

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
August 24th, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on August 24th, 2022 at the Montgomery office. Board Chair, Kai Mumpfield, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District I representative Ukawia Johnson
District II representative Kai Mumpfield, Chair
District III representative Jamie Nicole DeLee, Secretary
District IV representative
District V representative Dr. Shalunda Sherrod
District VI representative Wendy Peek
District VII representative Dr. Bob McKinney

Executive Director Rachel Dickinson and board attorney Ellen Leonard was also present for the meeting. Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by verbal yes or no. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the July 20th, 2022, were distributed. Dr. McKinney made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Sherrod seconded the motion, and all voted to pass the minutes with added suggestions.

Old Board Business

a. Jamie Nicole DeLee made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. Kai Mumpfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Update on Complaint status we currently have (4) open complaints, and we are waiting on social workers responses and then they will be distributed to board members for review.

New Board Business

- a. Rachel Dickinson presented the financial report, and nothing has changed since it has not been thirty days since the last meeting and a new fiscal year is approaching.
- b. Annual review for Executive Director Rachel Dickinson. Motion made for a 2% raise by Jamie Nicole DeLee. Wendy Peek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Clinical Supervision Rule: Wendy asked for data from other states. Data pulled shows two to four years of experience. We clarified that people can be grandfathered in with proof of payment and completion for training before administrative regulation is approved and this will be put in the newsletter. Motion to require LICSW's to have two years of post-licensure experience was made by Wendy Peek and seconded by Dr. McKinney. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. License Compact Update: Rachel was on a call for Council of State Governments and 7 states must pass the compact in legislation for it to go into action. The database for this is not currently in place and final legislation has not been distributed to states.
- e. The question was presented as to what a LICSW, LMSW, and LBSW can do as for clearing for discharge, completing assessments for substance abuse and mental illness. It was discussed and determined that this falls back on the insurance companies and Joint commission which the social worker should reach out to so they can make their final decision.
- f. A subcommittee was created to define what is considered clinician versus nonclinical. The committee is made up of Wendy Peek, Jamie Nicole DeLee, Kai Mumpfield, and Dr. McKinney. Meetings can be held virtually.
- g. Dr. McKinney brought up the current makeup of the Board. Currently the board is comprised of four LICSW's, two LMSW's and one LBSW. His concern is that it can become difficult for districts to see any changes in the level of licensees on the Board. Ellen explained that changes such as those must come from the legislature but agreed that it requires several members to roll off the Board at once to create a new mix of licensees from the districts.

Board Requests

- a. Speaker Requests
 - 1. Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System on November 17th. Kai Mumpfield has agreed to do this request
 - 2. UAB has requested a speaker on September 28th and Wendy Peek has agreed to speak.
 - 3. A request was made by an applicant to transfer their more than ten-year-old ASWB score from another state that the person was once licensed in. The request was denied as the license has expired and because of the age of the original test date.

PIP Applications

- a. Yolande Allen- Approved Social Casework
- b. Melissa Mays- Approved Social Casework

Dr. McKinney made a motion to approve them and was seconded by Dr. Sherrod. All passed with a yes vote.

The date for the next Board meeting will be October 20th, 2022, at 10 AM. Jamie Nicole DeLee moved to adjourn at 11:30am. Dr. Sherrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


Kai Mumpfield
Board Chair


Jamie Nicole DeLee
Secretary