	2/28/2023	1/30/2023	10/14/2022	7/12/2022	5/3/2021	3/3/2021	1/21/2021	10/5/2020	7/31/2020	6/13/2019	4/8/2019		DATE OF ORIGIN
MCNAMEE	JOINER	GUYNES	HUDSON	MCNAMEE	GUYNES	RIDDLEY	RIDDLEY	FULCHER	FULCHER	HUDSON	FULCHER	1	ASSIGNED TO
4/14/2023	3/10/2023	2/10/2023	10/14/2022	8/12/2022	5/14/2021	3/12/2021	2/12/2021	10/9/2020	8/14/2020	7/12/2019	5/24/2019		DATE ASSIGNED
									- 1			INVESTIGATOR	ASSIGNED TO
-					i.							COMPLETED	INVESTIGATION
					. 7	1						BOARD	REPORT TO
				Pending Action	Deciding on Advisory Letter Requirement	Reassigned to V. Joiner 02/10/2023	Reassigned to V. Joiner 02/10/2023	Will be reassigned	Reassigned to R. Yarber 02/10/2023	Reassgned to P. Hudson 01/13/2023	Reassgned to V. Burnett 02/10/2023		STATUS/NOTES

DISCIPLINED LICENSEES' PROGRESS REPORT AS OF 04/14/2023

08/12/2023					08/12/2022	Stipulation and Consent Order, Probation for a period of twelve (12) months, 20 additional hours professional ethics, \$500.00 fine – paid 9/23/2022	04/30/2024 Guynes	04/30/20	Nicholas Tew, C6882 SW20-211
									SW19-194
					pending	She never signed or accepted the Informal Offer. Her license was reinstated June 2022.	3 Hudson	4/30/2023	Alicia Danley, M6813
						His supervision and counseling has been completed.			SW19-201
				12/2022		Fine paid in full on 6/9/2021: CC 0451963312 5/21/2021			Skidmore, C8764
04/22/2024	11/07/2022	05/16/2022 11/07/2022	03/04/2022	11/19/21	4/22/2021	nee Consent Order, three (3) year probation, \$500.00 fine	4 McNamee	4/30/2024	Terrence
						Fine Paid in full on 11/3/2021: 020101796882 10/18/2021			SW18-183/184
08/13/2024		04/13/2023	04/12/2022	1/12/22	8/13/2021	Stipulation and Consent Order, Probation for a period of thirtysix (36) months, \$3000.00 fine	4 Yarber	4/30/2024	Holly Regan, C7870
						Fine paid in full on 6/9/2021: \$458.00 fine CK 3173 6/14/2021			SW18-171
05/12/2023		09/08/2022	03/09/2022	11/11/21	5/12/2021	Probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months, Supervision privileges revoked, \$458.00 administrative fine	4 Burnett	4/30/2024	Melissa Ratliff, C5772
									SW17-168
10/21/2023				9/1/2022	10/21/2020	nee Stipulation and Consent Order, Probation for a period of thirty-six (36) months, \$1,000.00 fine	3 McNamee	4/30/2023	Shirley Falvey, C6791
Probation Completion Date	4 Report completed	3 Report completed	2 Report completed	Report completed	Probationary Period	ed Disciplinary action details	Assigned To	License expiration date	Licensee Name, #, Case #