



# 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	Sadie Franklin	Alisia Nash
Brianna Addison	Molly Gafford	Samantha Newsom
Magdalene Allen	Joshua Garrett	Michelle Ousley
Jacob Bandoek	Ellie Hilton	Emily Seal
Caitlin Betancourt	Audrey Jackson	Sharika Smith
Simone Bourgeois	Sandra Janes	Timreques Tucker
Caroline Brantley	Alexis Jones	Melissa Vazquez
Haley Brock	Jennifer Luella Lawhorn	Sarah Washington
Chasity Chatmon	Racquel Malone	Brianna Williams
Lakisha Cox	Dominique Mitchell	Abbey Williams
Gessika Fennell	Heidi Myers	

### **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	Cassie McDuffey
Hannah Bruce	Katrina Scott
Shannon Ellis	

### **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	Ashley Peters	Kerri Tidball
Robert Chilton, Jr.	Taylor Reitz	Geylene Velez
Jill Davis-Kuzmanich	Jeanne Robinson	Valencia Wilson
Kanika Kisero	Patti Rogers	
Jennifer Nicoll	Julianna Schenberg	

### **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.

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

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Bobby Scott,  
Board Chair

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

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Patrick Johnson  
Executive Director