

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on March 16, 2012, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736 in Montgomery, Alabama with chairman and secretary present.

Board Chair, Paula Johnson, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including:  
District IV representative Paula Johnson- Board Chair  
District III representative Leisa Askew - Vice-Chair  
District VI representative Mandy Andrews- Board Secretary  
District I representative Sharon Argiro  
District II representative Jenny Story  
District V representative Esophia Clayborn (arrived at 9:49 a.m.)  
District VII representative James Ware

Ellen Leonard, Attorney for the Board, arrived at 9:38 a.m. and was present until 10:47 p.m.

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:**

A copy of the minutes from the January 20, 2012 Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Leisa Askew made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board recognized member James Ware for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Alabama Conference of Social Work.

**Old Board Business:**

- a. Rebecca Goodson updated the Board on the status of complaints. Five (5) complaints are in progress. One (1) complaint was recently closed. Five (5) complaints were out of the Board's jurisdiction. One (1) initial letter has been sent. Two (2) were received the week of the meeting are pending review. There were 14 total complaints.
- b. The Board reviewed and approved the list of new social work licensees.

- c. The Board reviewed and discussed proposed language for LCSW Diagnosis legislation. Rebecca Goodson updated the Board regarding communication from the Medical Association of Alabama.

#### **New Board Business:**

- a. Rebecca Goodson attended the Alabama Conference on Social Work at Perdido Beach in February. Esophia Clayborn, Leisa Askew, and James Ware all attended the Conference. The ABSWE Booth generated interest and several attendees asked questions. Ms. Goodson will attend the ASWB Spring Meeting, April 26-29, in Lexington, KY. Three board members have also requested to attend. The request is pending Governor Bentley's approval.

#### **PIP Applications:**

- a. Sharon Argiro -  
Approved: Social Casework  
Denied: None
- b. Tina Baker -  
Approved: Clinical Social Work  
Denied: None
- c. Ahmad Brewer -  
Approved: Social Service Casework  
Denied: Clinical Social Work
- d. Rebecca Conner -  
Approved: Social Service Casework, Social Work Administration  
Denied: None
- e. Margaret Davenport -  
Approved: Social Casework  
Denied: Clinical Social Work
- f. Margie Johnson -  
Approved: Clinical Social Work  
Denied: None
- g. Tangie Martin Macon -  
Approved: Social Casework, Clinical Social Work  
Denied: Social Work Administration
- h. Mary McAlister -  
Approved: Social Service Casework  
Denied: Clinical Social Work
- i. Michelle Piper -  
Approved: Social Service Casework  
Denied: Clinical Social Work
- j. Kellie M. Turchetta -

Approved: Clinical Social Work

Denied: Social Service Casework, Community Organization, Social Work Administration

k. Janet Wilkie-

Approved: Social Service Casework, Clinical Social Work, Social Work Administration

Denied: Community Organization

**Other Requests:**

- a. The Board reviewed a request from INR for approval of continuing education. Sharon Argiro made a motion to approve the CE. The motion died due to the lack of a second.
- b. The Board reviewed and discussed request regarding CE qualification determination. More information was requested from Misty Samya including a curriculum outline and letter from the Dean. Upon receipt of documentation, the Executive Director was given authority to approve the request.
- c. The Board reviewed and discussed the request from CAS regarding providing supervision via Skype. The request was denied due to a current AGs opinion disallowing face-to-face requirements to be met via distance equipment.
- d. The Board reviewed and discussed a request for CE waiver from Rebecca Williams. The request was denied based on Administrative Code Section 34-30-26(d).
- e. The Board reviewed and discussed a request to sit for the licensure exam from Juan Dean Horton. The Board requested clarification regarding former employment and personnel information. Upon receipt with no questions, the Executive Director can approve the request.
- f. The Board reviewed and discussed a request to sit for the licensure exam from Jennifer Mitchell. Leisa Askew made a motion that based on the documentation provided to the Board, Ms. Mitchell should resubmit her application for consideration after August 28, 2012. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- g. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Regina Owens. At 11:55 a.m., Liesa Askew moved to enter Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Jenny Story seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Esophia Clayborn, Jenny Story, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. At 12:11 p.m., Leisa Askew made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Esophia Clayborn, Jenny Story, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. Leisa Askew made a motion that based on the documentation provided to the Board, Ms. Owens can resubmit her application for consideration after

- April 4, 2013. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- h. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied Jerome Comer's request for a waiver to renew license after expiration date.
  - i. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied Stephanie Hunter's request to sit for the licensure exam.
  - j. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Larry Smith regarding license reciprocity. Paula Johnson made a motion to accept Mr. Smith's supervision and allow reciprocity. Mandy Andrews seconded the motion. Voting to approve the motion: Paula Johnson, Mandy Andrews, Jenny Story, James Ware, Leisa Askew, and Esophia Clayborn. Opposing the motion: Sharon Argio.
  - k. The Board reviewed and discussed Sharhonda Griffin Shropshire's request for a waiver allowing a late renewal. The Board requested additional documentation of CE. Upon receipt, Ms. Shropshire's request will be reconsidered.

At 10:36 a.m., the Board took a five (5) minute break. The meeting resumed at 10:48 a.m.

Leisa Askew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 p.m. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2012 at 9:30 AM in the Board Conference Room.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Paula Johnson

Mandy Andrews