



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

Minutes for May 9, 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, May 9, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at 5 Old River Place, Suite 205, Jackson, MS 39202 and via Zoom.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Veronica Knowles, LCSW, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A quorum of Board members was present.

II. Opening Remarks

Roll Call

Members present:

Veronica Knowles, LCSW, Board Vice-Chair
Rosalind Yarber, LSW, Chair of SWDSC
Catherine Jones, LMFT, Chair of MFTDSC
Bobby Scott, LMFT

Courtney Denton, LMFT
Carrie Coggins, LMSW
Kenya Gatlin, LCSW

Members absent:

None

Board representatives present:

Patrick Johnson, Executive Director
Chelye Amis, Special Assistant Attorney General

Member of the public present for public comment:

Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes, NASW
Britney Mangum, MAMFT

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carrie Coggins moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Courtney Denton moved with a second by Bobby Scott to approve the April 22, 2025 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

No report Given

B. Vice-Chair

Report given on attending ASWB Education meeting

C. Chair of Social Work

D. Chair of Marriage and Family Therapy

E. Board Members

No Report Given

F. Legal Counsel

G. Committees

I. Social Work CE

II. Marriage and Family Therapy CE

VI. LICENSURE VOTES

Social Work

LSW Level

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Carrie Coggins to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LSW level. The motion carried unanimously.

Madison McCurley

LSW Level by Reinstatement

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LSW level. The motion carried unanimously.

Tamara Powers

LMSW Level

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Carrie Coggins to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level. The motion carried unanimously.

Christina Hicks

Brooke Holloway

Renee Isaac

Victoria Ross

Hannah Roye

Katelyn Yielding

LMSW by Reinstatement

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity. The motion carried unanimously.

Ashlee Crawford

LCSW Level

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Carrie Coggins to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level. The motion carries unanimously.

Rebekah Allen
Denetta Dixon
Hallie Goodson
Jessie Gruich
Doris Hines

Margaret Johnson
Joseph King
Kenyatta Lewis
Jasmine Nelson
Adrienne Seals

LCSW by Reciprocity

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity. The motion carries unanimously.

Julia Barnes
Holly Billings
Rebecca Burton
Christine Dawkins
Lauren Kropf

Marriage and Family Therapy

LMFTA

Catherine Jones moved with a second by Bobby Scott to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LMFTA level. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian Caples

LMFT by Universal Recognition

Catherine Jones moved with a second by Courtney Denton to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LMFT level. The motion carried unanimously.

Chelsea Mazzulo

LMFT by Reinstatement

Catherine Jones moved with a second by Courtney Denton to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LMFT level. The motion carried unanimously.

Pamela Rollins

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bobby Scott moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to go into closed session to determine whether an Executive Session is needed. The motion carried unanimously.

In open session, Chairman Gerard Tarrant announced that the Board has reason under Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-7 (4)(b), as amended, to go into Executive Session namely to have a strategy session or negotiation with

respect to prospective litigation, when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Gerard Tarrant announced there was no action taken during Executive Session

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes thanked Gerard Tarrant for his commitment to the Board, reported on NASW efforts to fill vacant Board positions, and encouraged the Board to continue its efforts in transparency.

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to adjourn meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held May 9, 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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Veronica Knowles,
Vice-Chair

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Patrick Johnson
Executive Director