



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

Minutes for August 09, 2024, Board Meeting

In accordance with the Miss. Code Ann. § 73-53-8 and the Open Meetings Act § 25-41- 1 and 25-41-17, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists (Board) held a Board meeting on Friday, September 13, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at 5 Old River Place, Suite 205, Jackson, MS 39202 and via Zoom.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. A quorum of Board members was present.

Opening Remarks

Roll Call:

Members Present: Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Board Chair
Veronica Knowles, LCSW, Board Vice-Chair
Catherine Jones, LMFT, Chair of MFTDSC
Bobby Scott, LMFT
Courtney Denton, LMFT
Lapatrick Stephens, LCSW
Carrie Coggins, LMSW
Kenya Gatlin, LCSW
Valerie Burnette, LSW

Members Absent: Rosalind, LSW, Chair of SWDSC

Staff and Guests: Kimberly Black, Contract Employee
Sarah Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General
Chelye Amis, Special Assistant Attorney General
Gwen Bouie-Haynes, Executive Director NASW- MS
H.L Rainer, LCSW
Denise DeRosette, Cornerstone
Tracy Mims

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

July minutes as amended to include names. Veronica moved and 2nd by Carrie to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

July minutes amended to include Courtney Denton present. Valerie moved and 2nd by Courtney.

II. LICENSURE VOTES

A. Social Work

LSW Level

Veronica moved and 2nd by Carrie to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LSW level. The motion carried unanimously.

Stacey Todd	Anna Blair
Abbey Williams	Rhonda Creel
Sallie Kelly	Kaydee Womack

LSW by Reciprocity

Kenya moved and 2nd by Veronica to approve the following candidate(s) for licensure at the LSW by reciprocity level. The motion carried unanimously

Dondalyn Haynes

LSW by Universal Recognition

Kenya moved and 2nd by Valerie , abstention- Lapatrick and Veronica. The motion passes.

Kewonna Blanton	RoShanda Culberson
Kateidra Bounds	El-Gurean Lampkin
Lakeita Jackson	Teretha Mems
Diane Tidwell	Cardeia Street

LSW by Reinstatement

Kenya moved and 2nd by Carrie to approve the following candidate(s) for reinstatement. The motion carried unanimously

Julie Taylor

LMSW by Licensure

Kenya moved and 2nd by Carrie to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level. The motion carried unanimously.

Joseph Boyou	Amy Brogan	Judy Dillard	Lena Clardy
Kailani Espola-Ayala	Jasmine Thomas	Elizabeth Ellison	
Janie Bain	Korilyn Baudoin	Anna Gann	
Anna Henry	Eric James	Miranda Horn	
Adrienne Jones	Alexis Sapp	Madeline Jones	
Kelly Napier	Fernanda Cavalaro	Emily Mitchell	

Aaron Skinner	Andrea Boykin	Erika Sledge
Ja'Lahya Stokes	Kimberly Cardon	Jasmine Townsend
Kayla Tate	Quitley Lee	Joy Watts
Bridget LeSure	Jaqueline Coffman	Terrica Williams

LMSW by Reciprocity

Kenya moved 2nd by Veronica to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW Reciprocity level. The motion carried unanimously.

Ursula Champion	Bonnie Walker
LaBrea Nelson	Melissa Hand

LMSW by Universal Recognition

Kenya moved and 2nd by Carrie, abstentions- Lapatrick and Veronica. The motion passed.

Krystal Green	Dorothy Moore
Kayla Washington	Latia Johnson
Shonda Brooks	Naquandria Williams
Latasha Barnes-Carney	Nakesha Weaver

LMSW by Reinstatement

Kenya moved and 2nd by Courtney to approve the following candidates for licensure at LMSW level. The motion carried unanimously.

Tanisha Rivers
Tami Miller

LCSW Level

Kenya moved and 2nd by Veronica to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level. The motion carried unanimously.

Marshall Aldrich	Krystal Serpas
Bennington Thomas II	Shauniece Deloney
Christian Fingerle	Loretta Jackson
Whitany Perry	Lakeisha Thompson (Johnson)
Myia Lane	Shyra Stubbs
Aubree Middleton	Jamie Allen
Trudy Miller	Cherish McCallum
Sidney Smith III	

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

Kenya moved and 2nd by Courtney to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level.

Teneka Striblin	Ashley Beagle
Brandy Jones	Geunia Funches
Karen Ellard	Tiffany Galloway
Jane Lewis	Tameka Grandberry
Lauren Long	Christa McCorie

Autumn Pierce
Kayla Mainja
Latia Maxwell
Shona Dabrowski
Franchely Mora Dues
Ana Moyano
Alana Johnson
Ariel Koch
Angela Brignole
Johnathan Starko
Eva Murillo
Brandon Williams
Ben Tia Andrews

Jennifer Bryant Williams
La Quita McNickles
Sasha Navas
Bethany Perez
Jerrela Sanders
Chase Spiegel
Chakakhan Jarreau-Griffin
Mark Van Steenberg
Patricia Kohler-Peschke
Kendra Smith
Jennifer Vanhorn Williams
Lisette Riley

B. Marriage and Family Therapy

No Applicants for Licensure

III. Reports

Financial Report

Bobby moved and Kenya 2nd to go forward with Cornerstone devising a budget and plan for submission based off of the research of the agency's prior budget. The motion carried unanimously. Denise DeRosette discussed Budget and bills to be paid.

Board Chair- Gerard Tarrant

Gerard Tarrant addressed the Board

Board Vice Chair- Veronica Knowles

Veronica thanked everyone for their hard work during the transition

Chair of Marriage and Family Therapy-Catherine Jones

Marriage and Family- Licensing

Chair of Social Work-Rosalind Yarber- absent

Sent request for new Board member training

Board Members

Discussed pausing the approvals of the Designated Provider applications
Discussed outsourcing the fingerprint process
Proposed to continue allowing the CE Committee to approve/deny CE applications

Legal Counsel- Sarah Mann

There was no report given

Committee Report

Social Work CE Report
There was no report
given
MFT CE Report
There was no report given

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gwen Bouie Haynes - addressed The Board regarding transparency, public safety and questions about the financial report
Amendment to the agenda

Britney Mangum – No report

V. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Reports on New and Current Complaints

No reports. Assignments need to be made.

Reports on Disciplined Licensee's Progress

Kimberly Black will forward the complaint spreadsheet to the Board members.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not go into executive session.

VII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Veronica Knowles moved and 2nd by Bobby Scott to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held September 13, 2024 on the 2nd floor, suite 205, 5 Old River Place, Jackson, MS 39212. The meeting will be held at 10:30 AM and available via Zoom. Please see the website for more information.

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Gerard Tarrant
Board Chair

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Kimberly Black
Recorder