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Social Work Licensing Board

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, January 8, 2024, at the Social Work Licensing Board, 5800 West 10th, Little Rock, AR 72204. Elizabeth Crone called the meeting to order and read the Mission Statement.

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Crone, LCSW
Shani Patterson, LSW
Michael Parker, LCSW
Anna Cook, LMSW
Susan Reasoner
Vorandol Stinyard
Betty Guhman

Board Members Absent: Dr. Raymond Molden, Psychiatrist

Board Attorney: Lacie Kirchner

Board Staff: Chere' Johnson, Administrative Specialist III
Kristen Allen, Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 11, 2023, board meeting were reviewed. Michael Parker, LCSW, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Shani Patterson, LSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Complaint 2023-19 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-21 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-01 – Pending.

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Complaint FY24-02 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-03 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-04 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-05 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-06 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-07 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-08 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-09 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-10 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-11 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-12 – Pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

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. Shani Patterson, LSW, made the motion to accept the reports as presented. Michael Parker seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

The Board reviewed 50 applications. Susan Reasoner made a motion to approve the 50 applications. Anna Cook seconded the motion, which carried.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Johnson, Travestine

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

None

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

Board Chair Initials 

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Approved to take the Exam:

Kaitlin Austin
Kendral Hill
Carolyn Miles

Stephanie Dillon
Tamara Holland
Myracle Murrell

Ebone' Edgerson
Brianna Ingram
Anita Robinson

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Clair Birkhead
Regan Cullum
Alicia Jackson

Shannon Centers
Madion Epley
Hannah Lluvido

Victoria Covert-Souci
Mallory Hamm

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Kelly Beaton
April DeVore
Ashley Fason
Mary Macon
Mallory Scherrey
Cassandra Wade
Stephanie Wilcox

Ferrell Bonner
Adam Dodd
Uatchet Gay
Jordan Masterson
Ashley Smith
Sharon Ware
Laura Wright

Brittany Bradshaw
Kelly Dundon
Alison Lawhorn
Garrett McKown
Laura Tapley
Hailey Marie Washam

Endorsement

Margarita Araiza-Johnston
Donald Huff
Tajsheena Leggs
Andee Peters-Kurtz

LaKetia Baker
Shyranda Jones
Megan McManus
Ragan Snyder-Smith

Amanda Brown
Maecy Kirkland
Michelle Mistelske
Phaecia Ward

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 104 applications for license renewal since the last board meeting. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to approve the renewals. Michael Parker seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board affirmed 15 random continuing education audits. One renewal was rejected for clarification regarding CEU credit. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to approve 14 of the audits. Anna Cook seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews:

The Board reviewed 30 supervision plans. The board approved 27 of the supervision plans. Three out of the 30 supervision plans required clarification. Shani Patterson made a motion to approve 27 of the supervision plans. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificates of Registration:

There were 7 Certificates of Registration Applications. Michael Parker made a motion to approve all 7 of the Registration. Susan Reasoner seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

The board voted on the reimbursement of expenses which is a required vote at the beginning of every year. Shani Patterson made a motion to continue reimbursement of expenses. Michael Parker seconded the motion, which carried.

The board voted on continuation of stipend payments which is required at the beginning of every year. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to continue stipend payments. Elizabeth Crone seconded the motion, which carried.

In accordance with A.C.A. 25-16-901 the board approved a motion to authorize the reimbursement of expenses for each board member for performing official board duties. The rate of reimbursement shall not exceed the rate established for state employees for state travel regulations. The request also includes approval of expenses for the board's chairman and executive director to be representatives at the AWSB Annual Spring Education Meeting, ASWB Fall Delegate Meeting; And, if funds allow the FARB forum January 2025. The board also approves to pay expenses incurred that are above the government rate for lodging at the Association and FARB meetings. All expenses must be approved by ADH prior to travel.

Board Elections for 2024:

Elizabeth Crone was elected board Chair.

Susan Reasoner was elected Vice Chair.

Anna Cook was elected board secretary.

Complaint Committee:

Elizabeth Crone was elected to the Complaint Committee.

Shani Patterson made a motion to adjourn. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.