



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

## **Minutes for December 12, 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, December 12, 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

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

Rosalind Yarber moved with a second by Courtney Denton to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Heath Grames moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber to approve the November 14, 2025, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. REPORTS**

##### **A. Executive Director**

Patrick Johnson presented sponsorship applications for both the NASW-MS annual conference and the MAMFT annual conference.

Courtney Denton moved with a second by Veronica Knowles to approve the sponsorship of the NASW-MS annual conference at the Silver level. The motion carried unanimously.

Kenya Gatlin moved with a second by Rosalind Yarber to approve the sponsorship of the MAMFT annual conference at the Grand level. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **B. Vice-Chair**

Veronica Knowles reported on Compact Commission.

##### **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 have received 5 CE applications, one of which has been approved with 4 awaiting additional information.

###### **II. Marriage and Family Therapy CE**

Patrick Johnson reported that the MFT Committee have approved 3 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.

TyTeAnna Cameron

Loren Elliott

Heather Suber

### **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.

Emily Beall  
Emilly Carter  
Elizabeth Davidson  
Jayla Fogg  
Marly Funderburk

Itedrianna Goston  
Stephanie Kelly  
Mariah Kerry  
Shawna Lynch  
Elizabeth Murrah

India Parks  
Amanda Raby  
Hannah White

### **LMSW by Reciprocity**

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

Kelley Hermann  
Sierra Hollis  
Nikki Waller

### **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.

Ericka Biggs  
Nina Cardenas  
Mary Harbin  
Dominique Hardaway

Lauren Hill  
Franklin Southern-Bruno  
Lisa Thompson

### **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.

Mandee Ray Awmiller  
Gloria Bean  
Sage Bierster  
Deborah Ernst

Terricka Hardy  
Cailyn Jordan  
Travis Kalina  
Shelia Moton

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NASW – Dr. Gwen Bouie Haynes thanked the Board for its ongoing collaboration and support. She also reported on the upcoming call for applications to serve as an LCSW on the Board.

MAMFT – Britney Mangum thanked the Board for its ongoing collaboration and support. She also reported on the MAMFT conference.

## 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 January 9, 2026, in Suite 205 at 5 Old River Place, Jackson, MS 39202 at 8:30 a.m. and available via Zoom.

X Bobby Scott, LMFT  
Bobby Scott, LMFT (Jan 12, 2026 12:54:31 CST)

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Bobby Scott,  
Board Chair

X Patrick Johnson  
Patrick Johnson (Jan 12, 2026 12:56:19 CST)

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Patrick Johnson  
Executive Director