



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

Minutes for January 10, 2020 Board Meeting

The Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists (Board) held a Board meeting on Friday, January 10, 2020, 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.

Jennifer Fulcher called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 10:46 a.m. A quorum of Board members were present.

Members present were Jennifer Fulcher, LSW, Board Chair, Candace Riddley, LCSW, Chair SW Discipline Specific Committee, Pamela Rollins, LMFT, Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Sharon Adams, LMFT, Beth Little, LCSW, Beth McNamee, LCSW, and Brenda Viverette, LSW. Also in attendance were Billy Dilworth, Executive Director, Janice Sandefur, Gloria Green, Angela Shines, and Erica Allen. Absent from this meeting was Jamie Williams, LMFT, Chair MFT Discipline Specific Committee and Victoria Murdy, LCSW.

A motion was made by Beth Little and 2nd by Brenda Viverette to approve the December 2019 minutes with no corrections. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Sharon Adams and 2nd by Gerard Tarrant to accept the agenda as is. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

Reports from NASW:

- ❖ Janice Sandefur addressed the Board regarding Advocacy Day and MBOE candidate reviews.
- ❖ Janice Sandefur will be retiring from NASW on January 22, 2020.

Expenditure Report:

Billy Dilworth, Executive Director, reviewed the Expenditure Report. Fiscal Year 2020 Fund Balances as of December 31, 2019 are: Monthly Expenditures - \$18,074.07; Carryover – \$290,006.83; and Ending Balance - \$310,335.98. A copy of the report is attached.

A motion was made by Sharon Adams and 2nd by Gerard Tarrant to accept the Expenditure Report for December 31, 2019. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

Complaints File Report:

Billy Dilworth 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 MFT19-204 has been assigned to Gerard Tarrant.
- ❖ The subject of case number MFT18-178 accepted the formal offer and will be sent a consent order.
- ❖ The subjects of case numbers SW19-191 and SW19-197 will each be mailed a letter of advisement.
- ❖ The final order has been completed for the subject of case number SW18-180.
- ❖ A hearing for the subject of case number SW19-195 has been scheduled for February 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Director Report:

- ❖ The rules and regulations have been filed and will be available February 9, 2020.

Chair of the Board Report:

- ❖ No report was given.

MFT Report:

- ❖ No report was given.

SW Report:

- ❖ Candace Riddley addressed the Board regarding licensees and social media.

Board Members Report:

- ❖ No report was given.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ Continuing Education:
 - ◆ SW Continuing Education offerings: There were no offerings reviewed.
 - ◆ MFT Continuing Education offerings: There were no offerings reviewed.

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

LSW Level

Arbdella Hatch
Alesha Stennis
Shelby Harris
Jana Smith

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LSW level on January 10, 2020. A motion was made by Brenda Viverette and 2nd by Sharon Adams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LSW Level by Reciprocity

Lillian Vega

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LSW level by reciprocity on January 10, 2020. A motion was made by Brenda Viverette and 2nd by Sharon Adams to approve this candidate for licensure at the LSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LMSW Level

Jariva King
Carrie Miller
Maritza Johnson
Jessica Steele
Sara Rutledge
Kelsey Boyd
Candice Wilson

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LMSW level on January 10, 2020. A motion was made by Brenda Viverette and 2nd by Sharon Adams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

Frances Guerry

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for licensure at the LMSW level by reciprocity on January 10, 2020. A motion was made by Brenda Viverette and 2nd by Sharon Adams to approve this candidate for licensure at the LSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LCSW Level

Kyle Birdwell
Patricia Cummings
Sherri Sabin
Patrice Jenkins
Kimberly Robertson

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LCSW level on January 10, 2020. A motion was made by Brenda Viverette and 2nd by Sharon Adams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

Jennifer Jones
Sharon Sherinian
Lisa Hare

The staff has recommended the above listed candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity on January 10, 2020. A motion was made by Brenda Viverette and 2nd by Sharon Adams to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LSW Reinstatements

Kenyada King

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for reinstatement at the LSW level on January 10, 2020. A motion was made by Brenda Viverette and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve this candidate for reinstatement at the LSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LMSW Reinstatements

Alleta McBride

The staff has recommended the above listed candidate for reinstatement at the LMSW level on January 10, 2020. A motion was made by Brenda Viverette and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve this candidate for reinstatement at the LMSW level. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

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 licensure at the LMFTA level.

LMFT Licensure

Jessica McLain

A motion was made by Gerard Tarrant and 2nd by Sharon Adams to approve this candidate for licensure at the LMFT level, pending an acceptable background check. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

LMFT Licensure by Endorsement

There were no candidates presented for LMFT licensure by Endorsement.

LMFT Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented for LMFT Reinstatement.

CLOSED DETERMINATION

A motion to go into a closed determination session to determine if the Board had reason to go into executive session was made by Gerard Tarrant and 2nd by Brenda Viverette. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

In closed determination session, a motion was made by Gerard Tarrant and 2nd by Sharon Adams that the Board had reason to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating and discussing case number SW18-180, 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. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Brenda Viverette and 2nd by Sharon Adams to accept the order with revision regarding the subject of case number SW18-180. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Sharon Adams and 2nd by Gerard Tarrant for the board to come out of executive session. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

The Board resumed in open meeting and announced to the public the above described action taken by the Board in executive session. The Board deferred making a decision pending receipt of further information.

A motion was made by Brenda Viverette and 2nd by Gerard Tarrant to adjourn regular board meeting business to committee work. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion and, therefore, the motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held February 14, 2020, 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

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

“Protect the Public”
January 10, 2020

10:30 a.m.

- I. Convene Meeting: Opening Comments
- 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
- V. Board Chair Report
- VI. MFT Chair Report
- VII. SW Chair Report
- VIII. Legal Counsel Report
- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Board Member Reports
- 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

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT AS OF 1/10/2020

CASE #	DATE OF ORIGIN	ASSIGNED TO	DATE ASSIGNED	ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATOR	INVESTIGATION COMPLETED	REPORT TO BOARD	STATUS/NOTES
SW17-161	3/22/2017	LITTLE	reassigned 9/14/18				Informal Settlement Offer
SW17-168	8/16/2017	MURDY	8/18/2017				Revising Consent Order
SW18-171	1/8/2018	LITTLE	1/12/2018				Informal Settlement Offer
SW18-177	7/17/2018	MURDY	8/10/2018				
MFT8-178	7/17/2018	TARRANT	8/10/2018				Informal Settlement Offer
SW18-180	8/10/2018	VIVERETTE	9/14/2018				License revoked for 5yrs
SW18-182	10/9/2018	RIDDLEY	10/12/2018				
SW18-183	12/6/2018	MURDY	12/14/2018				
SW18-184	12/6/2018	MURDY	12/14/2018				
SW19-188	3/18/2019	MURDY	4/12/2019				
SW19-189	4/8/2019	LITTLE	4/12/2019				5/24/2019 Voted to request more info
SW19-190	4/8/2019	FULCHER	5/24/2019				12/13/2019 Dismissed
SW19-191	5/8/2019	VIVERETTE	5/24/2019				
SW19-193	6/10/2019	MCNAMEE	7/12/2019				12/13/2109 Informal Settlement Offer
SW19-194	6/13/2019	LITTLE	7/12/2019				
SW19-195	7/12/2019	MURDY	7/12/2019				
SW19-196	11/13/2019	RIDDLEY	12/13/2019				12/13/2019 Hearing 2/14/2020 10 am
SW19-197	9/20/2019	VIVERETTE	10/11/2019				
SW19-198	9/25/2019	MCNAMEE	10/11/2019				re-assigned 11-8-19
MFT19-199	10/24/2019	WILLIAMS	11/8/2019				
SW19-200	12/2/2019	MCNAMEE	12/13/2019				
SW19-201	11/13/2019	RIDDLEY	12/13/2019				
MFT19-202	12/9/2019	ADAMS	12/13/2019				
MFT19-203		12/9/2019 ROLLINS	12/13/2019				

DISCIPLINED LICENSEES' PROGRESS REPORT AS OF 1/10/2020

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
Chris Huff, C5077 SW15-151	4/30/2021	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 Hearing 11-8-19 in relation to additional filed complaint SW19-188 12/13/2019 Board voted to request additional info	3 yrs beginning 4/8/2017	4/30/2018	9/26/2018			
Stark Farrell, C6287 SW16-157	4/30/2019	Riddley	3yr. probation, \$3,000.00 fine , license expired	3 yrs. Beginning 5/11/18					

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**Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists
New Licensees Approved for Licensure Report January 10, 2020**

LSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Arbdella Hatch	Yes	UMS	BSW	P	N	12/09/2019
Alesha Stennis	Yes	MSU	BSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Shelby Harris	Yes	USM	BSW	P	N	12/31/2019

Reciprocity By LSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Lillian Vega	Yes	MSU	BSW	P	N	12/09/2019

LMSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Jariva King	Yes	UAL	MSW	P	N	12/09/2019
Carrie Miller	Yes	WU	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Maritza Johnson	Yes	USM	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Jessica Steele	Yes	JSU	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Sara Rutledge	Yes	UMS	MSW	P	N	01/07/2020
Kelsey Boyd	Yes	UAL	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Candice Wilson	Yes	UAL	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019

LCSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Kyle Birdwell	Yes	USM	MSW	P	N	12/09/2019
Patricia Cummings	Yes	SBTS	MSW	P	N	12/09/2019
Sherri Sabin	Yes	UAL	MSW	P	N	12/09/2019
Patrice Jenkins	Yes	JSU	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019

Reciprocity By LCSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Jennifer Jones	Yes	UAL	MSW	P	N	12/09/2019
Sharon Sherinian	Yes	UOK	MSW	P	N	12/09/2019
Lisa Hare	Yes	UTN	MSW	P	N	07/02/2019
Sarah Gaffey	Yes	UANY	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019
Lynn Thibodeaux	Yes	UIA	MSW	P	N	12/09/2019
Richard Noah	Yes	TU	MSW	P	N	12/09/2019
Joanne Farrell	Yes	UPA	MSW	P	N	12/31/2019

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**Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists
Candidates for Reinstatement-January 08, 2020**

LSW Level

Name	RA	RIA	BG	License #	Addition Info	Yes/No
Kenyada King	No	Yes	12/31/19	W9227		

LMSW Level

Name	RA	RIA	BG	License #	Addition Info	Yes/No
Alleta McBride	No	Yes	12/31/19	M7740		

LCSW Level

Name	RA	RIA	BG	License #	Addition Info	Yes/No

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**Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists
Candidates To Be Reviewed for Licensure with Neg. Information-
January 10, 2020**

LSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Jana Smith	Yes	UMS	BSW	P	N	12/31/19

LMSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Frances Guerry	Yes	UAL	MSW	P	N	11/22/19

LCSW Level

Name	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background
Kimberly Robertson	Yes	TU	MSW	P	N	12/31/19

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

Christen Rod	Photo	School	Degree	Score	DARS	Background