



Arkansas Department of Health

Social Work Licensing Board

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, February 13, 2023, at the Social Work Licensing Board, 5800 West 10th, Little Rock, AR 72204. Tammy Charlton, LMSW, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order and read the Mission Statement.

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

Board Members Absent: Tammy Vaughn, LMSW

Board's Attorney: Lacie Kirchner

Board's Staff: Ruthie Bain, Director
Chere' Johnson, Administrative Specialist III

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 9, 2023, Board meeting were reviewed. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Shani Patterson, LSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Due to visitor's present, the Board moved ahead on the agenda to IV. B.

Discuss HB1359:

Board members reviewed HB1359 which will be on the State Agencies & Gov't Affairs – House Committee on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. A representative from the Arkansas Chapter of NASW was allowed to comment. Board members voiced concerns. The Board will be following this proposed bill.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Social Work Licensing Board
Review Date: Marcy 13, 2023

Motion made by: *V. Stinyard*
2nd by: *Susan Reasoner*
Board Chair: *Tammy S. Vaughn, LMSW*

Complaint 2023-09 – After full review by the Complaint Committee, the Committee recommended that a Consent Agreement be sent to the Social Worker. Jessica Russell, LSW, signed the Consent Agreement which was presented to the Board. Ms. Russell violated Board Rule X. Code of Ethics Standard H. Records and Board Rule XI. Unprofessional Conduct Subsection I. The order places Ms. Russell's license on probation for three (3) months from the date of this order. During the 3-month probation Ms. Russell must complete six (6) hours of continuing education with three (3) hours of continuing education in documentation/record keeping and three (3) hours of continuing education in ethics. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement as presented. Shani Patterson, LSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint 2023-14 – Pending

Complaint 2023-15 – Pending

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Election – Secretary of the Board:

Betty Guhman volunteered to serve as secretary of the Board. The Board affirm the decision for Betty Guhman to serve as secretary of the Board.

Discuss Committee on Disciplinary Matrix:

Board Members updated that the head of the committee would not be able to continue due to other responsibilities. Discussion was held on the next steps for this committee. Discussion will continue at a meeting scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Discussion of Possible Rule Changes:

Board Members were updated on possible legislation and a request that has been made to reduce fees. The Board voted to work on reducing the renewal application fee from \$80 to \$40 for a temporary term. Depending on the legislation passed and the requirements of that legislation, Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to approve the temporary change in accordance with the proposed law once it passes. Shani Patterson, LSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Request from JoHanna Rostoni:

JoHanna Rostoni, LMSW, had written the Board requesting that her license be placed on inactive status. Ms. Rostoni had been informed by the Board we do not have an inactive status. Ms. Rostoni was requesting the Board reconsider the inactive status and that her license be placed on inactive status. Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, made a motion to deny the request. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, 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 January 2023. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Kirstin Agar, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure since the last Board Meeting.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Alton Wade Moore

Allison Kelsey Morse

Egypt S Tramble

Approved to take the Exam:

Carolyn Ann Thomas

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Jodie Lynn Harber

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Ewurama Saah Armah

Briana Lanay Bush

Chauntee S Coleman

Jason Davis

Kylie M DeVries

Tylar Hampton

Brianna C Ingram

Kristen Lazarini

Amecia J McCarther

Makayla Marie McCrackin

Tameika McHenry

Eddie Santana Quintero

Wendy Rasch

Chara V Rudley

Crysta'Zsha Smith

Kayla Lyn Tedder

Melinda Williams

Approved to take the Exam:

Angela Artis

Sheila Machella Clay

Vanessa Goldsmith

Sheree Hollingsworth

LaToya S Lamb

Destiny Ciera Mason

Megan McCrary

Tina Crawley Mills

Susana Sandoval

Cynthia Parker Stack

Niketia White

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Kodi Avera

Jacki King

Allison Lawhon

Michele Rae Sperry

Jennifer Walden

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Kailee Bauman	Connie Lynn Bromley	Alison Alise Carr
Catherine Bethany Coker	Haley Creekmore	Sandra Beasley Daniels
Laura Katherine Fox	Kyle Patrick Francis	Alexandria Leigh Chant
LaNissa Gilmore	Barron Griffin	Dessica Quanesha Guyton
Darby Renare Harmon	Alexandria Lynne Hollingshead	Hannah Hughes
Cailyn Jonissa Jordan	Daniel Phillip Martin	Nancy Kerrence Michael
Garrett Shepard	Taheshia S Smith	Michelle Dianne Tupper
Melanie Shea Wilson	Catherine Woodrow	

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Vi Bui	Sheila Joseph	Jocelyn McGriff
Molly Kay McGurk	Darren Rafel	Erica Robinson
Susan Rutledge	Mandy Jean Witthuhn	Tami A Wollner

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 182 applications for license renewal. Shani Patterson, LSW, made a motion to approve all the renewals. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion on applications, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed 15 random continuing education audits. Betty Guhman made a motion to approve 15 of the audits. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews:

The Board reviewed 33 supervision plans. Shani Patterson, LSW, made a motion to show 31 of the supervision plans reviewed. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried. Two plans are pending clarification or new goals.

Action Taken on Certificates of Registration:

The Board reviewed two (2) Certificate of Registration applications. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to approve all applications. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Update on the Compact:

The Compact for Social Workers is in the final drafting period. Once completed, the Board will review and discuss.

Review Canadian Applicant Questions:

A Registered Social Worker from Canada was asking about the process to become licensed in Arkansas. Board staff has confirmed the license level she would be qualified for, and the applicant has since applied for license. Once the application is complete, the board will review.

Vote on Administrative Staff Duties:

The Board considered allowing the administrative staff to review and approve the continuing education audits and the certificate of registrations. Staff would be responsible for bringing any non-compliant audit or unusual certificate of registration or registration renewal to the Board for approval or disciplinary action. Shani Patterson, LSW, made a motion grant administrative staff authority to review and approve continuing education audits and certificates of registration that meet the qualifications required. Dr. Raymond Molden seconded the motion, which carried.

There being no other business, Betty Guhman made a motion to adjourn. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried.