



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

## Minutes for November 8, 2024, 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, November 8, 2024, at 10:30 a.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 10:34 a.m. A quorum of Board members was present

### **Opening Remarks**

### **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Gerard Tarrant, LMFT, Board Chair  
Veronica Knowles, LCSW, Board Vice-Chair  
Catherine Jones, LMFT, Chair of MFTDSC  
Rosalind Yarber, LSW, Chair of SWDSC  
Bobby Scott, LMFT  
Jessica Culpepper, LSW, RN, MPH  
Carrie Coggins, LMSW  
Kenya Gatlin, LCSW  
Lapatrik Stephens, LCSW

**Members Absent:** Courtney Denton, LMFT

**Staff and Guests:** Patrick Johnson, Executive Director  
Kimberly Black, Contract Employee  
Gwen Bouie-Haynes, Executive Director NASW-MS  
Brittany Magnum, MAMFT  
Chelye Amis, Board Attorney

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Gerard Tarrant accepted amended agenda. Catherine Jones moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie Coggins. The motion carried unanimously.

Catherine Jones moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenya Gatlin to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Rosalind Yarber moved to accept August minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Catherine Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

## **II. LICENSURE VOTES**

See attached list for names

### **Social Work**

#### **LSW Level**

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie Coggins to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LSW level. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **LMSW Level**

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenya Gatlin to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **LMSW Level by Reciprocity**

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Veronica Knowles to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LMSW level by Reciprocity. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **LCSW Level**

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Veronica Knowles to approve the following candidates for licensure at the LCSW level. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **LCSW Level by Reciprocity**

Rosalind Yarber moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Veronica Knowles to approve the following candidate for licensure at the LCSW level by Reciprocity.

### **Marriage and Family Therapy**

There were no candidates presented for licensure.

## **III. REPORTS**

### **Financial Report**

There was no report given

**Board Chair – Gerard Tarrant**

Addressed the Board regarding in person meetings going forward per the State.  
Welcomed the new Executive Director, Patrick Johnson

**Board Vice-Chair – Veronica Knowles**

There was no report given

**Chair of Marriage & Family Therapy – Catherine Jones**

There was no report given

**Chair of Social Work – Rosalind Yarber**

There was no report given

**Board Member(s)**

There was no report given

**Legal Counsel – Cheyle Amis**

There was no report given

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Social Work CE Report

Carrie reported approval of 2 CE's for the month of October

MS Minority

Family and Youth Opportunities

MFT CE Report

There was no report given

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no report given

**V. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**Reports on New and Current Complaints**

No new cases

**Report on Disciplined Licensees' Progress**

242-Dismissed complaint

243 & 244-Stipulation order signed-Closed-Surrendered license

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Not needed

**VII. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Carrie moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Catherine Jones to adjourn meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held December 13, 2024, in Suite 205 at 5 Old River Place, Jackson, MS 39202 at 10:30 a.m. and available via Zoom.

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Gerard Tarrant,  
Chair

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Kimberly Black  
Recorder

# **November Social Work Licensure Review**

## **LSW Level**

Mikayla Wilson  
Heather Williams  
Kimberly Holloway  
Carolyn Warren

Dionna Brown  
Chameleon Davis  
Zquita Windham  
Melissa Vazquez

## **LMSW Level**

Sandra Carter  
Harmonee Nester  
Steven Stokes  
Jessica Wade  
Laquinta Williams  
Jerica Durden  
Xakylan Johnson  
Jennifer Chhabra  
Ashley Izquierdo

Isabel Ellender  
Amiya Moore  
Naomi McKneely  
Kyra Reed  
Jasmine Walker  
Baylee Sims  
Zoe Enquist  
Denise Harris

## **LMSW Level by Reciprocity**

Garyanna Simmons  
Cinder Henry

## **LCSW Level**

Catherine Waller  
Danae Smith  
Katelee Cloys  
Memoree Burge

## **LCSW Level by Reciprocity**

Courtney Hicks