

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on March 28, 2017. Board Chair, Sharrie Cranford, called the meeting to order at 9:46am.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District I representative Sharrie Cranford – Chair

District II representative Jennifer Venable-Humphrey – Vice Chair

District IV representative Amy Smith – Secretary

District V representative Dr. Michael Smith

District VI representative Marilyn Colson

District VII representative LaShea Cobb-England

Ellen Leonard, Board Legal Counsel, was present. Executive Director Brenda Holden was also present for the meeting. Misty Woodcox and Sophia Stevenson were present as visitors.

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.

Approval of Minutes:

Copies of the minutes from the February 10, 2017, Board Meeting were reviewed. Marilyn Colson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. LaShea Cobb-England seconded the motion. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Board Business:

- a. Executive Director Brenda Holden updated the Board on status of complaints. There are currently six (6) open complaints. Of those six (6), four (4) will be considered today with Hearing Officer's recommendation.
- b. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Amy Smith made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Hearing Officer in the matter of Heather Higdon, respondent. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Marilyn Colson later made a motion to amend the original motion to state that the Board accepts the recommendations of the Hearing Officer with the exception of the fines levied in the matter of Heather Higdon, respondent. Shea Cobb-England seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marilyn Colson made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Hearing Officer in the matter of Donna B. Akins, respondent. Shea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Marilyn Colson later made a motion to amend the original motion to state that the Board accepts the recommendations of the Hearing Officer with the exception of the fines levied in the matter of Donna B. Akins, respondent. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Hearing Officer with the exception of the fines levied in the matter of Melissa W. Ivy, respondent. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Hearing Officer with the exception of the fines levied in the matter of Brenda G. Summerville, respondent. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Marilyn Colson made a motion to accept the settlement agreements related to Immigration Compliance. Shea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Board Business:

- a. The Board was updated on members who have been invited to speak at a conference or program. Marilyn Colson spoke to Veteran's Administration Social Workers on March 9, 2017. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey will speak with Healthcare Social Workers in late April.
- b. Discussion regarding pass/fail rates on licensure exams was held. It was discussed that the Board might provide each University with their pass/fail rates along with information related to how they might address any deficits.
- c. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey made a motion to waive the hour of Ethics CEs that were incomplete for Lorie N. McCullough. Amy Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marilyn Colson made a motion to accept Alabama Ethics Law training as approved Ethics training for CEs. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion. After discussion, it was decided that the motion would be tabled pending further review of the content of the course.

- d. The Board reviewed submitted applications for the Executive Director's position and agreed on candidates to whom interviews would be offered.

PIP Applications:

- a. Christopher Rutledge Cargile – Clinical Social Work denied
- b. Christine Poyer Dunn – Approved Social Casework and Approved Clinical Social Work
- c. Barbara Michelle Fulmer – Approved Social Casework, Denied Clinical Social Work, Denied Community Organization and Denied Social Work Administration

- d. Molly Bellew Fulmer – Approved Clinical Social Work
- e. Shamari N. Griffin - Approved Social Casework and Denied Social Work Administration
- f. Nicolette Brooke Harvey – Denied Clinical Social Work and Denied Social Work Administration
- g. Andrew Hardy Helveston – Approved Clinical Social Work
- h. April Monique Jones – Approved Social Casework, Denied Clinical Social Work, Approved Community Organization, Approved Social Work Research and Approved Social Work Administration
- i. Crystal Elaine Mullen – Approved Clinical Social Work
- j. Caroline J. Page – Approved Social Casework, Denied Community Organization and Approved
- k. April Michelle Patellis – Approved Social Casework and Approved Clinical Social Work
- l. Diana Lynn Pruitt – Approved Clinical Social Work
- m. Dreama Foster Schofield – Approved Social Casework
- n. Juliet LaTanya Wise – Approved Social Casework and Approved Clinical Social Work

Requesting Reconsideration or Addition

- o. Ashley Latrice Cochran – Denied addition: Clinical Social Work

Other Requests:

- a. Discussed that the issue of centering the licenses when printing has been addressed with ISD.
- b. Amy Smith made a motion to deny the request of Keri Sandlin, LBSW, to waive her CE requirement due to illness, but advise her of the option of Inactive status. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion. Discussion was held among Board members regarding waiving the requirement for her CEs to be in person or classroom hours. Amy Smith made a motion to deny the request of Keri Sandlin, LBSW, to waive her CE requirement due to illness, but to agree to waive the requirement for her CE hours to be in the classroom or in person. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed dates for next Board Meetings: Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 9:30am.

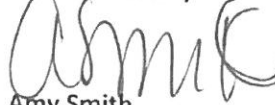
Amy Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:52am. Shea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair



Sharrie Cranford

Board Secretary



Amy Smith