



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

## Minutes for April 30, 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, April 30, 2026, at 11:00 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 11:01 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  
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

#### **Members of the public:**

Glenn Swartzfager, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Edward Wiggins Jr.  
Gabriel Parsons  
Andronneka McCullum

### **III. HEARINGS**

DH26-004

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

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Heath Grames to go into Executive Session.

Jessica Culpepper 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.

DH26-002

Heath Grames moved with a second by Jessica Culpepper 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.

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Jessica Culpepper 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**


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.

 Bobby Scott (May 11, 2026 07:04:39 CDT)

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Bobby Scott,  
Board Chair

 Patrick Johnson (May 8, 2026 12:20:39 CDT)

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Patrick Johnson  
Executive Director