



# Arkansas Department of Health

## Social Work Licensing Board

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**Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders**

**Renee Mallory, RN, BSN, Secretary of Health**

Kristen Allen, Director

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2024

10:00 a.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, February 12, 2024, at the Social Work Licensing Board, 5800 West 10<sup>th</sup>, Little Rock, AR 72204. Elizabeth Crone 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

**Board Members Absent:** Robert Martineau

**Board Attorney:** Lacie Kirchner

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 8, 2024, board meeting were reviewed. Susan Reasoner made a motion to approve the minutes. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

#### COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Complaint 2023-19 – Pending.

Complaint 2023-21 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-01 – Pending.

Social Work Licensing Board  
Review Date: March 18, 2024

Motion made by:

2<sup>nd</sup> by:

Board Chair:

*Betty Guhman*  
*Michael Parker, LCSW*  
*Elizabeth Crone, LCSW*

Complaint FY24-02 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-03 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-05 – Complaint Committee recommended a letter of warning and 9 hours of CEUs. Betty Guhman made a motion to approve the recommendation. Susan Reasoner seconded the motion.

Complaint FY24-06 – Complaint Committee recommended dismissal. Betty Guhman made a motion to approve the recommendation. Susan Reasoner seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint FY24-07 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-08 – Complaint Committee recommended dismissal. Anna Cook made a motion to approve the dismissal. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint FY24-09 – Complaint Committee recommended a letter of warning and 9 hours of CEUs. Anna Cook made a motion to approve the recommendation. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint FY24-10 – Complaint Committee recommended dismissal. Anna Cook made a motion to approve the dismissal. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint FY24-11 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-12 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-13 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-14 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-15 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-16 – Pending.

Complaint FY24-17 – 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. Michael Parker seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Chair Initials UC

**Administrative Report on Applications:**

The Board reviewed 74 applications. Michael Parker made a motion to approve the 74 applications. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

**LSW Applications:**

**Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:**

Lilly Harrop	Anakah Hunck	Stacy Lewis-Lawson
LaChonsance Moore	Bessie Nazeem	Crystal Parker-Cochrane
Amber Scott	Angela Williams	

**Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:**

None

**Denied or Withdrawn Applications:**

Ketina Witherspoon

**LMSW Applications:**

**Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:**

**Approved to take the Exam:**

Ivory Crockett	Katey Crutchfield	Abigale Dawson
Gabrielle Dennis	Melissa Gregory	Arwen Hawks
LaKese Henry	Sallie Baylee-Elise Kelly	Chelsea Kiani
Bre'Yunna Lovato	Destini Martinez	Catherine McKnight
Chelsey Mills	Valeria Moss	Addonya Nelson
Quinntina Owens	Daysi Portillo	Karinne Ruff
Katelyn Slater	Tiffany Thomas	LaBrooke Turner
Tiana Wesley	Morgan Wilburn	

**Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:**

Cynthia Bailey	Mia Creswell	Jana Dye
Natasha Haight	Janelle Van Benthem	Carneisha Washington
Rhea Wren		

**Denied or Withdrawn Applications:**

None

**LCSW Applications:**

**Approved to take Examination:**

Rusty Armstrong	Allison Bean	Kelsey Bell
Evelyn Castillo	Tomeika Clark	Anna Cone
Dinesha Darrough	Terrisue Dykes	Emma Elliott
Barron Griffin	Briana Harrison	Arwen Hawks
Amy Johnson	Tamiko Johnson	Hannah Lewis
Anna Rand	April Robertson	Jason Thompson
Justice White	William Blake Williams	Elizabeth Wolfe

**Endorsement**

Lori Bacon	Jenna Bingham	Ebony Booker
Margaret Braunfeld	Percival Fisher	Rachel Hunter
Mark Jensen	Ashlee Kinas	Najean Lucky
Melissa Moore	Janica Patrick	Kizzy Rogers
Dennis Shelby	Lisa Staab	Tammie Walker

**Denied or Withdrawn Applications:**

None

**Action Taken on Renewal Applications:**

The Board reviewed 161 applications for license renewal since the last board meeting. Betty Guhman made a motion to approve the 161 renewals. Anna Cook seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:**

The Board affirmed 15 random continuing education audits. Michael Parker made a motion to approve all 15 audits. Michael Parker made a motion to approve all 15 of the audits. Susan Reasoner seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews:**

The Board reviewed 43 supervision plans. Five of the 43 supervision plans required clarification. Michael Parker made a motion to approve 38 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:**

Kristen Allen will be going before the Administrative Rules Subcommittee on February 15, 2024, for the final rule regarding Rule II: Application Procedures.

The board received a letter from Vicky Simpson with the VA who expressed interest if the board had any statements or documents related to the Reproductive Health Act. The board suggested obtaining more clarification on the legislation and what legal requirements are included. Kristen Allen will be getting more clarification of the legislation.

Chere' Johnson brought two late supervision appeals before the board. Michael Parker made a motion to deny both appeals. Shani Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Chere' Johnson presented an appeal for a late renewal where the social worker had to complete all CEUs online due to illness. The social worker had a letter from her physician recommending she not leave her home due to reduce exposure. Shani Patterson made a motion to accept the appeal. Betty Guhman seconded the motion, which carried.

Kristen Allen brought before the board a concern by an LCSW about clinics using Licensed "Clinical" Social Worker in the state. The concern was that the credentials were written out on signs outside of clinics. The board discussed that it was important to clarify the credential for Arkansas Certified Social Workers. Kristen offered to do an email reminder to all Arkansas LCSWs.

The meeting was dismissed at 12:00.