

The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners

Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on January 21st, at the Montgomery office. Board Chair, Dr. Sherrod, called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District I representative

District II representative

District III representative Heather Perley

District IV representative Angela Bishop

District V representative Dr. Shalunda Allen-Sherrod

District VI representative Wendy Peek

District VII representative Alvin Reed

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 minutes from the December meeting were presented for review. A motion to accept the December minutes was made by Ms. Perley, seconded by Mr. Reed. All moved in favor to approve the December minutes.

Old Board Business

- a. The director identified there are 11 open complaints at this time.
- b. Board reviewed the newly licensed social workers. Ms. Perley made a motion to accept all newly licensed social workers, seconded by Mr. Reed. All moved in favor to approve.

New Board Business

Board Attorney Ellen Leonard reminded the Board there could be a potential need for a hearing in March and that would require five (5) members present to conduct the hearing and that it would be beneficial to start at 9:30am.

- a. As required by statute the Board is required to elect new officers each year. Ms. Peek nominated current Board Chair, Dr. Sherrod to remain in her position as Chair. Mr. Reed seconded the nomination and all voted in favor. Dr. Sherrod nominated current Vice Chair, Ms. Peek to remain in her position as Vice Chair. Ms. Bishop seconded the motion and all

voted in favor. Ms. Peek nominated Ms. Perley for Secretary. Dr. Sherrod seconded the nomination and all voted in favor.

The 2026 Board Officers are as follows:

Dr. Shalunda Sherrod, Chair

Ms. Wendy Peek, Vice Chair

Ms. Heather Perley, Secretary

- b. Mr. Reed gave an overview of the ASWB Spotlight on Regulation. Including new changes coming to the ASWB exam this fall.
- c. State of Social Work – Dr. Sherrod enquired as to whether the Board would like to hold a 2026 State of Social Work. Topics to include during the State of Social Work could be ethics, supervision and ASWB updates. The meeting could possibly be held via Zoom to allow for more to attend. A date of early April was suggested.
- d. Alabama Conference of Social Work – The annual meeting held in Gulf Shores will be attended by Dr. Sherrod, Ms. Peek & Mr. Reed.
- e. Executive Director Review – Ms. Leonard, Board Attorney discussed the annual review of the Executive Director. Dr. Sherrod made a motion for a two step increase, Mr. Reed seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Peek asked if it was possible to put a timeline for reviewing complaints in the Board Rules. Ms. Leonard recommended that we adopt a policy in place of adding a new rule. Ms. Peek made a motion to add a policy that Board members, once assigned a complaint, review and respond within 15 days. Dr. Sherrod seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

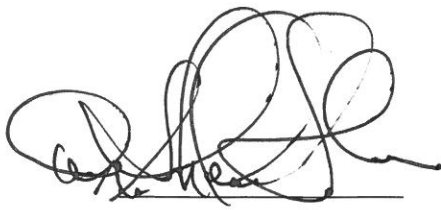
Requests

PIP Applications

The Board reviewed all PIP applications submitted. Dr. Sherrod made a motion to accept all PIP applications, except Ms. V. Beaty, more information needed to complete her PIP application. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

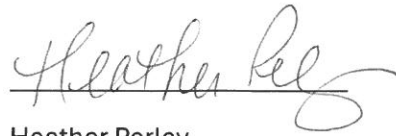
The date for the next board meeting was discussed and the next meeting will be held March 17th at 9:30am.

Ms. Peek motioned to close the meeting at 11:00am, Ms. Perley seconded the motion. All voted to end the meeting.

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Dr. Shalunda Sherrod

Board Chair

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Heather Perley

Secretary