



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

## Minutes for October 11, 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, October 11, 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  
Carrie Coggins, LMSW  
Kenya Gatlin, LCSW  
Lapatrik Stephens, LCSW

**Members Absent:** Rosalind Yarber, LSW, Chair of SWDSC  
Valerie Burnett, LSW  
Courtney Denton, LMFT

**Staff and Guests:** Gwen Bouie-Haynes, Executive Director NASW-MS  
H.L. Rainer, LCSW

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Carrie Coggins moved and 2nd by Kenya Gatlin to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Catherine Jones moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie Coggins to approve September 2024 Board Minutes.

## **II. REPORTS**

### **Financial Report**

Catherine moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie to increase commodities. The motion carried unanimously.  
Carrie moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenya to approve Staffers extended contract for the administrative position.

To also approve Staffers rate increase. All voted favor; Abstention: Veronica Knowles. The Vote carries.

### **Board Chair – Gerard Tarrant**

Gerard addressed the Board

### **Board Vice-Chair – Veronica Knowles**

Veronica addressed the Board

### **Chair of Marriage & Family Therapy – Catherine Jones**

There was no report given

### **Chair of Social Work – Rosalind Yarber**

Presented by Veronica Knowles

Proposed that the SW Board wait on further counsel before approving UROLA applications.  
Only reviewed files would be granted license.

### **Board Member(s)**

There was no report given

### **Legal Counsel – Alexis Morris**

No Updates

Sarah Mann no longer with the AG's office

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Social Work CE Report

Carrie presented updates

MFT CE Report

There was no report given

## **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no report

#### **IV. LICENSURE VOTES**

Please see attached list

#### **V. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Reports on New and Current Complaints

There was no report given

Reports on Disciplined Licensees' Progress

There was no report given

#### **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Executive Director

#### **VII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Bobby Scott moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Catherine Jones to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held November 08, 2024 in Suite 205 at 5 Old River Place, Jackson, MS 39202 at 10:30 a.m. and also be available via Zoom.

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Gerard Tarrant,  
Chair

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Veronica Knowles  
Vice Chair, Recorder

# October Social Work Licensure Review

## **LSW by Examination:**

Jorden Armstrong

Victoria Cleckler

Shauntreka Elmore

## **LSW by Reinstatement:**

Joyce McAfee

## **LMSW by Examination:**

Dymond Frost

Latanya Cork

Steven Stokes

Caroline Haas

Charkayla French

Jessica Wade

Tatyana Hayes

Marti Jordan

Madelyn Medlin

Alexis Ballard

Tori Ricks

Kylee Tapp

Dominic Gandy

Laquinta Williams

## **LMSW by Reciprocity:**

Pamela Stennett

## **LCSW by Examination:**

Tamaria Barnes

Alma Burrell

Stacy Fairley

Christina Briggs

Danae Smith

Cora Jackson

**LCSW by Reciprocity:**

Elizabeth Brantley

Jay Stone

Jeffrey Eiland

Lyndsie Castell

Vanesia Johnson

Lalara Leggett

Kimberly Hampton-Saul