

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
June 16, 2017**

Judith Haspel, LCSW, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2017, in the conference room at the Board office located at 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, was present for the meeting with the exception of the discussion of the Administrator's evaluation. Regina DeWitt, Administrative Assistant, was present for portions of the meeting.

Carla Moore, LMSW, conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Judith Haspel, LCSW, Carla Moore, LMSW, John Shalett, LCSW, Brent Villemarette, LCSW, and Paulette Walker, M.Ed., Public Member.

Ruth Weinzettle, LCSW, was absent.

Members of the public who attended the public portions of the meeting included Carmen Weisner, Jean Hutchinson, Emily Terrell, Caitlin Smith, Beth McLain, Joel McLain, Cherie McDermott, Mary Jo Devlin and Clair Smith.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the agenda with an addition to Correspondence from Nicole Poienkot, LMSW.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carmen Weisner, Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter, reported on several different issues. She advised that parts of Senate Bill 75 will be introduced in the next session. She reported that June 16, 2017, was the last day NASW-LA Chapter has a continuing education offering for the current collection period. Lastly, she announced that she is retiring effective September 30, 2017.

HEARING IN THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT #2015-04 AGAINST GARY MIDKIFF

A hearing in the matter of Administrative Complaint #2015-04 against Gary Midkiff was conducted. Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, prosecuted the matter. George Papale served as Hearing Officer. Board members Judith Haspel, Carla Moore, John Shalett, Robert Showers and Paulette Walker served on the hearing panel. A court reporter from Baton Rouge Court Reporters was present to record the proceedings. Gary Midkiff did not appear for the hearing.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER #2017-22 FOR NATASIA LEANN STARKS TAYLOR

Madeline Carbonette, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Agreement and Order to the board, which had been previously accepted by Natasia Leann Starks Taylor in resolution of Complaint #2017-22.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept Consent Agreement and Order #2017-22 offered to Natasia Leann Starks Taylor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 9:17 a.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting, and/or to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: John Shalett, yes; Paulette Walker, yes; Brent Villemarette, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 9:39 a.m. to make the following motions.

Impaired Professional Program

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept the report provided by Kathie Pohlman, LCSW-BACS, IPP Manager.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to release AM-15 from the IPP.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2017, meeting as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ruth Arnberger, LCSW

Board members advised Ruth Arnberger that she is required to report the sexual assault of a minor client by her peer.

Addictions Professional Training Institute, LLC

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Addictions Professional Training Institute, LLC, to renew their designation as a pre-approval organization for social work continuing education.

Christine Sotile, LMSW

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to deny Christine Sotile's request for remote supervision.

Judith Nasralla, LCSW

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to approve Judith Nasralla's request to complete 11 hours of distance education upon receipt of documentation that she is located in Honduras.

Ebony Wilridge, CSW

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to request that ASWB waive the 90-day wait for retaking the exam.

Kathleen Nealon, LCSW

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve Kathleen Nealon's request to complete the continuing education hours required between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, via distance learning because she will be in Haiti.

Suzanne Hamilton, LMSW

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to deny Suzanne Hamilton's request for remote supervision.

Kei Ri, LMSW

Board members request more information regarding the position Kei Ri will have while in Japan and the person Ms. Ri wants to provide supervision.

Lisa Weber, RSW

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to grant Lisa Weber's request for an extension through June 30, 2018, to complete the continuing education required by June 30, 2017, due to her extenuating circumstances.

Marly Sweeney, LCSW

Board members advised Marly Sweeney that she is not able to complete a report requested by the Archdiocese of New Orleans because of confidentiality. Board members referred Ms. Sweeney to Rule 115.

Colleen Anderson, LMSW

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to grant Colleen Anderson's request for an extension through June 30, 2018, to complete the continuing education required by June 30, 2017, due to her extenuating circumstances.

Ellen Boyer, LCSW

Board members considered an inquiry from Ellen Boyer regarding a court summons and testifying in court. The board forwarded a document that George Papale recently wrote and recommended that she seek legal counsel.

Steven Bordelon, LCSW

Board members received an inquiry from Steven Bordelon relative to participating on a steering committee with former clients. Board members recommended against participation.

Nicole Poiencot, LMSW

Board member received an inquiry from Nicole Poiencot relative to a dual relationship. Board members agreed that the situation poses a conflict and recommends that the client needs to be transferred to another therapist.

FINANCIAL**Financial Statement for period ending 04/30/17**

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to accept the financial statement prepared by Susan Sevario, CPA, for the period ending April 30, 2017.

Professional Service Contract

The Department of Justice advised the board that it would not enter into a professional service contract for a rate of \$125.00 per hour. Based on the Attorney General's fee schedule, they indicated that the board should be paying \$225.00 per hour. **Motion** was made by Carla Moore, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve a contract with the Department of Justice for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 fiscal year at a rate of \$225.00 per hour and a maximum amount of \$40,000.00.

BOARD/STAFF ISSUES**25th Annual FARB Regulatory Law Seminar**

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to send Emily DeAngelo to the 25th Annual FARB Regulatory Law Seminar to be held in Savannah, GA October 5 – 8, 2017.

Louisiana Volunteers in Action (LAVA)

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to appoint Brent Villemarette as the board's representative for LAVA. Board members also agreed to notify social workers about volunteering via LAVA.

Board Elections

Judith Haspel nominated John Shalett to serve as Chairperson. **Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to elect John Shalett as Chairperson. Mr. Shalett accepted the position.

Robert Showers nominated Brent Villemarette to serve as Vice-Chairperson. **Motion** was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker, to elect Brent Villemarette as Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Villemarette accepted the position.

Robert Showers nominated Carla Moore to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. **Motion** was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to elect Carla Moore as Secretary-Treasurer. Ms. Moore accepted the position.

Continuing Education Extension Requests

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to authorize staff to approve continuing education extension requests for those who have extenuating medical circumstances and for those who are deployed, conditional of proper documentation of the circumstance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting, and/or to discuss prospective litigation.

Votes for going into Executive Session: John Shalett, yes; Paulette Walker, yes; Brent Villemarette, yes; and Carla Moore, yes.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:28 p.m. to make the following motions.

Personnel Matter

Evaluation of Administrator

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to grant Emily DeAngelo a 4% pay increase effective August 2017.

Continuing Education Requests

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to grant Laura Gregoria's request for an extension through July 31, 2017, to complete the continuing education required by June 30, 2017, due to her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to grant Gwendolyn Hill's request for an extension through August 31, 2017, to complete the continuing education required by June 30, 2017, due to her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to grant Brenda Zaeringer's request for an extension through June 30, 2018, to complete the continuing education required by June 30, 2017, and to allow her to complete all hours via distance learning due to her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to grant Darnell Maddox's request for an extension through June 30, 2018, to complete the continuing education required by June 30, 2017, due to her extenuating circumstances.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to request more information from Donna Sargent before considering her request.

Disciplinary Monitoring Report

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to accept the disciplinary report prepared by Regina Dewitt, Administrative Assistant.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried to, release Chanda Wilson from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried to, release Erielle Taylor from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to release Jamie George from the Consent Agreement and Order because all terms are successfully complete.

New Complaints

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-180** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2717(A)(7) and (11), 2718(B)(1), and Rules 113(A), 113(A)(1) and (5), 113(B), 113(B), 113(B)(1) and 115(A).

Motion was made Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-181**.

Motion was made Brent Villemarette, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-182**.

Motion was made Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-183**.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-184** and to request a written response. Possible violations include La R.S. 37:2709 and Rule 303(A).

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-185** and to seek more information regarding unlicensed practice.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-186** and to turn over to the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-187** and to turn over to the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-188** and to turn over to the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-189**.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-190** and to send for investigation for possible violations of La R.S. 37:2717(A)(2) and (7) and Rules 111(G)(5) and 117(A).

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-191** and to request a written response. Possible violations include Rule 111(G)(5).

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-193**.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-196** and to request a written response and all official court documents.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-197** and to request a written response and all official court documents.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-198** and to request a written response and all official court documents.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to not accept **Complaint #2017-200**.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to accept **Complaint #2017-201** and to request all official court documents.

Pending Complaints

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to close **Complaint #2015-100**.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2016-04**.

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to close **Complaint #2016-147**.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-2**.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-33**.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-36**.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to dismiss **Complaint #2017-149**.

Applications

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny Linda Weinstein's request for a waiver of the exam requirement and to offer her a compliance hearing.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by Paulette Walker and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW application submitted by Dominic Bell and to offer him a compliance hearing

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by Carla Moore and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by Krystal Romero because her degree is not from a university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Motion was made by Paulette Walker, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for registration as a Registered Social Worker:

Bynum, Melody
Chinwoh, Zelina
Davis, Desiree A.
Drungoole, KaDario
Frazier, Wanda M.

Harris, Felicia A.
Howard, Shaqunna
Kase, Kristina
Kaufman, Sherry E.
LeBrane, Carol M.

Martin-Gaines, Dominique S.
Mingo, Ebony M.
Mitchell, Barbara J.
Najder, Andrew B.
Phillips, Mark K.
Polk, Darshall L.
Yorks, Mollie J.

Savoy, Jacqueline
Smith, Assyria A.
Stevenson, BriAnna L.
Thompson, Ashlyn L.
Valentine, Erica J.
Westley, LaShai D.

Motion was made by Robert Showers, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants for Certified Social Worker certification and to grant approval for the applicants to sit for the ASWB Masters examination for licensing as a Licensed Master Social Worker:

Adams, Rochelle	Marcello, Sarah
Andrews, Thomika	Mitchell, Dominique D.
Barrett, Candra	Mott, Shannon A.
Bennett, Demetrice A.	Myers, Sandra D.
Boudreaux, Megan A.	Presley-Mims, Tawanda S.
Burkenstock, Kathryn M.	Robinson, Kenya C.
Celistan, Jamara M.	Sanders, Vanessa D.
Chatman, Tiffany N.	Shines, Harold T.
Claude, Trinette	Simms-Isom, Deirdre
Coleman, Tameisha M.	Smallwood, Schandtel D.
Domby, Breanna M.	Smith, La'Kasha
Domino, Terry L.	Thomas, Jennelle
Egge, Ryle	Vines, Lauren C.
Fezekas, Robert II	Wesley, Jasmine R.
Kurr, Travers	Williams, BriAnn
Luttrell, Lauren E.	

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to issue Taylor Reitz a Licensed Master Social Work credential because she holds a MSW from an accredited school of social work and has passed the ASWB Masters exam.

Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Robert Showers and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement application for Licensed Master Social Work:

Kosofsky, Elizabeth (End-ND)

Motion was made by Brent Villemarette, seconded by John Shalett and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical exam for licensing as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker:

Batiste, Lavinzale D.	Brauer, Allison C.
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Cloutier, Margot C.
De Alwis, Elsa
Edgecombe, Sarah T.

Hicks, Latasha A.
Johnson, Kelly J.

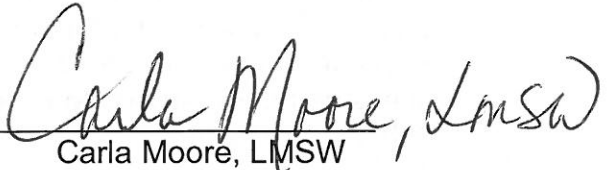
Motion was made by John Shalett, seconded by Brent Villemarette and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Clinical Social Work:

Roppa, Gina (End-MO)

Adjourned at 1:40 p.m.



Judith Haspel, LCSW
Chairperson



Carla Moore, LMSW
Secretary-Treasurer