



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

Minutes for October 14, 2022 Board Meeting

In accordance to 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, October 14, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. A quorum of Board members was present. An introduction was made to welcome the new Board members.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Board Chair
Beth McNamee, LCSW, Chair SW Discipline Specific Committee
Dr. Jeff Hinton, LMFT
Phylandria Hudson, LCSW
Dr. Valerie Joiner, LCSW
Krista Guynes, LCSW
Rosalind Yarber, LSW
Valerie Burnett, LSW
Catherine Jones, LMFT

Members Absent: Dr. Jamie Williams, LMFT, Chair MFT Discipline Specific Committee

Staff and Guests: Erica Allen, Executive Director
Edward Wiggins, Special Assistant Attorney General
Gwen Bouie-Haynes, Executive Director NASW-MS

REVIEW OF MINUTES

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

RATIFICATION OF SOCIAL WORK APPLICANTS APPROVED FOR LICENSURE

Social Work

The following Social Work Candidates were presented for licensure:

LSW Level

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LSW level on October 14, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve these candidates for licensure at the LSW level.

April Stewart
Kaleigh Young
Nicole Galindez
Olivia Wilson
Alexis Hardiman
Natalie Wilson
Morgan Warren
Bayleigh Prather
Aniya Walker

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

LSW Level by Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidate for licensure by reciprocity at the LSW level on October 14, 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.

Kristin Boshell

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

LSW Level by Universal Recognition Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidate for licensure by reciprocity at the LSW level on October 14, 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.

Emma Brownlow

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

LSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LMSW Level

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level on October 14, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Valerie Joiner to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level.



Irma Collins
Kristalyn Cain
Ahjana Buckley
Saren McAllister
Alicia Taylor
Robin McNeil
Leigh Magee
Patricia Silas
Tammy Ward
Karla Danner
Brandon McCorkle
India Kelly
Bianco Heard
Ashley McClain
Brenna Rosetti
Lawrence Dendy

Valencia Wilson
Chasity Deal
Veronica Fitzpatrick
Jennifer Gracin
Twinette Brown
Katrina Carter
Theresa Reynolds
William Rowan
Katherine Abigail Cagle-Holtcamp
William Gadow
Belinda Smith
Brooke Cole
Laura Livingston
Sharon Tallent
Tiffany Williamson

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

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity on October 14, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity.

Victoria Spencer
Rebecca Nachlas
Nancy Keller
Jucinta Rome
Sheila McGinty

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

LMSW Level by Universal Recognition Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity on October 14, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Valerie Joiner to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity.

Gregory Jackson
Kenyada Clark
Brian Anderson

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

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

LMSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LCSW Level

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level on October 14, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve these candidates for licensure at the LMSW level.

Jody Klubnik
Brian Henrie Jr.
Cyl Banks
Sarah Bienvenu
Connie Bienvenu
Jacqueline McGrew
Patricia Haynes
Sha'Quina McCovery
Elizabeth Skipper
Ava Gunn
Gina Thorderson
Jillian Woodland
Melissa Lyles
Corey Miletello

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

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

The staff has recommended the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity on October 14, 2022. A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to approve these candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity.

Latoya Williams
Heather Burroughs
Ann Marie Saussy Keel
Bryna Hackett
Donna McCutchen
Catherine Puett
William Veve
Tyesha Thompson
Lindsay Knear
Dianna Neal
Julie Alvarez
Deborah Allcock
Angela Arnold

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

LCSW Level by Universal Recognition Reciprocity

There were no candidates presented at this level.

LCSW Reinstatements

There were no candidates presented for reinstatement.

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.

Katie Lambright

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

A motion was made by Gerard Tarrant and 2nd by Krista Guynes to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LMFT level pending acceptable background check and outstanding fees.

Jessica Burris

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

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

John Southern

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

Expenditure Report

Erica Allen reviewed the Expenditure Report. Fiscal Year 2023 Fund Balances as of September 30, 2022 are: Monthly Expenditures - \$11,881.66; Carryover – \$377,005.00; and Ending Balance - \$721,434.28. 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 September 30, 2022. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Catherine Jones, Rosalind Yarber, and Valerie Burnett; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jamie Williams.

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 SW22-230 is pending assignment.
- ❖ Case number SW22-231 has been assigned to Phylandria Hudson.

Executive Director Report

- ❖ Erica Allen gave a brief update regarding LARS, OLRC, and the new card scan system.

Chair of the Board

- ❖ A motion was made by Valerie Joiner and 2nd by Krista Guynes to move the November Board meeting to the 18th due to Veteran’s Day, a state holiday. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Catherine Jones, Rosalind Yarber, and Valerie Burnett; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jamie Williams.

MFT Report

- ❖ There was no report given.

SW Report

- ❖ There was no report given.

Committee Reports

- ❖ The CE Committee met to update CE applications and the CE Guide. A review and voting will take place November 18, 2022 during the Social Work DSC meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Board Members Report

- ❖ A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to send Phylandria Hudson to the ASWB Delegate Assembly November 17-19, 2022. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee,

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reports from NASW

- ❖ Gwen Bouie-Haynes discussed NASW business.

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

A motion was made by Valerie Joiner and 2nd by Beth McNamee that the Board had reason to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating and discussing case number SW21-229, 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 Board announced to the public the above desired reason for going into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to set an administrative hearing for the subject of SW22-229. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Catherine Jones, Rosalind Yarber, and Valerie Burnett; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jamie Williams.

A motion was made by Krista Guynes and 2nd by Beth McNamee to dismiss case number SW22-228 as the licensee has not violated any laws, rules, and regulations. The motion carried unanimously with the following members voting aye: Gerard Tarrant, Valerie Joiner, Beth McNamee, Phylandria Hudson, Krista Guynes, Jeff Hinton, Catherine Jones, Rosalind Yarber, and Valerie Burnett; Voting Against: None; Abstention: None; Recusal: None; Absence: Jamie Williams.

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

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

The next Board meeting will be held November 18, 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

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

“Protect the Public”
October 14, 2022
10:30 a.m.

- I. Convene Meeting: Opening Comments
 - a. Introduction of New Board Members

- II. Review Agenda and Minutes

- III. Licensure Votes
 - a. Social Work
 - b. Marriage & Family Therapy

- IV. Executive Director Report
 - a. LARS Update
 - b. OLRC Update
 - c. Financial Report
 - i. FY2024 Budget
 - d. Disciplinary Actions
 - i. New Complaints
 - ii. Reports on Current Investigations
 - iii. Reports on Disciplined Licensees’ Progress

- V. Chair Reports
 - a. Board Chair
 - b. Marriage & Family Therapy
 - c. Social Work

- VI. Legal Counsel Report

- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. CE Committee Update

- VIII. Board Member Reports

- IX. Public Comments

- X. Executive Session (if needed)

- 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 2023			AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 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									
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									
Personnel Service Contracts	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00									
ITS Fees			\$ 145.57									
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									
Celluar		\$ 51.69	\$ 51.75									
Total Contractual Services	\$ 3,977.80	\$ 4,311.95	\$ 2,599.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
COMMODITIES												
Printing & Binding												
Office Supplies												
Paper Supplies												
Other Supplies												
Other Equipment		\$ 11.75	\$ 11.75									
Procument Card			\$ 267.54									
Food For Board Meetings		\$ 24.44	\$ 55.63									
Total Commodities	\$ -	\$ 36.19	\$ 334.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EQUIPMENT												
Office Machines/Furniture												
Total Equipment												
Total Monthly Expenditures	\$ 12,924.96	\$ 13,745.30	\$ 11,881.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Monthly Revenue	\$ 43,373.00	\$ 12,135.00	\$ 42,223.00									
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

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT AS OF 10/14/2022

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				
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				
SW20-214	10/5/2020	FULCHER	10/9/2020				
SW21-216	1/21/2021	RIDDLEY	2/12/2021				
SW21-218	3/3/2021	RIDDLEY	3/12/2021				
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				
SW22-228	7/12/2022	GUYNES	8/12/2022				
SW22-229	7/12/2022	MCNAMEE	8/12/2022				

DISCIPLINED LICENSEES' PROGRESS REPORT AS OF 10/14/2022

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		
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						