

## **The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on July 18, 2024 at the Montgomery office. Board Vice Chair, Dr. Sherrod, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

There was a quorum of members present including:

**District I representative** Ukawia Johnson

**District III representative** Heather Pearley

**District IV representative** Dwan Madden

**District V representative** Dr. Shalunda Allen-Sherrod

**District VI representative** Wendy Peek

**District VII representative** Alvin Reed

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 March board meeting were distributed. Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Madden seconded the motion. All voted to pass the minutes.

#### **Old Board Business**

- a. The director updated that there are nine open complaints.
- b. Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the licenses issued since the last meeting. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. This was unanimously approved.

#### **New Board Business**

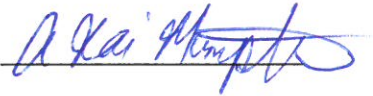
- a. A social work compact welcome letter was provided to all members which stated a representative must be appointed to serve as Alabama's Commissioner on the Social Work Compact Commission. Dr. Sherrod made a motion that executive director, Ms. Dickinson, be appointed to serve. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Dr. Sherrod made a motion to appoint Ms. Peek as an alternate. Ms. Madden seconded the motion.
- b. Ms. Dickinson presented the Attorney General's opinion that the ABSWE may not use it excess funds to cover the cost of applications, examinations, licenses, license renewal fees, and training for applicants and licensees. Other options to use the excess funds were discussed. Ms. Dickinson will provide some numbers at the next meeting for cost of using the funds for different options such as re test fees.

- c. Case No. 23-6343B-11 Agreement was reviewed. Dr. Sherrod made a motion that the board go into closed session for 10 minutes at 10:30AM to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Johnson, Ms. Pearley, Ms. Madden and Ms. Meek voted yes for entering closed session. At 10:40 AM it was stated the session will continue for another 5 minutes. At 10:45, Dr. Sherrod made a motion that the board come out of closed session. Ms. Peek seconded the motion.
- Dr. Sherrod made a motion to amend the agreement. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Madden abstained. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Peek voted no.
- Dr. Sherrod made a motion that license suspension change from one year to three years, that repayment of funds be done within 6months, and that supervisor is picked and approved by the board. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Madden abstained. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Peek voted no.

#### **PIP Applications**

Dr. Sherrod made a motion to approve the PIP applications except for one due to more documentation needed. Ms. Peek seconded the motion.

The date for the next board meeting will be September 19, 2024 at 10 AM. Dr. Sherrod moved to adjourn at 10:56 AM.



Kai Mumpfield

Board Chair



Dwan Madden

Secretary