

The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners

Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on November 16, 2023 at the Montgomery office. Board Chair, Kai Mumpfield, called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District II representative Kai Mumpfield, Chair

District III representative Jamie DeLee

District V representative Dr. Shalunda Allen-Sherrod, Vice Chair

District VI representative Wendy Peek

District IV representative Dwan Madden, Secretary

Executive Director, Rachel Dickinson and attorney, Ellen Leonard, were 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 September board meeting was distributed. Dr. Sherrod made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. DeLee seconded the motion. All voted to pass the minutes.

Old Board Business

- a. The director updated that there are nine open complaints.
- b. Mrs. DeLee made a motion to approve the licenses issued since the last meeting. Mrs. Madden seconded the motion. This was unanimously approved.
- c. The State of Social Work Symposium was debriefed. It was stated less attended this year than last year. Twelve universities were represented and thirteen agencies/and or groups. Positive feedback was received from those in attendance. Many felt it was a positive to include social work student this year. There were some complaints on parking and issues with not being able to hear well. The possibility of including a job fair next year was discussed.

New Board Business

- a. Letter to attorney general has not been sent to ask opinion on using funds for professional development.
- b. Senator has been selected to carry the compact legislation.

- c. Discussion was held to allow public access of board meetings. Director, Mrs. Dickinson stated OIT must install a phone line. She has started this process. This will allow for a conference call to be held where the public can listen.
- d. Update was given on the new app, OIT is testing.
- e. Mrs. Peek gave a summary of the Delegate Assembly she attended.

Other Requests

- a. Johanna K. Matthews spoke on behalf of requesting that field instructors receive CEU's. A motion was made by Dr. Sherrod that more information was needed such as what other states are doing and what would be guidelines/requirements be for instructors. Mrs. DeLee seconded the motion.
- b. A request was read from Amy Smith asking for a 6 month extension for supervision. Mrs. Peek made a motion to deny. Mrs. DeLee seconded the motion. Mrs. Madden abstained from voting. All others agreed to deny the request.
- c. A request was made from Tanya Edgil for a non provisional license appeal. This was denied.

PIP Applications

Dr. Sherrod made a motion to approve the PIP applications. Mrs. Madden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The date for the next board meeting will be January 11, 2024 at 10 AM. Ms. Mumpfield moved to adjourn at 11:48 AM. Dr. Sherrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Kai Mumpfield

Board Chair



Dwan Madden

Secretary