



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

Minutes for August 11, 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 Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at 5 Old River Place, Suite 205, Jackson, MS 39202 and via Zoom.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Bobby Scott, LMFT, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. A quorum of Board members was present.

II. Opening Remarks

Roll Call

Members present:

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

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

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-MS
Britney Mangum, MAMFT

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kenya Gatlin moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber to approve the June 17, 2025 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Patrick Johnson presented the financial report. Heath Grames moved with a second by Catherine Jones to approve the financial report as presented.

Patrick Johnson presented a proposal from the CE Subcommittee on hosting training for Designated Providers and Individuals on the application and approval process. No Board action was taken.

Courtney Denton moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to approve the updated contract with Cornerstone Consulting Group, Inc. to provide additional assistance and training through June 30, 2026.

B. Vice-Chair

Veronica Knowles reported on an upcoming meeting of the Social Work Compact Commission she will be in attendance for.

C. Chair of Social Work

No Report Given

D. Chair of Marriage and Family Therapy

No Report Given

E. Board Members

No Report Given

F. Legal Counsel

No Report Given

G. Committees

I. Social Work CE

Patrick Johnson reported that the Social Work CE Committee had received five CE applications. Three have been approved, two are awaiting additional information. A Designated Provider was also received and is under review.

II. Marriage and Family Therapy CE

Catherine Jones reported that the MFT Committee had reviewed and approved three CE applications.

VI. LICENSURE VOTES

Social Work

LSW Level

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

Amanda Bowen
Isabella Danczyk
Jaden Dominy
Cheyenne Fraun

Lauren Guthrie
Monica Hood
Annika Jones
Mya Lee

Breanna Long
Kelly Michael
Shaikenya Pope

LSW Level by Reciprocity

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

Jacquelin Edwards

LSW Level by Reinstatement

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

Susan Brewer

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.

Nikki Akins
Edward Begonia
Stephanie Blair
Suzanne Carter
Amber Clinkscales
Savannah Day
Abby Donaho
Morgan Fradella
Rita Gillett
Britnie Gray
Jessica Hood
Bremeika Jones

Heather Jones
Shonda Kirksey
Travonta Magee
Katelyn Marshall
Aleia McDougal
Abbigale Nguyen
Brianna Payne
Sarah Phillips
Santana Polk
Faith Powell
Briana Proby
Megan Riner

Cierra Roberson
Kimberly Rose
Breana Sease
Jasmyne Steele
Myisha Thurman
Sarah Treutel
Michelle Tyrone
Keyana Upshur
Kristin Washington
Claudio Williams

LMSW by Reciprocity

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

Lauren Criswell
Catherine Denlinger
Grace Goodman

Angela Knowles
Angela Shine
Jacques Singleton

Sankari Washington

Ryan Young

LMSW by Reinstatement

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

Marian Allen
Iyesha Harvey

LCSW Level

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

Mikayla Coleman	India Kelly	Britni Pittman
Melody Davisson	Regina Lacking	Erika Rojas-Garcia
Nikki Flippins	Arleader Lyons	Raven Traylor
Willie Garner	Rachel Magnusson	Loreal Walker
Kessler Hibbler	Jourdan McGrath	Mya Williams
Adrianna Hooker	Jordan Mitchell	
Veronica Howard	Anna Northcutt	

LCSW by Reciprocity

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

Marlon Bailey	Kelly Crooks	Valerie Labanca
Lauren Bochicchio	Michele Ellis	LaJoya McDonald
Laura Boltz	Melanie Fields	Amber Newell-Watson
Rosalie Camacho-Collier	Leslie Gamble	Ana Alicia Potthast
Cassandra Clariett	Revital Goodman	Susan Williamson

LCSW by Reinstatement

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

Erica Robinson
Bridgette Spann-Edwards

LMFTA Level

Catherine Jones moved with a second by Courtney Denton to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LMFTA level. The motion carries unanimously.

Jessica Darby
Madison Farina
Shannon Kimbriel
Zoe King

LMFT Level

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

Matthew Aycock

LMFT by Endorsement

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

Demarquis Clarke
Suzonne Whedbee
Skylar Roper

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 carries unanimously.

Mauri Gunnell

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Catherine Jones moved with a second by Heath Grames to go into closed session to determine whether an Executive Session is needed. The motion carried unanimously.

Heath Grames moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

In open session, Bobby Scott announced that the Board has reason under Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-7 (4) (b), as amended, to go into Executive Session namely for (b) for 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.

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to leave Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Bobby Scott announced that no actions were taken during Executive Session.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes of NASW-MS recognized Bobby Scott for taking on the role of Board Chair. She also recognized Veronica Knowles for her willingness to serve as Commissioner to represent the State of Mississippi in the Social Work Compact Commission. Dr. Bouie-Haynes also reported on efforts to fill the remaining empty seats on the Board.

Britney Mangum of MAMFT recognized Bobby Scott for his willingness to assume the role of Board Chair. She also recognized Heath Grames for his willingness to serve on the Board.

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Carrie Coggins to adjourn meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held September 12, 2025, in Suite 205 at 5 Old River Place, Jackson, MS 39202 at 10:30 a.m. and available via Zoom.

X Bobby Scott

Bobby Scott,
Board Chair

X Patrick Johnson

Patrick Johnson
Executive Director

Signature: Bobby Scott
Bobby Scott (Sep 22, 2025 07:18:08 CDT)

Signature: Patrick Johnson
Patrick Johnson (Sep 22, 2025 08:24:04 CDT)