



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

## Minutes for March 12, 2026, 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 Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 8:30 a.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 8:30 a.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

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

#### **Board representatives present:**

Patrick Johnson, Executive Director  
Kim Turner, Assistant Attorney General

#### **Member of the public present for public comment:**

Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes, NASW-MS

#### **Member of the public:**

Glenn Swartzfager, Special Assistant Attorney  
General  
Ella Hardwick  
Edward Wiggins, Jr.

Ty'Anna Ross  
Veronica Jackson-Byrd  
Maurice Jackson  
Angelica Gowdy

### **III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber to approve the February 20, 2026, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. REPORTS**

A. Executive Director

No Report Given

B. Board Chair

No Report Given

C. Vice-Chair

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to approve the expenditure for travel not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for Rosalind Yarber to attend the ASWB Education Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Chair of Social Work

No Report Given

E. Chair of Marriage and Family Therapy

No Report Given

F. Board Members

No Report Given

G. Legal Counsel

No Report Given

H. Committees

I. Social Work CE

Patrick Johnson reported that the Social Work CE Committee have approved 2 CE applications, have 4 pending additional information.

II. Marriage and Family Therapy CE

Catherine Jones reported that the MFT Committee have approved 13 CE applications.

#### **VI. LICENSURE VOTES**

##### **Social Work**

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Veronica Knowles to approve the candidates for licensure as detailed in Exhibit A. The motion carries unanimously.

##### **Marriage and Family Therapy**

Catherine Jones moved with a second by Courtney Denton to approve the candidates for licensure as detailed in Exhibit B. The motion carries unanimously.

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NASW-MS – Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes gave a report

## **VIII. HEARINGS**

DH26-003

Courtney Denton moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session.

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to go into Executive Session.

Carrie Coggins moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber to return to an open meeting.

### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman Bobby Scott announced that during Executive Session the Board voted unanimously to uphold the licensure denial.

DH26-005

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Courtney Denton to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session.

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Carrie Coggins to go into Executive Session.

Heath Grames moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber to return to an open meeting.

### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman Bobby Scott announced that during Executive Session the Board voted unanimously to uphold the licensure denial.

DH26-008

Courtney Denton moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session.

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Courtney Denton to go into Executive Session.

Courtney Denton moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to return to an open meeting.

### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman Bobby Scott announced that during Executive Session the Board voted unanimously to uphold the licensure denial.

DH26-006

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session.

Courtney Denton moved with a second by Veronica Knowles to go into Executive Session.

Heath Grames moved with a second by Veronica Knowles to return to an open meeting.

### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman Bobby Scott announced that during Executive Session the Board voted unanimously to uphold the licensure denial.

### **VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Kenya Gatlin moved with a second by Heath Grames to adjourn meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held April 10, 2026, in Suite 205 at 5 Old River Place, Jackson, MS 39202 at 8:30 a.m. and available via Zoom.

  
Bobby Scott (Apr 30, 2026 10:53:31 CDT)

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Bobby Scott,  
Board Chair

  
Patrick Johnson (Apr 30, 2026 09:59:48 CDT)

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Patrick Johnson  
Executive Director