



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

Minutes for November 14, 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, November 14, 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 10:31 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
Kenya Gatlin, LCSW
Heath Grames, LMFT

Members absent:

Courtney Denton, LMFT

Board representatives present:

Patrick Johnson, Executive Director
Kim Turner, Assistant Attorney General

Member of the public present for public comment:

NASW-MS
Britney Mangum, MAMFT

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Catherine Jones to amend the agenda to include a report. The motion carried unanimously.

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 Carrie Coggins to approve the October 10, 2025, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Patrick Johnson reported on attending the ASWB Delegates Assembly. Will be working with the Social Work Compact Commission on evaluating the data system to be used by the Compact.

B. Vice-Chair

Veronica Knowles reported on attending ASWB Delegates Assembly meeting and the Compact Commission meetings that occurred during the Delegates Assembly.

C. Chair of Social Work

Rosalind Yarber reported on attending the ASWB Delegates Assembly.

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 have approved 3 applications that were awaiting additional information.

II. Marriage and Family Therapy CE

Catherine Jones reported that the MFT Committee had no new CE applications.

VI. LICENSURE VOTES

Social Work

LSW Level

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

Tommie Dunnam
Sierra McCaskill

LMSW Level

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

Julee Albert
Shemeka Berry
Tekima Davis
Alexandria Gamble
Jaszmen Hawthorne

Rachel Hodnett
Candace Hunt
Antonya May
Tausha Rawls
Susanna Reid

Jaden Smith
Mariah Steele
Danelle Windham
Valerie Wyatt

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.

Brittney Braxton
Edna Sanders
Shelbi White

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.

Anna Biter

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.

Monica Cole
Christiana Corfee
Turner Griffin
Rico Street

La'Chary Teague
Beonca Terry
Kara Uselton

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.

Laurel Beischke
Marissa Borenstein
Rosalyn Bradley
Jesse Burns

Kendrick Hill
Khovita Jainarine
Katie Luttrell
Amanda McClure

Morgan Santana
Sarah Tucker
Robin Unruh
Karl Winegar

LMFTA by Examination

Catherine Jones moved with a second by Carrie Coggins to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LMFTA level. The motion carries unanimously.

Madalyn Clark

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Heath Grames moved to go into closed session to determine if Executive Session is needed.
Veronica Knowles moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber

In open session, Bobby Scott announced that the Board has reason under Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-7 (4) (d) as amended, to go into Executive Session namely for investigative proceedings by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Bobby Scott announced the following actions taken during Executive Session:

SW25-254 Carrie Coggins moved, with a second by Kenya Gatlin to dismiss as there had been no violation or regulation or law. The vote was unanimous. Closed.

LCSW by Reciprocity

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

Ashley Berg

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to adjourn meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held December 12, 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 (Dec 17, 2025 07:17:21 CDT)

Bobby Scott,
Board Chair

 *Patrick Johnson*
Patrick Johnson (Dec 17, 2025 07:52:19 CDT)

Patrick Johnson
Executive Director