

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 8, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on April 8, 2016. Board Chair, Esophia Clayborn, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District I representative Sharrie Cranford

District II representative Jennifer Venable-Humphrey – Vice Chair

District III representative Valeri White

District IV representative Amy Smith – Secretary

District V representative Esophia Clayborn – Chair

District VI representative Marilyn Colson

District VII representative LaShea Cobb-England

Ellen Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, and Executive Director Brenda Holden were present for the meeting.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

*Board broke for scheduled hearings at 9:50am and reconvened meeting at 10:20am.*

*Board broke briefly at 10:20am and reconvened at 10:25am.*

*The Board decided to move ahead to New Board Business, item C, to accommodate the individual on the agenda.*

### **Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the minutes from the January 22, 2016, Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Valeri White made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following members voting in favor: Sharrie Cranford, Jennifer Venable-Humphrey, Valeri White, Amy Smith, Marilyn Colson, and LaShea Cobb-England. Esophia Clayborn abstained.

## Old Board Business

- a. Brenda Holden updated the Board on status of complaints. There are four (4) open complaints. One (1) is scheduled for a hearing to be held today; Three (3) complaints have been received, and two (2) complaints have been closed since the last meeting.
- b. The Board reviewed the listing of new licensees. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to approve the list of new licensees. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey updated the Board related to Impaired Professionals.
- d. Following an update from Esophia Clayborn related to training and monitoring licensee supervisors, the Board agreed that we would further explore videos and other materials provided in other states related to establishing guidance for Social Work supervision.
- e. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to amend the recommendation of the hearing officer with the following amendment: That Charlotte P. Taylor pay a \$500 fine and remove the cost of the proceedings. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Valeri White made a motion to amend the recommendation of the hearing officer with the following amendment: That Brittany M. Tindle pay a \$500 fine and remove the cost of the proceedings. LaShea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following members voting in favor: Sharrie Cranford, Esophia Clayborn, Valeri White, Amy Smith, Marilyn Colson, and LaShea Cobb-England. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey abstained.

*Board broke briefly at 11:30am and reconvened at 11:36am.*

## New Board Business

- a. Marilyn Colson attended New Board Member training.
- b. Hearing for Brittney Hensley at 10:00AM
- c. Mr. William A. Hanlin addressed the Board regarding his request to be allowed to sit for the LBSW examination. Valeri White made a motion that applicant William A. Hanlin be allowed to sit for the LBSW examination. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. The Board discussed licensees' who failed to comply with repeated requests for the completion of the Immigration Compliance Forms. Board attorney, Ellen Leonard, will send notice of hearing for revocation to the following:  
Vivian Aparicio (inactive)  
Rachid Bagana (inactive)  
Wendy Felton-Wright (active)  
Melissa Ivy (inactive)  
Lisa Mitchell (inactive)  
Susan Stewart (inactive)

Brenda Summerville (inactive)

- e. Discussion of The Examiners of Public Accounts report. (added to agenda)

**PIP Applications**

- a. Kerry Baharanyi –Approved Social Casework and Social Work Administration; Denied Clinical Social Work
- b. Kayvon Denise Butler – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work; Denied Community Organization and Social Work Administration
- c. Sherri Cohen – Approved Clinical Social Work
- d. Jessica L. Coleman – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- e. Kasey W. Dutton – Approved Clinical Social Work
- f. Francesca E. Guida-Hall – Approved Clinical Social Work
- g. Laura P Hausen – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- h. Sarah W. Houser – Approved Social Casework; Denied Clinical Social Work
- i. Grelier C. Keller – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- j. Charity E. Laister – Approved Clinical Social Work
- k. Susan E. Landgraff – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration
- l. Marisa D. Needham – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- m. Ashley P. Pleasant – Approved Social Casework; Denied Clinical Social Work
- n. Jaclyn L. Turner – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- o. Latonya P. Washington – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work; Denied Social Work Administration
- p. Lasonia Williams – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work; Denied Community Organization and Social Work Administration
- q. Iris Lynne Brown – Denied addition of Community Organization
- r. Lynn M. Hazard – Approved addition of Clinical Social Work
- s. Pamela D. McFerrin – Denied addition of Social Work Research
- t. Brenda L. Vactor – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration

**Other Requests**

- a. Reviewed, discussed, and recommended that Sherry Brown, LCSW-PIP, review and follow the Administrative Code with regard to her ethical question.
- b. Reviewed, discussed, and denied the reinstatement of Karen B. Gearhart’s license as inactive.
- c. Item discussed out of order: Reviewed and recommended that Executive Director Brenda Holden send a letter notifying Heather Higdon, LGSW, and James L. Warren, LBSW, that their licenses will be lapsed with a set time limit for them to submit proper documentation for CE audit.
- d. Reviewed, discussed, and recommended that Executive Director Brenda Holden respond with a statement as follows: This seems like a work policy versus a Board Code issue. Please use the Administrative Code as your guide as you develop policies related to your department.

- e. Esophia Clayborn made a motion to allow Sommer Bradshaw a seven (7) CE waiver to maintain her LCSW. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following members voting in favor: Esophia Clayborn, Marilyn Colson, Sharrie Cranford, and Valeri White. The following members were not in favor: Amy Smith, LaShea Cobb-England, and Jennifer Venable-Humphrey.

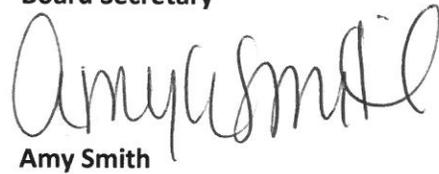
Proposed Next Meeting Time and Location: June 17, 2016 at 9:30am

Sharrie Cranford moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:27pm. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Chair**

  
Esophia Clayborn

**Board Secretary**

  
Amy Smith