



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

Minutes for January 9, 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, January 9, at 8:30 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 8:30 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
Courtney Denton, LMFT

Members absent:

Heath Games, LMFT

Board representatives present:

Patrick Johnson, Executive Director
Kim Turner, Assistant Attorney General
Derek Wyatt, Special Assistant Attorney General

Member of the public present for public comment:

Britney Mangum, MAMFT

Member of the public:

Marquita Thurman, LCSW

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Bobby Scott announced documentation submission deadlines:

Regularly scheduled Board Meetings occur on the second Friday of each month.

Social Work Licensure application documents, and Marriage and Family Therapy documents need to be received by close of business Wednesday the week prior to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Social Work Supervision documents need to be received by close of business Wednesday the week of the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Courtney Denton moved with a second by Kenya Gatlin to approve the December 12, 2025, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Patrick Johnson reported on the Compact Commission Technical Advisory Group meeting

B. Vice-Chair

Veronica Knowles reported on the upcoming Compact Commission meeting

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 approved 4 CE applications and have 1 pending additional information.

II. Marriage and Family Therapy CE

Catherine Jones reported that the MFT Committee have approved 1 CE sponsor application and 1 CE application. They also have 40 pending additional review.

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.

Danielle Fields
Tinkea Mack Jackson
Jessie Powell

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.

LaToya Curb	Amber McCraw
Vanessa Jones	Tyanna Taylor
Kimberly Lyles	

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.

Ayla Alba	Katherine McClanahan
Fanny Burdine	Caleb Robb
Samantha Christie	Chantel Williams

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.

Ginia Hairston
Tammy Matlock
Damaris Reid

LCSW Level

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

Kirsten Abbott	Sonya Hogan
Breana Cook	Jaimie Lane
Jennifer Froman	Jessica Lott
Laura Gottschalck	

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.

Chasity Deal
Tara Hayes
Allison Simmons

Amanda Steele
Twarner Witherspoon

Marriage and Family Therapy

LMFT Level

Catherine Jones moved with a second by Courtney Denton to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LMFT level. The motion carries unanimously.

Martin Wildeman

LMFT Level by Universal Recognition

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

Samantha Thurber

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

MAMFT – Britney Mangum – No comment

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 February 20, 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,
Board Chair

X Patrick Johnson

Patrick Johnson
Executive Director

Signature: Bobby Scott
Bobby Scott (Mar 13, 2026 10:42:57 CDT)

Signature: Patrick Johnson
Patrick Johnson (Mar 13, 2026 11:07:39 CDT)