



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.

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

Bobby Scott,
Board Chair

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

Patrick Johnson
Executive Director