



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

Minutes for January 10, 2025, 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, January 10, 2025, 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 10:36 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
Rosalind Yarber, LSW, Chair of SWDSC
Bobby Scott, LMFT

Courtney Denton, LMFT
Jessica Culpepper, LSW, RN, MPH
Carrie Coggins, LMSW
Kenya Gatlin, LCSW
LaPatrick Stephens, LCSW

Members absent:

Board representatives present:

Patrick Johnson, Executive Director
Kimberly Black, Contract Employee
Chelye Amis, Special Assistant Attorney General

Members of the public present:

Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes, NASW-MS
Brittany Magnum, MAMFT
Veronica D. Jackson-Byrd
Carla Stubbs
Rhonicia Clark

Tyanna Ross
Derrick McGruder
Kimberly Rose
Tornika Bell
Andrea Fields

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Gerard Tarrant accepted amended agenda. Catherine Jones moved and 2nd by Carrie Coggins. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2nd by Jessica Culpepper to amend December minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

II. LICENSURE VOTES

See attached list for names

Social Work

LSW Level

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

LSW by Universal Recognition Level

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2nd by Bobby Scott to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LSW level. Voting Aye: Gerard Tarrant, Catherine Jones, Courtney Denton, Bobby Scott. Voting Against: LaPatrick Stevens; Abstention: Veronica Knowles, Carrie Coggins, Kenya Gatlin and Jessica Culpepper. Motion carries.

LSW by Reciprocity

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

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 Veronica Knowles 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 Carrie Coggins to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LCSW level. The motion carries unanimously.

LCSW by Reciprocity

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2nd by Veronica Knowles to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity. The motion carries unanimously.

Marriage and Family Therapy

The following candidates were presented for licensure: Please see attached list

LMFT Level

Catherine Jones moved and 2nd by Carrie Coggins to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LMFT level. The motion carried unanimously.

LMFT Level by Endorsement

Catherine moved and 2nd by Bobby Scott to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LMFT level.
The motion carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS

Presentation by ASWB

Gave regulatory and licensing program information.
No action needed

Executive Director – Patrick Johnson

Legislative Budget Meeting – January 20-21
No action required

Financial Report

Carrie moved to strike the financial report. 2nd by Kenya Gaitlin. Motions carried.

Board Chair – Gerard Tarrant

Catherine Jones moved and 2nd by Veronica Knowles to approve request for sponsorship for the 2025 MFT Conference - \$1200 for grand. Motion carried

Board Vice-Chair – Veronica Knowles

There was no report given

Chair of Marriage & Family Therapy – Catherine Jones

There was no report given

Chair of Social Work – Rosalind Yarber

Kenya moved and 2nd by Jessica Culpepper to approve the silver sponsorship for the MS NSAW Conference, March 27-28 – \$2000 for silver. Motion carried

Board Member(s)

LaPatrick Stephens gave an update on competency requirements in regard to UROLA
No action

Legal Counsel

There was no report given

COMMITTEE REPORT

Social Work CE Report
There was no report given

MFT CE Report

Relias-2

Gulfport

MS Addiction Conference

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no report given

V. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Reports on New and Current Complaints

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed

VII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Gerard Tarrant moved and 2nd by Catherine Jones to adjourn meeting. The motion carried Unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held February 14, 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

X



Kimberly Black
Recorder

MFT DSC

January 3, 2025

1. Continuing Education

- a. MAMFT Conference, approved sponsor application – approved 4 ethics hours, 2 supervision hours, 8 general hours
- b. Relias 28 course applications (11 courses request resubmission)
 1. Addressing Behavioral Health Needs of Justice-Involved Youth of LGBTQ+ Clients – approved 1.5 general
 2. Assessing Clients over Telehealth – approved 1.0 general
 3. Applying HIPAA Regulation in Behavior Health – approved 1.0 general
 4. Assessing and Treating Anxiety Disorders Among Older Adults – approved 1.0 general
 5. Assessing and Treating Anxiety Disorders in Children and Adolescents – approved 1.0 general
 6. Benzodiazepines: Use, Misuse, and Alternative Treatment Methods – approved 1.0 general
 7. Clinical Supervision: Building and Maintaining Relationships – approved 2.0 general
 8. Enhancing Client Resilience in Public Health Emergencies – approved 1.0 general
 9. Ethics: Marriage and Family Therapists – approved 2.0 general
 10. Etiology, Symptoms, and Recovery-Focused Interventions for Schizophrenia – approved 1.0 general
 11. Harm Reduction Strategies for Substance Use – approved 1.0 general
 12. Identifying ADHD – approved 1.0 general
 13. Identifying and Addressing Non-Suicidal Self-Injurious Behavior in Children and Adolescents – approved 1.0 general
 14. Improving Behavioral Health Equity: Individuals with Tribal, Indigenous, or Native Identities – approved 1.0 general
 15. In Session: Practicing Clinical Skills for Preventing Suicide in Children and Adolescents – approved 1.5 general
 16. In Session: Practicing Clinical Skills for Preventing Suicide in Older Adults -approved 1.0 general
 17. Identifying and Treating Externalized Disorders in Children and Adolescents – approved 1.5 general hours
 18. Legal and Ethical Standards for Behavioral Health Professions – approved 1.0 general
 19. Motivational Interviewing: An Introduction – approved 1.0 general
 20. Managing Reactions to Suicidal Clients: A Guide for Clinicians – approved 1.5 hours
 21. Introduction to Telesupervision – approved 1.0 general

22. Recognizing and Effectively Responding to a Person in Crisis – approved 1.0 general
23. Strategies for Decreasing Medical and Treatment Errors in Behavioral Health – approved 1.0 general
24. Strategies for Supervisors: Reducing Restraint and Seclusion – approved 1.0 general
25. Treatment ADHD – approved 1.0 general
26. The Biopsychosocial Model of Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders – approved 1.0 general
27. Working with LGBTQ+ Children and Youth – approved 1.0 general
28. Treating Substance Use Disorders in the LGBTQ+ Community – approved 1.0 general

January Licensure Review

LSW by Examination:

Thomas Carpenter

Elizabeth Daniels

LSW by Universal Recognition Reciprocity:

LaGwenda Hayes

Leslie Tucker

Latricia Jackson

Kevin Vallier

Pernesia Myers

LSW by Reciprocity:

Tammy Holt

LMSW by Examination:

Caliegh Ball

Skyler Lewis-Jackson

Likeba Bentley

Cynthia Magee

Farren Brooks

Brenda Sharp

Loren Eddy

Shannon Shepherd

Lora Grissom

Takyia Wilson

Sophia Jordan

LMSW by Reciprocity:

Caitlin Meder

Gwendolyn Williamson

LCSW by Examination:

Katherine Cagle-Holtcamp

Collin Hill

Corvell Coburn

Katie Hodges

Jessa Frierson

Mackenzie Treadwell

Brittannie Goodman

Jasmine Wynn

LCSW by Reciprocity:

Levin Manabat

Roshonda Tolbert

Sharon Streetman-Loy

Danielle Winfield

Linda Thomas

LMFT Licensure:

Babara Naylor

LMFT Licensure by Endorsement:

Mark Upton