



Arkansas Department of Health

Social Work Licensing Board

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, June 12, 2023, at the Social Work Licensing Board, 5800 West 10th, Little Rock, AR 72204. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, Vice Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order and read the Mission Statement.

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Crone, LCSW
Dr. Raymond Molden, Psychiatrist
Vorandol Stinyard, Senior Representative
Shani Patterson, LSW
Susan Reasoner, LCSW
Betty Guhman, Public Representative
Kristin Agar, LCSW
Tammy Charlton, LMSW

Board Members Absent: Tammy Vaughn, LMSW

Board's Attorney: Sara Farris, Assistant Attorney General

Board's Staff: Chere' Johnson, Administrative Specialist III

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the May 8, 2023, Board meeting were reviewed. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vorandol Stinyard, seconded the motion, which carried.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Complaint 2023-14 – The Board received and review a complaint filed against Jessica Garcia. The Complaint Committee recommended a nine (9) month probation period with six (6) hours of continuing education. Upon reviewing the complaint, the Board requested that Ms. Garcia appear before the Board. Ms. Garcia admitted to false billing and took responsibility for her actions and apologized to the Board. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement. Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

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Complaint 2023-19 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-22 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-25 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-26 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-27 – Pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss Retired License:

Shani Patterson, LSW, brought up the suggestion from a colleague about a retired license. The Board discussed and will do some research before the next session when laws can be changed.

Review License Request from Non-Citizen:

An individual had written the Board to discuss the possibility of receiving a license without citizenship or work permit. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to deny the request. Shani Patterson, LSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from NASW:

Holly Barron the Director the Arkansas National Association of Social Workers had written the Board requesting clarification on a couple of items. One question was if there is a law or rule that says an LCSW supervisor cannot be the boss or have power to hire/fire those they are supervising. The Board does not have any such law or rule. The second question was regarding macro social work students regarding the language for seeking LCSW. The law defines the scope of practice of LCSW's, which includes macro practice. The Guidelines for LCSW Supervision and the Rules do require the LMSW to be employed in a clinical master's level position to gain the knowledge necessary for becoming qualified to practice independently in a clinical setting. Macro level practice does not meet the requirements for independent clinical practice. The Board will consider law changes in the future regarding a license level for macro practice.

Review Request from the Veteran's Association:

A request was made by the Veteran's Association regarding their social workers administrating Naloxone. Kirstin Agar, LCSW, made a motion to approve if the social worker is properly trained. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from Carrie Davis:

Carrie Davis had written the Board requesting an extension to renew her license. After reviewing extensive documentation and based on the extenuating circumstances, Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, made a motion to grant the request. Kirstin Agar, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried. Ms. Davis to be granted 60-days from her expiration date to renew her license

Review Request from Karen Fullen:

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Karen Fullen had written the Board regarding her expired license. Based on the extenuating circumstances and documentation, Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, made a motion to reinstate Ms. Fullen's license. Shani Patterson, LSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Background Check Waiver Request:

The Board considered brief information on a criminal background check. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to table the application until the court case has been settled, Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Question About Animal Support Letters:

The Board reviewed a request from an LCSW about writing a letter for an emotional support animal. After reviewing Federal laws, the Board agreed it was possible for an LCSW to write an animal support letter.

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

Betty Guhman reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, Revenue Reconciliation Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from May 2023. Ms. Guhman presented that the balance was out by \$54.18 This amount was noted by Ms. Bain, the director. Ms. Bain has been out of the office and was not able to review the amount prior to the meeting. An update will be given at the next meeting. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to accept the reports as presented, with the Warrant Detail and Trial Balance being out \$54.18 Shani Patterson, LSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, motion a motion to affirm the application approvals issued by the Board.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Twyneisha Allen	Tommi Lynn Ballance	Jahna Alexis Caines
Kirk Mitchell Duboise	Sarah Jean Gamez	Erin Hartley
Aisling Aila Hearne	Cheryl Jones	Riley Paige Sisson

Approved to take the Exam:

Tanya Mitchell

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

None

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

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Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Brittany Nicole Barnes	Emily Frances Bautista	Hannah Brewer
Monique Bristol	Samantha Nicole Brown	Tewanna Sheneka Brunson
Ta-Tanishia Caffey	Tammy D Carpenter	Jaclyn Victoria Clift
Layne Coleman	Caitanya Marie Cook	Abbey Jewell Cox
William Amos Cravey	Griselda P Delgado Torres	Ty'Teion Duncan
Noah Howard Eggenesperger	Kristin Eisentraut	Chelsea Fagan
Alexis Hope Gershon	Heidi Anna Gillmore	Maria Therese Grace
Janai Rikole Gray	Ashley Nicole Greene	Allyson Renee Greenlee
Laura Ann Hardin	Faith M Henson	Melissa Leigh Herrington
Disreal L Herron	Grace Elaine Hill	Julia Hofheimer
Magenta Shae Holland	Maegan Holloway	Katelyn Hosman
Keisha Mariet Houston	Robin Danielle Howerton	Tiffany Hudson
Emma Margareta Hunt	Laurie A James	Ashlyn Marie Johnson
Kaitlyn Johnson	Emily Lizett Jones	Nicholas Ryan Jones
Colby Lynn Kelley	Caroline Kerr	Chloe Frances Kilcrease
Hanna Lynn Kuehn	Natasha Nicole Leach	Octavia Lloyd
Anna Long	Brenda Yadira Martinez	Maria Areli Martinez
Aarionna Mason	Angela L McCord	Robert J McCord
Kelsea Marie McGee	Lindsay Meins	Sara Faith Michael
Katie Millard	Jessica Miller	Claudia Miroslava Montante Hernandez
Gracie Elaine Montelongo	Weston Allen Moore	Kristin Marley Morrison
Jessica Erin Pace	Caeley Peterson	Avis K Phifer
Candy Mechelle Phillips	Gennifer Pohovey	Aretha Poindexter
Denisse M Pollo	Ronseha Cahrdae Profit	Katherine Roberts
Misty Dawn Roberts	Sandra Nicole Schenk	Mary Beth Shelton
Sara Ruth Slemmons	Phillip Stephens	Michael Joseph Stoecker
Macie Stringer	Jordan Klair Taylor	Courtney Elaine Thessing
Aubriauna Thomas	Cassandra Jade Tidwell-Basham	Tareane Odesha Toney
Amy Nicole Treadway	Jacquelyn Deeann Vaden	Tarah Brianne Verkamp
Rosalind Wallace	Kylie Marissa Watkins	Jonathan Gabriel Webb
Keith Wayne Whaley	Kelsey Widener	Hanna Skye Williams
Kristin Marie Williams	Mary Hadley Williams	Wendy Sands Wilson
Ze'Ann Stormie Windle	Kelly Renee Wood	Hannah Grace Wooten
Hannah Worsham	Lacrystal C Young	Patricia Ann Young

Approved to take the Exam:

Michelle Jean Donham	Lasonia Denise Dozier	Heather LeRae Edge
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Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Autumn Nicole Pierce

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

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LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

August Miriah-Leah Bruce	Pat J Bruno	Frances Carreon
Rebekah Ann Coursey	Madison Nicole Dickerson	Alex Edwards
Christy Sandlin Hill	Kayse L Krouse	Janet D Lewis
Brooklyn Montgomery	Freddy Russell Nail	Chinishe Ray
Stephanie Caitlyn Shaw	Jessica Louise Starkey	Angela Marie Young

Endorsement

Starlett R Armstrong	Michelle Lynn Buxton	Shawndell Marie Eddington
Steven W Pharis	Autumn Nicole Pierce	Bridgett Danielle Price

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 117 applications for license renewal since the last board meeting. Shani Patterson, LSW, made a motion to affirm the renewals. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board affirmed 12 random continuing education audits. Betty Guhman made a motion to approve all 12 of the audits. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews:

The Board reviewed 26 supervision plans Shani Patterson, LSW, made a motion to approve 25 of the supervision plans reviewed. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried. One (1) plan is pending clarification.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chere' Johnson presented information on the fee changes that go into effect on July 1, 2023.

Board Members were reminded about a meeting on the Social Work Compact that would take place soon. Members were requested to participate if possible.

Susan Reasoner, LCSW, recommended the Board discuss rules concerning impaired professionals. Kirstin Agar, LCSW, said she would be glad to do some research. This will be an ongoing discussion.

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There being no other business, Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.

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