

The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners

Board Meeting Minutes

March 18th, 2025

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on January 9, 2025, at the Montgomery office. Board Chair, Dr. Sherrod, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District I representative

District II representative Kai Mumpfield

District III representative Heather Perley

District IV representative

District V representative Dr. Shalunda Allen-Sherrod

District VI representative Wendy Peek

District VII representative Alvin Reed

Executive Director, Rachel Dickinson and attorney, Andy Crowder, 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

The Director explained that the minutes for the January minutes were not ready. She would get with a member who was present and have the minutes ready for the next meeting

Old Board Business

- a. The director identified there are 7 open complaints at this time. This number includes the one on the agenda for today.
- b. Board reviewed the applicants for licensure which included 66 Clinical, 45 Masters, 4 Bachelors and 12 supervisor. Ms. Mumpfield motioned that the board approve the applicants for licensure and Ms. Peek second the motion. The motion carried unanimously

New Board Business

The Director suggested hosting an hour zoom to review supervision requirements, needs and concerns the office frequently faces. This would also be a free CE opportunity. It was discussed that there could possibly be other topics to address at a later time and to record the session to house on the website as reference. The board agreed with the idea and a date would be set for some time in May. Board members are welcome to join

Requests

- a. The board addressed the request made by Karen Blackwood to reinstate her license. Mrs. Blackwood was given an opportunity to address the board, the complaint and the issue at hand of reinstating her license. Board Chair Sherrod motioned to go into closed session for 10 mins. Ms. Peek second and the motion carried unanimously. Closed session started at 10:19am. Ms. Mumpfield motioned to end the closed session and Board Chair Sherrod second it. The motion carried unanimously, and the closed session ended at 10:29am. Board Chair Sherrod motioned to postpone voting on reinstating Mrs. Blackwood's license. Mr. Reed second the motion. The motion carried 4-1 to postpone the decision regarding reinstatement of license.
- b. The board addressed a request to allow applicant to move forward with clinical license. There was discussion regarding the process in which the applicant received clinical and master's license, the various processes across state lines for licensure and how to proceed. Ms. Mumpfield motioned to allow licensee to move forward with clinical license under the requirement to complete an additional 15 hours of CEs, 5 of which have to be on the most recent DSM and 10 clinical within the calendar year. Ms. Peek second the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4-1.
- c. Discussed a request for panel participation for Children's of Alabama. Ms. Peek agreed to participate.
- d. The board addressed a settlement agreement regarding complaint issued on licensee. Ms. Mumpfield motioned to go into closed session for 10 mins. Ms. Peek second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Closed session began at 10:34am. Board Chair Sherrod motioned to continue closed session for 5 additional mins. Ms. Mumpfield second the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the close session was extended at 10:44am. Board Chair Sherrod motioned to end close session. Ms. Parley second the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and closed session ended at 10:49am. Dr. Sherrod motioned to extend suspension to 12 months. There was no second. Mr. Reed motioned to approve the agreement as stated. Ms. Peek second. The motion did not carry with a 2 - 4 vote. Ms. Mumpfield motion to extend the agreement to 9 months suspension with all other sections of agreement remaining the same. Ms. Parley second. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

PIP Applications

Board engaged in discussion regarding the PIP applications. Ms. Mumpfield motioned to approve all PIPs with the request to review Tyree's individually. Board Chair Sherrod second. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion regarding the PIP applications continued and clarity provided regarding the experience required as well as the timeline of experience required. Board Chair Sherrod motioned to approve PIP application for Tyree. Ms. Peek second. The motion carried unanimously. All PIPs were approved.

New board business

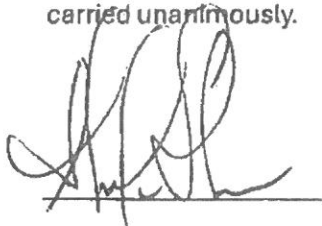
Discussion around a call a board member received regarding a bill on the floor to raise the age of consent for medical and mental health from 14 to 18. The president of another human services board requested to have the board issue a statement and to join a work group. It was decided that issuing a statement was outside of the scope of the charge for this board. However, members are welcome to engage in dialogue and participate in the workgroup, just not as a representative of the

board. It was suggested to encourage them to reach out to ACSW and NASW-AL for additional advocacy support.

It was shared that Kai was selected to chair the ASWB Regulatory Education and Leadership (REAL) Committee.

The date for the next board meeting will be May 14 at 10:00 am.

Board Chair Sherrod motioned to close the meeting at 11:14am. Ms. Perley second. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dr. Shalunda Sherrod

Board Chair

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Kai Mumpfield

Secretary