

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on July 13, 2012, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736 in Montgomery, Alabama with the chairman and secretary present.

Board Chair, Paula Johnson, called the meeting to order at 9:41 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 VII representative James Ware

Ellen Leonard, Attorney for the Board was present until 11:40 a.m. Executive Director, Rebecca Goodson, was present for the entire 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:

A copy of the minutes from the May 10, 2012 Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Leisa Askew made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Board Business:

- a. Rebecca Goodson updated the Board on the status of complaints. One (1) complaint was closed. Three (3) are waiting on additional documents, one (1) complaint with a settlement agreement pending, and one (1) complaint being re-reviewed.
- b. The Board discussed a request from Regina Owens to reconsider approval of her BSW license. James Ware made a motion to issue Ms. Owens a BSW license. Jenny Story seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. The Board reviewed the Hearing Officer's recommendation regarding Susan Wallace. James Ware made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. Voting in

- favor of the motion: James Ware, Jenny Story, Leisa Askew, and Paula Johnson. Opposing the motion: Sharon Argiro. Abstaining from the vote: Mandy Andrews
- d. The Board reviewed and discussed the NASW Standards for Professional CE. The Board created a sub-committee to review the CE Approval Process. Sub-committee members include: James Ware, Mandy Andrews, Jenny Story, and Paula Johnson.
 - e. The Board reviewed and discussed Carol Hall's request regarding CE approval. Ms. Goodson will respond to Ms. Hall.
 - f. The Board reviewed and discussed HB638 which passed and was signed into law during the past legislative session. The Board developed a plan to implement this law which will be put into effect immediately.

New Board Business:

- a. The Board members announced no new speaking engagements since last meeting.
- b. The Board reviewed and approved the list of new social work licensees.
- c. The board reviewed and discussed items of interested presented by Rebecca Goodson. Included was a discussion of the need for a new copier for the Board's office. James Ware made a motion to proceed with procurement of the necessary office equipment. Jenny Story seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PIP Applications:

- a. Tony C. Agan -
Approved: Clinical Social Work and Social Casework
Denied: None
- b. Melanie D. Barraza -
Approved: Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
Denied: None
- c. Linda G. Beasley -
Approved: Social Casework
Denied: Social Work Administration, Research, and Community Organization
- d. Miriam Bleich -
Approved: Social Casework
Denied: None
- e. Kelly G. Curry -
Approved: Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Community Organization, and Social Work Administration
Denied: None
- f. Ross A. Hudson - More information requested
- g. Barry Ivker - More information requested

- h. Jennifer L. McCombs-
Approved: Clinical Social Work
Denied: None
- i. Heather N. McClellen -
Approved: Clinical Social Work
Denied: None
- j. Brian Maloney -
Approved: Clinical Social Work
Denied: None
- k. Julie Wells -
Approved: Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
Denied: Social Work Administration
- l. Nyshetia White - Chapman -
Approved: Clinical Social Work and Social Casework
Denied: Research, Social Work Administration, and Community Organization
- m. Shannon A. Womack -
Approved: Clinical Social Work
Denied: None
- n. Rachel M. Prendergast -
Approved: Clinical Social Work
Denied: None
- o. Jane E. Ajaya - more information requested

Other Requests:

- a. The Board reviewed and discussed the request from Tomoko Gaddis regarding approval of late continuing education. The Board requested that Ms. Gaddis obtain the original CE forms prior to the next Board meeting for her request to be considered.
- b. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied Sharhonda Griffin's request to go inactive after the grace period ended.
- c. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from William A. Hanlin. At 12:13 p.m. Mandy Andrews moved to enter Executive Session for ten (10) minutes to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Jenny Story, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. At 12:20 p.m., Leisa Askew made a motion to rise from Executive Session. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Jenny Story, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. The Board denied Mr. Hanlin's request.
- d. The Board reviewed and discussed Clifford Harris' request for approval of his Contract for Supervision. Sharon Argiro made a motion to accept Mr. Harris' supervision as submitted. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- e. The Board reviewed and approved CE for a workshop by INR - “Better Sleep/Better Memory”.
- f. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Amy Osborne for reconsideration to go inactive. Leisa Askew made a motion to provide Ms. Osborne a one-time waiver allowing her to renew her inactive status. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- g. The Board reviewed and discussed questions from Sandra Owens regarding the PIP. Ms. Goodson will respond to Ms. Owens.
- h. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Bari Williams. At 12:33 p.m. Leisa Askew moved to enter Executive Session for five (5) minutes to discuss the good name and character of an individual. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Jenny Story, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. At 12:42 p.m., James Ware made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Jenny Story, and Mandy Andrews. The Board requested additional information prior to addressing Ms. Williams’ question.
- i. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Terri Bruce to determine if more supervision is required. The Board determined no additional supervision is required.

At 11:25 a.m., the Board took a ten (10) minute break. The meeting reconvened at 11:35.

Leisa Askew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:38 p.m. Jenny Story seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2012 at 9:30 AM in the Board Conference Room.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Paula Johnson

Mandy Andrews