



Arkansas Department of Health

Social Work Licensing Board

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2024

10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Crone, LCSW (Chair)
Shani Patterson, LSW
Michael Parker, LCSW
Susan Reasoner (Vice-chair)

Board Members Absent: Anna Cook, MSW
Betty Guhman
Raymond Molden, MD

Board Attorney: Michael Bynum

Board Staff: Kristen Allen, Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 10, 2024, board meeting were reviewed. Michael Parker made a motion to approve the minutes. Susan Reasoner seconded the motion, which carried.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Complaint FY24-20 – Pending.
Complaint FY24-23– Pending.
Complaint FY24-24 – Pending.
Complaint FY24-25– Pending.
Complaint FY24-26 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-27 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-29 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-30 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-31 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-32 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-33 – Pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

Susan Reasoner reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, Revenue Reconciliation Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. Shani Patterson made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Michael Parker seconded the motion, which carried.

Administrative Report on Applications:

The Board reviewed 100 applications. Michael Parker made a motion to approve the 100 applications. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

There were no LSW applications.

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

None

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Diamond Adams
Gloria Brown
Chloe Cobb
Arin DeRoe
Rachel Flurry

Charlotte Alexander
Robin Brown
Sarah Collins
Christopher Earnhart
Anna Follette

Cassidy Armstrong
Laura Cato
Aleah Davis
Gattlin Elam
Kinsey Garbett

Jessica Gibson
Halle Gunter

Jordan Gore
Ashton Hargrove

Tia Gulley
KayLee Hayes

Board Chair Initials *E Lee*

Olivia Holmes
Erica James
Jazmine Jones
Lauren Little
Jillian Mayberry
Cheryl Miller
Harlee Novak
Ixtali Romo-Gonzales
Brandon Shaw
Jeremy Sims
Lurah Stafford
Kaitlynn Teague
Meredith Williams

Melinda Hyatt
Hannah Johnson
Shelby Koffi
Lauren Loper
Kara McDaniel
Hannah Miller
Chandler Pinal
Emily Rowland
Josie Shearer
Kaitlyn Smythe
Toby Stipp
Parris Watson
Jordan Young

Ashlee Jackson
Haley Jones
Ashley Leighton
Catrina Lucio
Caiden McFadden
Evan North
Katelyn Retherford
Gabrielle Sandoval
Jeffrey Simon
Kimberly Spencer
Hannah Taber
Cassandra Whiteside

Approved to take the Exam:

Tiffany Cooper
Saccari Jacobs
Tameshia Smith

Ashley Greene
Jessica Minton
Michelle Verser

Tiffany Hudson
Angela Scott
Micaela Whitelow

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Margret Bourne
Laura Fleming

Ursula Champion
LaFonia Seals

Sebastian Eason

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

None

Endorsement:

Joanne Baum
Geunia Funches
Elizabeth Harcourt
Amanda Mossing
Paige Schwartz

Jannetta Brass
Claudia Goldstein
Christina Hull
Olivia Perin
Tiffany Scott

Claire DePriest
Kimberly Gora-Buck
Dexter Jefferson
Michelle Rooker
Laura Tanner

Advancing LMSW to LCSW

Sherion Allen

Maratha Flores-DePriest

Megan Huckaby

Catiya Welch

Cassidy Day

Logan Hearron

Dominique Norman

Jimmy Wilson

Melanie Fleming

Catrina Horn

Marlie Prince

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 134 applications for license renewals since the last board meeting. Shani Patterson made a motion to approve the 134 renewals. Michael Parker seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

There were 10 continuing education audits for review. Michael Parker made a motion to approve 10 continuing education audits. Susan Reasoner seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews:

The Board reviewed 19 supervision plans. None required clarification. Michael Parker made a motion to approve 19 of the supervision plans. Susan Reasoner seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificates of Registration:

There were no Certificate of Registration Applications.

Other Business:

The Chair led a discussion with the board regarding Social Work Rule Section V. (Ark. Code Ann. 17-103-302) 4.a. (Endorsement) Legislation will be proposed this year regarding reducing the number of hours a social worker has practiced at the independent level from 3 years to 2 years. The board was asked to vote on this rule change. A motion was made. Noone seconded the motion. Therefore, the board vote did not pass.

An extension request for renewal was made social worker who thought her renewal year was 2025. The board agreed to the extension under the condition that that the social worker provide a date for completion of the CEUs with a plan for completion.

A request was made by a social worker to have her supervision plan approved -due to a board signature missing from her supervision plan. The social provided all documentation required for supervision. She also provided letters from previous supervisors and her employer. The board approved the supervision plan.

The board chair initiated discussion of potential rule changes. The board started with supervision rule changes and how to prepare supervisors to provide the best experience for the supervisees.

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The rules were divided into sections for board members to review:

- Elizabeth-supervision
- Betty-
- Susan-unprofessional conduct
- Shani-Certifications of Reg./Applications
- Michael- Training online

With no other business to discuss, the meeting ended at 1:30 p.m.

Board Chair Initials *ES*