

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
July 7, 2023**

Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. on Friday, July 7, 2023. The meeting was conducted at the Board office and streamed via video conference, and all interested parties were provided the information to join the meeting. Sheri Morris, Legal Counsel, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator, were present for the meeting.

Bora Sunseri conducted roll call. Board members present at the time of roll call included Evan Bergeron, Esq., Jamie Barney, LCSW, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW, Bora Sunseri, LCSW, and Trinity George, RSW.

Melissa Smith Haley, LMSW, was absent. There is one vacant position.

**AGENDA**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to add correspondence from Holly Cox, LMSW, and Heidi Fendlason, LMSW, to the agenda.

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to defer item 6.e. Complaint #2023-78 to the August meeting.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as amended.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 2, 2023.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Will Francis, Executive Director NASW-LA – public announcement made by NASW-LA following meeting with board chair and administrator regarding virtual supervision was shared with members of the board.
- b. Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to provide Andrew Dietz, LMSW, 72 hours of group supervision instead of 48 hours.
- c. Michelle St. Raymond, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to deny request to apply continuing education course completed in July 2022 towards the September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023 collection period.  
Public comments were made by Grace Mbenkum and Julie Shreve.
- d. Mechele de Avila Evans, LCSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny request to approve continuing education course completed in January 2023 for the September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024 collection period.

- e. Thrivekids Student Wellness – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney to approve the application submitted by Thrivekids Student Wellness to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- f. Orleans Parish Juvenile Court – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Orleans Parish Juvenile Court to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- g. GLO Therapeutics, LLC – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by GLO Therapeutics, LLC, to be a continuing education pre-approval organization.
- h. Changing Directions, LLC – **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the application submitted by Changing Directions, LLC, to be a continuing education pre-approval organization upon receipt of three letters of recommendation from professionals that are not affiliated or employed by the agency. The letters must include an original signature and the author’s credentials.
- i. Connie Smart, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve her request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for 2023-2024.
- j. Katelyn Fitzpatrick, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed in 2018-2019.
- k. Ruth Caldwell, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve supervision completed in 2018-2019.
- l. Chris Dicharry, LMSW – Board members considered correspondence advocating for remote supervision.
- m. Capi Landreneau, LCSW-BACS – Board members considered correspondence advocating for remote supervision.
- n. Johnna Williams, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to continue remote supervision.
- o. Lauren Laurent, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to continue remote supervision.
- p. Crystal Petit, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to continue remote supervision.

- q. Quaneisha Browning, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to continue remote supervision.
- r. Lauren Thompson, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to continue remote supervision with Taina Comery, LMSW.
- s. Lauren Thompson, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to continue remote supervision with Brooke Johnson, LMSW.
- t. Lauren Thompson, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to continue remote supervision with Joseph Rielinger, LMSW.
- u. Queen Nyanganso, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to continue remote supervision.
- v. Shondia Jackson, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to continue remote supervision.
- w. Hope Dawan, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to continue remote supervision and to offer her a compliance hearing.  
Public comments not in favor of the motion were made by Jennifer Hannon and Shelly Weaver.
- x. Jodi Capaci, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the request to continue remote supervision.
- y. Hannah Gilbert, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to continue remote supervision and to offer a compliance hearing.
- z. Montique Lee, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and carried by majority vote, to approve the request to continue remote supervision. Jamie Barney abstained.
- aa. Avis Brown, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and carried by majority vote, to approve the request to continue remote supervision with Johnice Gordon, LMSW. Jamie Barney abstained.
- bb. Ellen Dunn, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny the request to continue remote supervision.

- cc. Zakaris Martin, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and carried by majority vote, to approve the request to continue remote supervision. Jamie Barney recused.
- dd. Donald Lagasse, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve request to continue remote supervision. **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to include the parameters set forth in 2017 in the approval letters. Public comments were made by Jennifer Hannon and Anne Williams.
- ee. Edmund Bristow, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve request to continue remote supervision while engaged in duties related to his service in the National Guard. Public comment made by Jennifer Buras.
- ff. DaJia Johnson. LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny request to continue remote supervision.
- gg. Jacqueline Savoy, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Jamie Barney, and carried by majority vote, to approve request to continue remote supervision. Evan Bergeron objected.
- hh. Terrell Gorham, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to deny request to continue remote supervision and to offer a compliance hearing.
- ii. Renee Ridgley, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve request to continue remote supervision.
- jj. Kimberly Eid, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve request to continue remote supervision. Public comment made by Jennifer Hannon.
- kk. Melissa Mendieta, LMSW – **Motion** made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve request to continue remote supervision. Public comments made by Jill Murray and Patricia Borrello-Monie.
- ll. Sarah Arnouville, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve request to continue remote supervision.
- mm. Cara Himel, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve request to continue remote supervision.
- nn. Courtney Robinson, LMSW – **Motion** made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny request for remote supervision. Public comment made by Jennifer Hannon.

- oo. Holly Cox, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve request for remote supervision.
- pp. Heidi Fendlason, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve request for remote supervision.

**FINANCIAL**

- a. Financial Statement for the period ending May 31, 2023 – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the financial statement prepared by Rob Furman, CPA.

Budget-to-Actual comparisons are as follows:

For the 11 months ending May 31, 2023	Actual	Budget
Income	596,100.49	596,629.10
Expenses	641,018.23	678,888.50

- b. FARB Regulatory Law Seminar September 21 – 23, 2023 Chicago, IL – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to fund attendance of two board representatives.
- c. Estimate to purchase 4 computer screens and 4 desk mounts – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the purchase of 4 computer screens and desk mounts.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 12:17 p.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: Jamie Barney, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Trinity George, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 3:43 p.m.

Votes for coming out of Executive Session: Jamie Barney, yes; Evan Bergeron, yes; Bora Sunseri, yes; Trinity George, yes; and Hyacinth McKee, yes.

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DELIBERATED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Correspondence**

- a. Jill DeLuca-DiMarco, LCSW – **Motion** made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.
- b. Margaret Eaton, LMSW – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.

- c. Lynn Bolden, RSW – **Motion** made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.
- d. Patricia Chambers, LCSW – **Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period.
- e. Rene Pogue, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and carried by majority vote, to approve request to complete all continuing education via distance learning for the 2023-2024 collection period subject to receipt of medical documentation. Jamie Barney objects to requiring medical documentation.
- f. Miranda Talbot, LMSW – **Motion** made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve request to continue remote supervision.
- g. Andrew Dietz, LMSW – **Motion** made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to deny request to continue remote supervision.
- h. Reginald Parquet, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to deny request to continue remote supervision with supervisees due to no reference to an LMSW he is supervising and whether the LMSW is requesting approval for virtual supervision.
- i. Michelle St. Raymond, LCSW-BACS – **Motion** made by Bora Sunseri, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve request to continue remote supervision.
- j. Deanna Horton, LMSW – **Motion** made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to deny request to continue remote supervision.

### **Compliance Hearings**

A compliance hearing was conducted at the request of India Rachal to appeal the board's decision to deny the Registered Social Work (RSW) application she submitted. The hearing panel included Hyacinth McKee, Trinity George, and Jamie Barney. India Rachal participated in-person. Kay Joffrion was also present and testified on behalf of the applicant.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve India Rachal's RSW application.

Kaitlyn Roy's compliance hearing was held open to allow her to submit additional documents. The hearing panel considered the additional documents.

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the previously denied supervision and to issue a letter of education to the supervisor regarding documentation for supervision.

### **Impaired Professional Program**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to accept the report submitted by Kathie Pohlman, IPP Manager.

### **Disciplinary Monitoring**

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to release two individuals from their Consent Agreement and Orders for successfully completing the terms.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to allow William Garibaldi to begin making payments required by his Consent Agreement and Order 90 days from the date he becomes employed.

### **Complaints**

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Evan Bergeron, to dismiss Complaint #2022-111 without prejudice allowing for the noncompliance of the respondent to be addressed should he reapply for social work licensure. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Jamie Barney and seconded by Trinity George to defer Complaint #2023-78 to the next board meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George and seconded by Evan Bergeron to refer Complaint #2023-93 to disciplinary team. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George and seconded by Evan Bergeron to dismiss Complaint #2023-108. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Applications**

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to deny the RSW application submitted by Jnia Bob due to her degree is not from a university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and to offer her a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Jamie Barney, and unanimously carried, to approve the LCSW application submitted by Shaniqua Wesley conditional of receiving a notarized statement.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to deny the CSW/LMSW application submitted by Ilaisha Hale and to offer her a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny the LMSW reinstatement application submitted by Jonna Brewer and to offer her a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to deny the CSW/LMSW application submitted by Jerhonda Henderson and to offer her a compliance hearing.

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Registered Social Work.

Albert, Shantell  
Ardoin, Kayla  
Bob, JNia  
Bolding, Trinetta  
Bushnell, Mary

Didier, Summer  
Dubecky, Alana  
Fatherree, Samantha  
Hamilton, Elaine  
Hoselle, Elizabeth  
Hughes, Jovan  
Jackson, Taylor  
James, Jarella  
Jarvis, Kennedy  
Jones, Taffany  
Jordan, Tamara  
Kelley, Kelli  
Kendrew, Caden  
Lewis, Tiffany  
McAllister, Mallory  
Morace, Dallas  
Morris, Chelsea  
Nelson, Deameka  
Overheim, Kelcie  
Patterson, Vianna  
Pennington, Avery  
Settles, Tracey  
Sheridan, Matthew  
Smith, Vanisha  
Spears, Tyler  
Talbert, Sydney  
Thomas, Chrissy  
Towry, Kayla  
Ward, Kahlise  
Whitted, Mona  
Young-Hardeman, Kiera

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Evan Bergeron, and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement applications for Registered Social Work.

Augustine, Windy  
Dalton, Daviana  
Drake, Caitlyn  
Franklin, Bryanna  
Hulbert, Latina  
Lacoste, Jasmine 2  
Landry, Raquel

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications for Licensed Master's Social Work, issue Certified Social Work credential and approval to take the ASWB Masters exam.

Allee, Sarah  
Authement, Shane  
Babin, Rebecca  
Baskind, Tamar  
Brumant, Mackisha  
Bush, Channel



Charbonnet, Kristen  
Collins, Laura (early test approval)  
Conway, Victoria  
Cooks, Terrese  
Cooper, Brenley  
Davis, Katelyn  
Dowell, Carlie  
Ducote, Callie  
Evans, Bridget  
Felter, Hayley  
Fletcher, Nicole  
Goldman, Isabella  
Hebert, Emmaline  
Henderson, Jerhonda  
Horne, Hannah (early test approval)  
Hyman, Sundjata  
Jackson, Enisha  
Jackson, McKenzie  
Johnson, TraNika  
Jones, Alexis  
Jones, Reagan  
Lewis, D'Javan  
Lockwood, Erica  
McReynolds, Sarah  
Miller, Brianna  
Miranda, Jessica  
Moulder, Carrie  
Murillo, Madeline  
Patterson, Lauren  
Negrete, April  
Richards, Andra  
Sam, Katelyn  
Schexnayder, Riley  
Smith, Jr., Ronny (early test approval)  
Sonnier, Mya  
Templet, Jaci (early test approval)  
Thomas, Dominique  
Thomas, Taylor  
Villemarette, Emily  
Waller, Zadiiee (early test approval)  
Whitehead, Tashiana  
Wickersham, Shelby (early test approval)  
Williams, Ernika  
Young, Lanhia

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement application for Licensed Master's Social Work.

Brewer, Jonna  
Waite, Shane

**Motion** was made by Trinity George, seconded by Bora Sunseri, and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applications for Licensed Master's Social Work.

Adler, Allison

Davis, Eliza

Domingues, Lane

Freed, Joan

Scott, Anisha

Valiente Martinez, Natalia

Wilmore, Aline

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following applicants to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam.

Addison, Catherine (early test approval)

Addison, Troy

Breakfield, Kayla (early test approval)

Cabral Peters, Sharon

Cage, Ateisha (early test approval)

Caldwell, Ruth

Carson, Crystal (early test approval)

Davis, Angela

Dolese, Christina (early test approval)

Fairchild, Paige (early test approval)

Frances, Don

Frankel, Jessica (early test approval)

Fruge, Brianne

Gary, Destiny

Goodwin, Opal (early test approval)

Johnson, Jacquelynn

Johnson Thompson, Nicole

Latiolais, Brooke

Maston, Kathleen

Morgan, Janay

Ortiz, Moira (early test approval)

Richardson, Tamara

Robinson, Kristie

Schlessel, Stevie (early test approval)

Verrett, Alyssa

Villalobos, Vanessa (early test approval)

Waite, Shane

Wells, Delilah (early test approval)

Wesley, Shaniqua

Williams, Daymond

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following reinstatement applicants for Licensed Clinical Social Work.

Prudhomme, Sara

**Motion** was made by Evan Bergeron, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to approve the following endorsement applicants for Licensed Clinical Social Work.

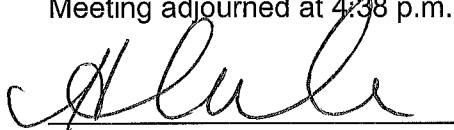
Gray, Sean


Totten, Susan

**BOARD/STAFF MATTERS**

- a. Report on office workflow and staffing – report attached to minutes
- b. 2024 NASW-LA Annual Conference Call for Proposals – request that Lisa Lipsey submit a proposal for LABSWE to present on ethics.
- c. Rules committee update – defer to August 11 board meeting
- d. Technology committee update - defer to July 8 Strategic Planning meeting
- e. Exam committee update - defer to July 8 Strategic Planning meeting
- f. IOC report – information only, no motion required
- g. Procedure for 2717(G) – **Motion** made by Jamie Barney, seconded by Trinity George, and unanimously carried, to delegate authority to issue a cease and desist in conjunction with the board’s complaint counsel.
- h. HCR 84 – requires participation of the chair or her designee – Jamie Barney and Bora Sunseri agreed to ensure one of them attend meetings that Hyacinth McKee is not able to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

  
Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS  
Chairperson

  
Bora Sunseri, LCSW-BACS  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Workflow Report July 7, 2023**

Since June 2nd meeting

Retake applications	103
Background checks mailed to LSP	38
LMSWs issued – passed exam	18
LCSWs issued – passed exam	21
Office of Debt Recovery Notices	38
License Verifications	62
BACS Applications	11
Early testing for MSW students	8
Early testing for LMSW	10
Mailing list requests	2

Received 15 complaints between 05/30/23 and 06/30/23

Written response	5
Investigation	0
Pending review of complaint consultant	2
Consult with prosecutor	2
Not accepted – not a social worker	5
Not accepted – no violation	1

Sharon Duronslet, Administrative Coordinator 3, began employment 06/06/23.

Interviewing candidates for the Licensing Analyst 2 position.