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Social Work Licensing Board

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2024

10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, May 13, 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
Anna Cook, LMSW (Board Secretary)
Susan Reasoner (Vice-chair)
Betty Guhman
Raymond Molden, MD

Board Members Absent: None

Board Attorney: Michael Bynum

Board Staff: Kristen Allen, Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 9th board meeting were reviewed. Shani Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes. Michael Parker seconded the motion, which carried.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Complaint FY24-11 – Pending.
Complaint FY24-18 – Pending.
Complaint FY24-20 – Pending.
Complaint FY24-21 – Pending.
Complaint FY24-22 – Pending.

- Complaint FY24-23– Pending.
- Complaint FY24-24 – Pending.
- Complaint FY24-25– Pending.
- Complaint FY24-26 – Pending.
- Complaint FY24-27 – Pending.
- Complaint FY24-28 – Pending.
- Complaint FY24-29 – Pending.
- Complaint FY24-30 – Pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

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

Administrative Report on Applications:

The Board reviewed 58 applications. Susan Reasoner made a motion to approve the 58 applications. Michal Parker seconded the motion, which carried.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

Darci Cruz	Marilyn Howard	Samantha Smiley
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Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

None

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Darshelly Anderson	Emily Fruhling	Aleisha Hayes
Iris Moore	Terri Moore	Tammy Pfaffenberger
Bonnie Stribling		

Approved to take the Exam:

Trina Acevedo	Mekkos Barbee	Samantha Brown
Felicia Cooper	Jason Nelson	Tobi Nipp
Ronesha Profit	Misty Roberts	Jasmine Ruffin

Michael Smith
Tiffany Williams

Katrina Walton

Melinda Williams

Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:

Valerie Barrett-Noel

Janet Espinoza

Falynda Hall

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Casey Cobosh

Endorsement:

Melissa Baker
Cynthia Cochran
Crystal Graves
Rachel Rosenberg

Cindy Bradley
Carolyn Ewing
Jessica Growth
Elaine Stricklin

Melody Brave
Bianca Galante
Kassi Lightfoot
Michelle Gendusa

Advancing LMSW to LCSW

James Bryars
Dana Davidson
Lauren Dillard
Taylor Goodwin
Kylie Lehner
Sarah Runnells
Stephanie Tidwell

Rhonda Carter
Lyncoya Davis
Britt Gjeruldsen
Sabrina Hampton
Amanda Martin
Amanda Siddons

Julia Chance
Justin Deremo
Tacarra Goodwin
Christal Kennedy
Mercades Parker
Madolyn Statler

Denied or Withdrawn Applications:

None

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 154 applications for license renewals since the last board meeting. Anna Cook made a motion to approve the 154 renewals. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

There were no continuing education audits for review.

Board Chair Initials 

Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews:

The Board reviewed 33 supervision plans. Five of the 33 supervision plans required clarification. Michael Parker made a motion to approve 28 of the supervision plans. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificates of Registration:

There were no Certificate of Registration Applications.

Other Business:

Elizabeth Crone provided an update on supervision information provided at a conference. She presented a synopsis which will be emailed to board members.

Kristen provided update on U of A presentation to graduating class (approximately 35 students). Elizabeth suggested inviting board member to presentations in the future.

Kristen inquired about the Social Work census. Board members confirmed having received the census email.

Kristen discussed completing a Board Control Self-Assessment required by the state to ensure security and safety measures are in place at the board office. This was signed by Kristen and Elizabeth Crone.

SW inquired if his address could be redacted from FOIA requests. States he previously worked with violent Board attorney suggested he provide a different address to the board to avoid issues with safety and security.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was dismissed at 12:00.