



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

Minutes for December 10, 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, December 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 10:32 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
Rosalind Yarber, LSW, Chair of SWDSC
Bobby Scott, LMFT
Jessica Culpepper, LSW, RN, MPH
Carrie Coggins, LMSW
Kenya Gatlin, LCSW
Courtney Denton, LMFT

Members Absent:

LaPatrick Stephens, LCSW
Catherine Jones, LMFT, Chair of MFTDSC

Staff and Guests: Patrick Johnson, Executive Director

Kimberly Black, Contract Employee
Alexis Morris, Attorney General Representative
Maurice Jackson
Amanda Cavett

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

Carrie Coggins moved to accept October minutes and 2nd by Kenya Gatlin. The motion carried unanimously.

Kenya Gatlin moved to accept November minutes and 2nd by Carrie Coggins. The motion carried unanimously.

II. REPORTS

Financial Report

Patrick Johnson presented the Financial Report. A copy of the report is attached.

Board Chair – Gerard Tarrant

There was no report given

Board Vice-Chair – Veronica Knowles

Reported on attending NASW Delegate Assembly

Chair of Social Work – Rosalind Yarber

Rosalind gave a report

Chair of Marriage & Family Therapy – Catherine Jones

There was no report given

Board Member(s)

There was no report given

Legal Counsel – Alexis Morris

There was no report given

COMMITTEE REPORT

Social Work CE Report

Carrie reported updates to the Social Work CE Guides

Carrie Coggins moved to accept updated Social Work CE Guides, 2nd by Kenya Gatlin. The motion carried unanimously

MFT CE Report

There were 4 CE offerings approved

III. LICENSURE VOTES

See attached list for names

Social Work

LSW Level

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

LSW Level by Universal Recognition

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2nd by Kenya Gatlin to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LSW level. The motion failed with the following members voting aye: Gerart Tarrant, Rosalind Yarber, Kenya Gatlin, Bobby Scott, and Courtney Denton; Voting Against: None; Abstention: Veronica Knowles, Jessica Culpepper, and Carrie Coggins; Recusal: None; Absence: Lapatrick Stephens and Catherine Jones.

LMSW Level

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

LMSW Level by Reciprocity

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

LCSW Level

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

LCSW Level by Reciprocity

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2nd by Kenya Gatlin to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity. The motion carried unanimously.

Marriage and Family Therapy

There were no candidates presented for licensure.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no report given

V. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Reports on New and Current Complaints

No new cases

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bobby Scott moved and 2nd by Veronica Knowles to go enter closed determination to determine if the Board had reason to go into executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Carrie Coggins moved and 2nd by Bobby Scott to exit closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Carrie moved and 2nd by Kenya Gatlin to adjourn meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held January 10, 2025, in Suite 205 at 5 Old River Place, Jackson, MS 39202 at 10:30 a.m. and available via Zoom.

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Gerard Tarrant,
Chair

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Kimberly Black
Recorder