

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on January 12, 2018.

Board Chair, Sharrie Cranford, called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District I representative Sharrie Cranford – Chair

District III representative Valeri White

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. Interim Executive Director Karen Hester was also 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 October 24, 2017, 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. Interim Executive Director Karen Hester updated the Board on status of complaints. There are currently twelve (12) open complaints. Three (3) complaints have received Hearing Officer recommendations and will close today. This leaves nine (9) open complaints remaining.
- b. Dr. Michael Smith made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. An update was provided to the Board on the need to explore filling the Executive Director position. The Board was advised that we only have use of Yvonne, who is assisting with managing Board finances, for a short time longer. Interim Executive Director Karen Hester wishes to return to working only part time. The Board discussed options for acquiring candidates for the position, and agreed that the position announcement would be reposted.

The Board also discussed the job qualifications as they are currently noted in the existing position announcement, and agreed to amend the qualifications.

- d. Robin Michelle Phillips – Dr. Michael Smith made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer’s recommendations without taxing the cost of the hearing. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer E. Willoughby – Marilyn Colson made a motion to suspend Ms. Willoughby’s license to practice Social Work, and that she not be allowed to renew until such time as she meets all qualifications for licensure without taxing the cost of the hearing. Dr. Michael Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristin Dawson – Dr. Michael Smith made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer’s recommendations as written. Valeri White seconded the motion. Sharrie Cranford, Dr. Michael Smith, Valeri White, Marilyn Colson, and LaShea Cobb-England voted in favor of the motion. Amy Smith abstained.

### **New Board Business**

- a. There were no updates regarding any Board member invited to speak at a conference or program.
- b. Karen Hester provided the Board with a Finance Report Update.
- c. Karen Hester briefed the Board on a request from Mr. David Allbright to add a Continuing Education requirement regarding Opioid abuse as a requirement for Social Work licensure. Mr. Allbright has requested to address the Board. The Board agreed that this would be arranged.
- d. Valeri White made a motion to accept the CEs of Denise Stanley, LMSW, and renew her license. Shea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board broke at 10:27am, and reconvened at 10:35am.

### **Other requests**

- a. Valeri White made a motion to not approve CE for the following courses:
  - i. Mindfulness and Stress Reduction
  - ii. The Sleep Loss Epidemic: Understanding and Managing Sleep Disorders
  - iii. Guiding Children Through the Media Age
  - iv. Creating Balance in a Digital Age
  - v. Overcoming Deception in Relationships

Dr. Michael Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Dr. Michael Smith made a motion that Shannon Senna, LBSW, be allowed 60 days to obtain the hours needed for audit. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Valeri White made a motion that Kennis Johnson, LBSW, be allowed 60 days to obtain the hours needed for audit. LaShea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Dr. Michael Smith made a motion that Demetria Scott, LICSW, be allowed 60 days to obtain the hours needed for audit. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Dr. Michael Smith made a motion to disallow the request of Latorya Harris, LMSW, to use five CE hours earned outside of her renewal cycle. LaShea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Valeri White made a motion to allow the request of Ronada Moore, LMSW, to use one hour of Ethics CE earned outside of her renewal cycle to renew her license. LaShea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- g. The Board discussed and agreed on a deadline for submission of applications for Executive Director position of February 23, 2018.

### **PIP Applications**

- a. Troy Bishop – Approved Clinical Social Work
- b. Madeline Contorno – Approved Social Casework and Approved Clinical Social Work
- c. Brittney S. English – Approved Social Casework and Approved Clinical Social Work
- d. Anna Marie Gatlin - Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work and Approved Community Organization
- e. Lindsey Corso Gurley – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, Denied Community Organization and Denied Social Work Administration
- f. Courtney Hanks – Approved Social Casework and Approved Clinical Social Work
- g. Stephanie Hase – Approved Clinical Social Work
- h. Jacqueline Ami Johnson – Approved Social Casework and Approved Clinical Social Work
- i. Stacy Childers Lee – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, and Approved Social Work Administration
- j. Nona Charlene McLaughlin – Approved Clinical Social Work and Denied Social Work Administration
- k. Stacey Leigh McManus – Approved Social Casework and Denied Clinical Social Work
- l. Adrienne McCollum – Approved Clinical Social Work
- m. Ronaka Latrice Paster – Approved Clinical Social Work
- n. Lindsay Nicole Preskenis – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work and Denied Social Work Administration
- o. Martha Annalee Rubley – Approved Clinical Social Work
- p. Deborah B. Williamson – Approved Social Casework and Approved Clinical Social Work
- q. Lakiesha Denise Williams – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work, Denied Community Organization and Denied Social Work Administration

### **Requesting Reconsideration or Addition**

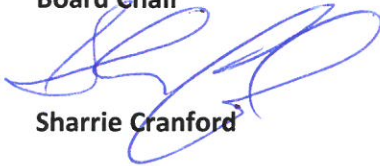
- r. Lolita Boykin – Approved Clinical Social Work
- s. Iola C. McCloud – Iola McCloud addressed the Board to make her request for reconsideration for approval of Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Community Organization and Social Work Administration that were initially denied on July 20, 2017. The Board agreed that the request would be tabled until additional information could be requested and obtained.

- t. Selena Michelle Miller – Selena Michelle Miller addressed the Board to make her request for reconsideration for approval of Clinical Social Work that had been previously denied. The Board denied her request for reconsideration based on the fact that she had never been under contract for supervision in the area of Clinical Social Work.
- u. Jessica V. Zimmerman – Approved Clinical Social Work
- v. Laura H. Johnson – Iola McCloud addressed the Board to make her request for reconsideration for approval of Social Casework and Social Work Administration that were initially denied on September 8, 2017. The Board agreed that the request would be tabled until additional information could be requested and obtained.

Proposed dates for next Board Meeting: March 2, 2018 at 9:30am.

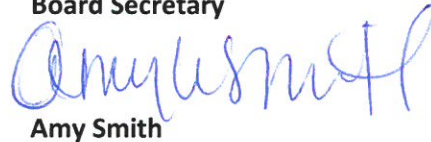
Dr. Michael Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:39pm. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Chair**



**Sharrie Cranford**

**Board Secretary**



**Amy Smith**