

The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on February 27, 2020. Board Chair, Valeri White, called the meeting to order at 9:40am.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District II representative Kai Mumpfield

District III representative Valeri White

District IV representative Amy Smith

District V representative Dr. Octavio Ramirez

District VI representative Marilyn Colson

District VII representative LaShea Cobb-England

Ellen Leonard, Board Legal Counsel, was present. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson 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 November 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Marilyn Colson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Kai Mumpfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Copies of the minutes from January 27, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Kai Mumpfield made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. LaShea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following members voting in favor: Kai Mumpfield, Valeri White, Octavio Ramirez, Marilyn Colson and LaShea Cobb-England. Amy Smith abstained from the vote.

Old Board Business:

- a. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson updated the Board on status of complaints. There are currently three (3) pending complaints that have been assigned.
- b. Valeri White made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. Dr. Octavio Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Board Business:

- a. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson and Marilyn Colson advised the Board that they had been invited to speak at an event for UAB regarding Board responsibilities and licensure. Kai Mumpfield advised the Board that she recently spoke at an event hosted by Troy University regarding the licensure process. She utilized the Powerpoint presentation created for such presentations, and advised that it went well. Dr. Octavio Ramirez asked about whether a mechanism exists to compensate the Board financially for speaking at various engagements. He was advised by ED Rachel Dickinson that the Board is not compensated for speaking engagements.
- b. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson reported to the Board on Board Finance status. No concerns were noted. No issues identified requiring further discussion.
- c. The Board reviewed and discussed proposed amendments to the Code related to Supervision of licensees. Verbiage changes to various sections of the proposed amendments were made. Discussion related to the forms that would be utilized was discussed. It was agreed that some research would be done around forms used in various states with similar requirements. The Board held discussion regarding how other states allow a Master's level licensee to practice independently. It was agreed that this item would be tabled for future discussion and action by the Board following further research on the matter.
- d. Dr. Octavio Ramirez made a motion to remove all PIP certifications other than Social Casework. Valeri White seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Valeri White made a motion to amend the Administrative Rules to reflect changes that have been made to the PIP certifications for LICSW level licensees. Dr. Octavio Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson updated the Board on current proposed Legislation that could affect the Board or its licensees. Updates were provided regarding the following: Sunset Bill, SB97, SB92, SB23.
- g. The Board discussed putting information regarding an NASW car tag offer on the ABSWE website for promotional purposes. The Board agreed that a "Distinctive Tag Announcement" would be added to the "News/Bulletins" section of the ABSWE website for promotional purposes.
- h. Dr. Octavio Ramirez made a motion that, while sitting as an active ABSWE Board member, said member will not be allowed to submit an application for PIP. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PIP Applications:

- a. Best-Box, Joyce – Approved Social Casework; Denied Clinical Social Work, Community Organization, Social Work Research, and Social Work Administration
- b. Brown, Cassandra – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- c. Courter, Michael – Approved Clinical Social Work
- d. Evans, Kimberly – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- e. Jones, Sonja – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work; Denied Social Work Administration

- f. Peterson, Monique – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work; Denied Social Work Administration
- g. Barnes, Keisha – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work; Denied Community Organization
- h. Phelps, Ashley – Denied Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- i. Roberts, Chelsea – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
- j. Smith, Krystal – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work; Denied Community Organization, Social Work Research and Social Work Administration
- k. Strain, Kelley – Approved Social Casework; Denied Clinical Social Work
- l. Woodcox, James – Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work

Requesting Reconsideration or Addition:

- m. Joe Purvis – Denied reconsideration of Clinical Social Work
- n. Sharrie Cranford – Denied addition of Social Work Research

Dr. Octavio Ramirez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at ??????. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair


Valeri White

Board Secretary

Amy Smith