

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

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on September 8, 2016.

Board Chair, Esophia Clayborn, called the meeting to order at 11:52am.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District V representative Esophia Clayborn – Chair

District II representative Jennifer Venable-Humphrey – Vice Chair

District IV representative Amy Smith – Secretary

District I representative Sharrie Cranford

District III representative Valeri White

District VI representative Marilyn Colson

District VII representative LaShea Cobb-England

Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, was present for Ellen Leonard, Board Legal Counsel. Executive Director Brenda Holden was also present for the meeting. Guests were present for the meeting with introductions having been made at the previously held Public Hearing. Attorney Bledsoe and guests were acknowledged by Board Chair Esophia Clayborn.

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.

The Board acknowledged that this is the last meeting of attendance for Board Chair Esophia Clayborn. The Board recognized her service to the Board and the profession of Social Work, and Ms. Clayborn relayed what a pleasure it has been to serve on the Board. She acknowledged that the opportunity to serve and protect the public had been a life changing experience for her.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A copy of the minutes from the June 17, 2016, Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Shea Cobb-England made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the minutes from the July 1, 2016, Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following members voting in favor: Esophia Clayborn, Jennifer Venable-Humphrey, Amy Smith, Valeri White, Marilyn Colson, LaShea Cobb-England. Sharrie Cranford abstained.

## Old Board Business:

- a. Executive Director Brenda Holden updated the Board on status of complaints. There are currently nine (9) open complaints on five (5) people. Six (6) are assigned to Amy Smith, one (1) to Jennifer Venable-Humphrey, one (1) to LaShea Cobb-England, and one (1) to Valeri White.

Executive Director Brenda Holden also advised the Board that there remain seven (7) people out of compliance with submitting Immigration forms. A hearing will need to be set for each within the next sixty (60) days. The Board wishes to wait for Legal Counsel Ellen Leonard's return to schedule hearings.

- b. Valeri White made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Executive Director reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial report with the Board. The Board made special note of monies that will no longer be accrued through PIP applications in the future.
- d. A fourth item was added to the Old Business agenda to address adoption of changes to Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners Administrative Code. The Board reviewed changes to legislation related to licensure nomenclature and reviewed and discussed potential changes to the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners Administrative Code as follows:

1. Chapter 850-X-1

Valeri White made a motion to accept the changes to Chapter 850-X-1. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. Discussion was held and the Board agreed that grammatical changes could be made by Executive Director without a vote of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Chapter 850-X-2

After discussion regarding the Board's decision to remove Research and Administration as PIP certifications, Sharrie Cranford made a motion to leave Research and Administration as PIP certifications and accept all other changes to Chapter 850-X-2. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept all changes to Chapter 850-X-2 except for striking Research and Administration. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following members voting in favor: Esophia Clayborn, Jennifer Venable-Humphrey, Amy Smith, Valeri White, Marilyn Colson, Sharrie Cranford. LaShea Cobb-England abstained.

3. Chapter 850-X-3

Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept the changes to Chapter 850-X-3. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chapter 850-X-4

Valeri White made a motion to accept the changes to Chapter 850-X-4. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Chapter 850-X-5

Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept the changes to Chapter 850-X-5. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Chapter 850-X-6

Valeri White made a motion to accept the changes to Chapter 850-X-6. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Chapter 850-X-7

Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept the changes to Chapter 850-X-7. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Chapter 850-X-8

Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept the changes to Chapter 850-X-8. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Chapter 850-X-9

Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept the changes to Chapter 850-X-9. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Chapter 850-X-10

Valeri White made a motion to accept the changes to Chapter 850-X-10. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Board Business:**

- a. Executive Director Brenda Holden relayed to the Board that she spoke with a Social Work class at Auburn University last week. She has also been invited to speak in Birmingham to the Clinical Social Workers Association. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey will be presenting at the Alabama Conference of Social Workers regarding supervision.
- b. LaShea Cobb-England addressed the Board related to issues involving safety of Social Workers. Discussion was had around inclusion of Social Workers in criminal code in Code of Alabama Section 13A-6-21. The matter was reviewed, discussed, and tabled for further discussion.
- c. Valeri White made a motion to accept the request of Rachel Gaut, LBSW, for Board approval of her supervision. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following members voting in favor: LaShea Cobb-England, Jennifer Venable-Humphrey, Amy Smith, Valeri White, Marilyn Colson, Sharrie Cranford. Esophia Clayborn abstained.
- d. Reviewed, discussed and denied request of Susan Beth Rotenstreich for Board approval for supervision.
- e. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to approve Sonya Dee Weber-Madison at LICSW level. Shea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following members voting in favor: LaShea Cobb-England, Jennifer Venable-Humphrey, Amy Smith, Valeri White, Marilyn Colson, Sharrie Cranford. Esophia Clayborn abstained.
- f. The Board reviewed, discussed and considered the offer of Patsy Kinsaul, LCSW-PIP to work on developing and to possibly teach supervision training related to mandated continuing education.

### **PIP Applications:**

- a. Renee Michelle Bellew – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work. Denied Social Work Administration.
- b. David Patrick Cecil – Approved Clinical Social Work.
- c. John M. Conrad – Approved Clinical Social Work.
- d. Shelly Lynn Edwards – Approved Clinical Social Work. Denied Social Work Administration.
- e. Victoria L. Frazier – Approved Clinical Social Work.
- f. William Lee Gaston – Approved Clinical Social Work.
- g. Jan L. Gay – Approved Clinical Social Work.
- h. Gina M. Hornsby – Approved Social Casework.
- i. Kimberly Elliott Hyden – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work. Denied Community Organization.
- j. Annie Delois Jackson – Denied Social Casework. Approved Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration.
- k. Annah Marshall Joseph – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- l. Cheryl Lindsey Murphy - Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- m. Nakeda Tasha' Nettles – Approved Social Casework. Denied Clinical Social Work and Community Organization.
- n. Miranda Denise O'Neal – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work. Denied Social Work Administration.
- o. Debra Nieves Schneider – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Social Work Administration. Denied Community Organization.
- p. Elizabeth Andrea Shoemaker – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work. Denied Community Organization.
- q. Amanda Bradley Wallace – Approved Social Casework. Denied Clinical Social Work.
- r. Tonya Celeste Agan – Denied addition of Social Work Research.
- s. Norma E. Eubanks – Approved addition of Social Work Research.
- t. Sarah Wisley Houser – Approved Clinical Social Work.

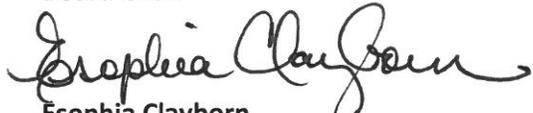
### **Other Requests:**

- a. The Board considered CE Approval requests from Institute for Natural Resources (INR) and acted as follows:
  - 1. Memory, Forgetfulness & the Brain (6 Hr) – Not approved
  - 2. Neurotransmitters: Bridges of the Brain (6 Hr) – Not approved
  - 3. Understanding Chronic Illness (4 Hr) - Approved
  - 4. When Someone You Love Has Mental Illness (4 Hr) – Approved
- b. Reviewed, discussed, and denied request of Margaret Norman for refund of her application fee paid online.
- c. Reviewed, discussed, and denied request of Barry Ivker, LCSW-PIP, to reinstate renewal notices regarding licenses.

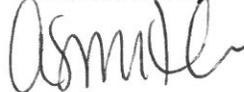
Proposed date for next Board Meeting: October 21, 2016 at 9:30am

Sharrie Cranford moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30pm. LaShea Cobb-England and Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Chair**

  
Esophia Clayborn

**Board Secretary**

  
Amy Smith