



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

## Minutes for June 26, 2024 Special Call 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 special called board meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at 5 Old River Place, Suite 205, Jackson, MS 39202 and via Zoom.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. A quorum of Board members was present.

#### **Opening Remarks**

#### **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Board Chair  
Dr. Valerie Joiner, LCSW, Board Vice-Chair  
Catherine Jones, LMFT, Chair of MFTDSC  
Rosalind Yarber, LSW, Chair of SWDSC  
Bobby Scott, LMFT  
Veronica Knowles, LCSW  
Carrie Coggins, LMSW  
Kenya Gatlin, LCSW  
Dr. Jeff Hinton, LMFT

**Members Absent:** Valerie Burnett, LSW

**Staff and Guests:** Sarah Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Chelye Amis, Special Assistant Attorney General

### **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Bobby Scott moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosalind Yarber to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

Bobby Scott moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Veronica Knowles to approve the amendment to the Whitten Group contract to extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Scott moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie Coggins to terminate or accept the resignation of Executive Director Erica Allen, effective close of business on June 26, 2024.

**IV. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie Coggins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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Chair

*Sarah Mann*  
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Recorder