

**Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on August 3, 2018. Board Chair, Sharrie Cranford, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District I representative Sharrie Cranford – Chair
District IV representative Amy Smith – Secretary
District III representative Valeri White
District VI representative Marilyn Colson
District VII representative LaShea Cobb-England

Ellen Leonard, Board Legal Counsel, and Executive Director Rachel Dickinson were both 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.

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the May 11, 2018, meeting were reviewed. Valeri White made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Board Business

- a. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson updated the Board on status of complaints. There are currently five (5) open complaints. Two (2) have proposed agreements that will be presented to the Board. Two (2) need to be set for a hearing. One (1) is still being reviewed.
The Board reviewed the proposed agreement on Dewolf. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept the agreement on Dewolf as written. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
The Board reviewed the proposed agreement on Bendolph. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to accept the agreement on Bendolph as written. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion carried with Valeri White, Amy Smith, LaShea Cobb-England, and Sharrie Cranford voting in favor of the motion. There were no votes opposed. Marilyn Colson abstained.
- b. Marilyn Colson 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. Sharrie Cranford updated the Board on the proposed location for a September Board meeting at Troy University. Furthermore, the Board was made aware of correspondence from Jack Hawkins, Jr., Ph.D. expressing his support of an upcoming meeting of the Board to be held at Troy University.
- d. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to add the 2017 ASWB Examination Pass/Fail Rates for Alabama Universities to the ASWB website. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Board Business

- a. There were no updates regarding any Board member invited to speak at a conference or program. There was discussion among the Board regarding the creation of a uniform PowerPoint presentation for use by Board members when speaking at events. Board members felt it would be useful in making certain that consistent information was being provided by each Board member at various speaking engagements. Valeri White, LaShea Cobb-England, and Sharrie Cranford agreed to collaborate to develop a uniform PowerPoint presentation for use by Board members at speaking events.
- b. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson provided the Board with a Finance Report Update.
- c. The Board discussed a concern raised by Board member, Valeri White, regarding BSW Supervisors and Supervision. Mrs. White had suggested a possible Code change with regard to BSW students being supervised by BSW level supervisors. It was agreed that Mrs. White and Board President Sharrie Cranford would further review how other States address this issue, and report back to the Board at a future meeting.
- d. Sharrie Cranford updated board members on information from the upcoming Telehealth Summit. Mrs. Cranford plans to attend the summit, and will be exploring the possibility of Executive Director Rachel Dickinson's attendance through scholarships or waiving registration fees. The Summit will be held at the Montgomery Marriott – Prattville Hotel. Mrs. Cranford provided information and encouraged Board member attendance, if possible.
- e. Sharrie Cranford addressed the Board regarding the possibility of amending License renewal processes in order to achieve uniform license renewal for all licensees on the same date of every year. The Board discussed the need for change in Administrative Code in order for this to be a possibility. The subject matter was tabled until a later meeting of the Board for further discussion.
- f. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson addressed the Board regarding possible uniform approval of requests to accept Ethics CE obtained within an applicant's grace period without Board approval. The Board discussed that a motion had already carried to accept those requests on all applicants through the two-year anniversary of the Administrative Code change to make certain that all licensees have been made aware of the change in CE requirements.

Other Requests

- a. Mr. Christopher Eugene Tate addressed the Board in person at the request of the board regarding his request for reciprocity. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to approve the reciprocity request of Mr. Christopher Tate. Valeri White seconded the motion. Discussion was held among the Board regarding the nature of Mr. Tate's criminal history and concerns related. Following discussion, the motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.
- b. Regarding the requests of Licensees Antoine Ash, Quentin Maynard, and Tara Richey to be allowed to obtain their three (3) hours of Ethics CE outside of their renewal cycle, the Board agreed that the previously voted on blanket motion to approve would apply, and their requests would be approved.
- c. Valeri White made a motion to approve the request of Sharon Baxley for reciprocity. LaShea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to approve the request of Tara Greer for reciprocity. Amy Smith seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding the terms of Supervision and who is

approved to provide supervision for licensure. Following Board discussion, a vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

- e. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to approve the request of Tina Taylor for reciprocity. Amy Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PIP Applications

- a. Laura Dozier Boltz – Approved Social Casework, Denied Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration
- b. Leah Castille – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- c. Julie Cox – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- d. Sean Creech – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, and Social Work Administration, Denied Community Organization
- e. Kelly Susan Duke – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Denied Community Organization
- f. Jamie Lynn Ellis – Denied Social Casework, Clinical Social Work and Community Organization due to lacking the licensure requirements for work experience
- g. Martina Faulkner – Approved Clinical Social Work
- h. Leora Gwendolyn Morse Gay – Approved Social Casework, Denied Clinical Social Work
- i. Jill Ann Gernert – Approved Clinical Social Work
- j. Latasha Henderson – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- k. Brooke Latonya Hill – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Denied Community Organization
- l. Heather Macleod – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, and Social Work Administration, Denied Community Organization
- m. Lanique Robinson – Approved Clinical Social Work
- n. Anna Schauer – Approved Social Casework, Denied Clinical Social Work, Community Organization and Social Work Administration
- o. Ebony Whitby – Approved Social Casework, Denied Clinical Social Work
- p. Alison Wilson – Approved Clinical Social Work
- q. Bridgett Wright – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work, Denied Community Organization and Social Work Administration
- r. Bailey Yancey – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Administration
- s. Tekeisha W. Goggins – Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration, Denied Community Organization

Requesting Reconsideration or Addition

- t. Jennifer Jones – Approved Clinical Social Work
- u. Stephanie Kenney – Approved Clinical Social Work
- v. Dietra Reynolds – Approved Clinical Social Work
- w. MaryEllen Mayfield – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work

Proposed dates for next Board Meeting: September 11, 2018, at 9:30am at Troy University.

Valeri White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:25pm. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair

Sharrie Cranford

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Board Secretary

Amy Smith

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