



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

Minutes for April 10, 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 Friday, April 10, 2026, at 10:30 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 10:33 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

Courtney Denton, LMFT
LaPatrick Stephens, LCSW
Jessica Culpepper, LSW
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:

Amanda Cavett

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Heath Grames to approve the March 12, 2026, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

No Report Given

B. Board Chair

No Report Given

C. Vice-Chair

No Report Given

D. Chair of Social Work

No Report Given

E. Chair of Marriage and Family Therapy

Catherine Jones reported on propose changes to the Part 1903 Rules and Regulations for Marriage and Family Therapists.

Catherine Jones moved with a second by Heath Grames to approve the proposed changes to Part 1903, After discussion, the motion was tabled pending a review by a proposed appointed Administrative Rules Committee to review and return to the board with any recommendations.

The Chairman, Bobby Scott, appointed four volunteers to the Administrative Rules Committee to review the MFT Proposed Rules and Regulations and report back to the Board on any recommendations. The Board members appointed were: Heath Grames, Veronica Knowles, Jessica Culpepper and Courtney Denton.

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 5 CE applications, have 1 pending additional information.

II. Marriage and Family Therapy CE

No Report Given

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.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Heath Grames moved with a second by Veronica Knowles to adjourn meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held May 8, 2026, 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 (May 11, 2026 07:05:42 CDT)

Bobby Scott,
Board Chair

X *Patrick Johnson*

Patrick Johnson (May 8, 2026 12:20:16 CDT)

Patrick Johnson
Executive Director

Exhibit - A

Social Work Applicants

Applicant Name	Application Level	Application Type
Ainsley Jones	LSW	License
Amber Westbrook	LSW	License
Camissha Greer	LSW	Reinstate
Brandi McGahey	LSW	Reinstate
Jorden Armstrong	LMSW	License
Carolee Armstrong	LMSW	License
Abigail Feirtag	LMSW	License
Elizabeth Muselwhite	LMSW	License
Heather Pope	LMSW	License
Jamie Fryou	LMSW	Reciprocal
Dominique Howard Jones	LMSW	Reciprocal
Carmeaka Simmons	LMSW	Reciprocal
Stephanie Bundle	LMSW	Reinstate
Scotoria Angrum	LCSW	License
Madison Blakeney	LCSW	License
Melissa Butler	LCSW	License
William Gadow	LCSW	License
Ivory Johnson	LCSW	License
Shelia Martin Woods	LCSW	License
Brittany Murphy	LCSW	License
Shannon Murray	LCSW	License
William Rowan	LCSW	License
Mamie Waites	LCSW	License
Rebekah Woodcock	LCSW	License
Taylor Ausbrooks	LCSW	Reciprocal
LeKenya Croom	LCSW	Reciprocal
Ngeche Gang	LCSW	Reciprocal
Heather Gray Olney	LCSW	Reciprocal
Marketa Hudson	LCSW	Reciprocal
Jessica Hughes	LCSW	Reciprocal
Lasharra Jenkins	LCSW	Reciprocal
Shatoyia Stovall	LCSW	Reciprocal
Alexandra Thompson-Norman	LCSW	Reciprocal
Christie Walker	LCSW	Reciprocal
Keith Welsh	LCSW	Reciprocal
Kayla Wiggins	LCSW	Reciprocal