



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

Minutes for October 10, 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 Friday, October 10, 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 10:30 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

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

Members absent:

None

Board representatives present:

Patrick Johnson, Executive Director
Phillips Strickland, Special Assistant Attorney General

Member of the public present for public comment:

Dr. Gwen Bouie-Haynes, NASW-MS
Britney Mangum, MAMFT

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Carrie Coggins to approve the September 18, 2025 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Attending ASWB Delegates Assembly in November.

B. Vice-Chair

Veronica Knowles attending ASWB Delegates Assembly meeting as a Compact Commission Member

C. Chair of Social Work

No Report Given

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 five CE applications. Three have been approved, two are awaiting additional information. A Designated Provider was also received and is under review.

II. Marriage and Family Therapy CE

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

VI. LICENSURE VOTES

Social Work

LSW Level

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

Kaitlyn Bennett

Sarah Chandler

Ebony Groves

Victoria Price

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.

Shelby Butler
Cecilia Cardenas
Lunden Crews

Savannah Davis
Terri Grygier
Gabriella John

Hannah Seymore
Brian Smith

LMSW by Reinstatement

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

Jedidiah Spiller

LCSW Level

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

Shanavier Clark
Brittany Cox
Alexis Shorter

LCSW by Reciprocity

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

Shatonya Craddock
Amber Gambel
Krishana Overstreet

Raven Winding
Nicole Jolyn
Kirsten Rasmussen

LCSW by Reinstatement

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

Margarita DeLeon
Graciella Duarte de Baker

LMFT by Universal Recognition

Catherine Jones moved with a second by Courtney Denton to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LMFT level. Voting Aye: Bobby Scott, Rosalind Yarber, Catherine Jones, Courtney Denton, Carrie Coggins, Kenya Gatlin, and Heath Grames. Abstention: Veronica Knowles. Motion carries.

Katelyn Sessums

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAMFT – 2/12-13 Lake Terrace Convention Center

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber to adjourn meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held November 14, 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 (Nov 18, 2025 07:12:48 CDT)

Bobby Scott,
Board Chair

 Patrick Johnson
Patrick Johnson (Nov 18, 2025 14:12:51 CDT)

Patrick Johnson
Executive Director