



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

Minutes for September 18, 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 Thursday, September 18, at 5:00 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 5:00 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:

None

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Heath Grames moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber 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 August 11, 2025 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

No report given

B. Vice-Chair

Veronica Knowles thanked Board for hard work and reported on the Compact Commission Meeting.

C. Chair of Social Work

Rosalind Yarber reported on discussions related to updating the Rules and Regulations.

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 nine CE applications. Seven have been approved, two are awaiting additional information.

II. Marriage and Family Therapy CE

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

VI. LICENSURE VOTES

Social Work

LSW Level

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

Tamila Barnes

Eboni Jones

LMSW Level

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

Amanda Adair
Brianna Addison
Magdalene Allen
Jacob Bandock
Caitlin Betancourt
Simone Bourgeois
Caroline Brantley
Haley Brock
Chasity Chatmon
Lakisha Cox
Gessika Fennell

Sadie Franklin
Molly Gafford
Joshua Garrett
Ellie Hilton
Audrey Jackson
Sandra Janes
Alexis Jones
Jennifer Luella Lawhorn
Racquel Malone
Dominique Mitchell
Heidi Myers

Alisia Nash
Samantha Newsom
Michelle Ousley
Emily Seal
Sharika Smith
Timrequis Tucker
Melissa Vazquez
Sarah Washington
Brianna Williams
Abbey Williams

LMSW by Reciprocity

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

Corey Conner
Ashunti Grayson
Oliva Huggins

LMSW by Reinstatement

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

Lachanda Ruffin

LCSW Level

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

Janasia Ayers
Hannah Bruce
Shannon Ellis

Cassie McDuffey
Katrina Scott

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.

Jenifer Brougham
Robert Chilton, Jr.
Jill Davis-Kuzmanich
Kanika Kisero
Jennifer Nicoll

Ashley Peters
Taylor Reitz
Jeanne Robinson
Patti Rogers
Julianna Schenberg

Kerri Tidball
Geylene Velez
Valencia Wilson

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.

Mamie Albritton

Leah Bell

Victoria Hardy

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.

Aaron Shaw

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Carrie Coggins moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to adjourn meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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

 Bobby Scott, LMFT
Bobby Scott, LMFT (Oct 20, 2025 08:14:27 CDT)

Bobby Scott,
Board Chair

 Patrick Johnson
Patrick Johnson (Oct 20, 2025 11:04:13 CDT)

Patrick Johnson
Executive Director