

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**  
**Monday, September 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Synergy Business Park in the Kingtree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Room 105**  
**Columbia SC 29210**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Lynn Melton, Chairperson  
Jane Anker, Vice-Chair  
Catherine Buchanan, Member  
Harold Patrick, Jr., Member  
D. Scott Stephens, Public Member

**Absent Members**

Jacqueline Lowe, Member

**Staff Present**

Mary League, Advice Counsel  
Marlo Thomas-Koger, Board Administrator  
Sheliah Jones, Board Assistant

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Social Work, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia, SC, was posted on the Board website and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum is noted as present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

***NOTE:** These Minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and a brief summary of the meeting.*

**Call to Order**

Ms. Melton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 105 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

**Introduction of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Director Emily Farr:** Emily Farr, Director of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation addressed the Board.

**Legislative Update:** Ms. League, Advice Counsel addressed the board regarding the legislative updates.

**Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve Ms. Lowe's absence. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve the May 20, 2019, meeting minutes – no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report:** Christa Bell, Esq. Office of Investigations (OIE) presented five (5) cases for dismissals, three (3) letters of caution and five (5) formal complaints.

**Dismissal Cases:**

2018-12  
2018-14  
2019-4  
2019-15  
2019-22

**Letter of Caution Cases:**

2018-19  
2019-3  
2019-17

**Formal Complaint Cases:**

2018-6  
2018-16  
2018-18  
2019-8  
2019-14

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve the five (5) cases for dismissal, three (3) letters of caution and five (5) formal complaints. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Statistical Report as information.

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC):** Tina Brown, Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) presented the ODC report to the Board. The Board reviewed the report as information.

**Finance Report:** Mr. Patrick Jarvis, Office of Finance presented the financial report to the Board. The Board reviewed the report as information.

**Administrator's Remarks:** Ms. Koger, Board Administrator addressed the Board.

**Application Hearings**

**Disha Benn-Peay, LMSW:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Benn-Peay's supervision contract should be approved for the Licensed Independent Social Worker Clinical Practice (LISW-CP) application in South Carolina. Ms. Benn-Peay made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Benn-Peay's application. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Executive Session:** No votes were taken during executive session.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve Ms. Benn-Peay to move forward with her LISW-CP application. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Buchanan. Four were in favor; one opposed and the motion passed.

**Susan Kemmerlin:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Kemmerlin should be granted a Licensed Master Social Work (LMSW) license in South Carolina. Ms. Kemmerlin made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to go into closed session in compliance with the state and federal laws to discuss Ms. Kemmerlin's application. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board came out of Closed Session.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Anker made a motion to approve Ms. Kemmerlin to move forward with her LMSW application. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **New Business**

**2019-2020 Travel Budget:** Ms. Koger, Board Administrator addressed the Board regarding the 2019-2020 Travel Budget.

**Travel Meetings:** The Board discussed the travel meetings.

- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2019 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 7-9, 2019, in Orlando, Florida

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion that Mr. Stephens attend the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2019 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 7-9, 2019, in Orlando, Florida as the delegate. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to accept the scholarship and approve Ms. Koger, Board Administrator to attend the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2019 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 7-9, 2019, in Orlando. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2020 Spring Education Conference, April 23-25, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Stephens made the following motion: Ms. Anker, Mr. Patrick, and Ms. Koger attend the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2020 Education Conference, April 23-25, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2020 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 19-21, 2020, in Scottsdale, Arizona

**Review List of New Licensees:** The Board reviewed the list of new licensees as information.

**Continuing Education Sponsorships for Approval:** The Board reviewed and discussed the continuing education sponsors.

**Discussion Topics**


**a. Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Annual Report:** The Board discussed the ASWB Annual Report.

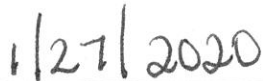
**2019 and 2020 Board Meeting Dates:** The Board reviewed the 2019 and 2020 Board Meeting Dates as information.

**Adjournment:**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 12:12 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

  
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Marlo Koger, Administrator  
S.C. Board of Social Work Examiners

  
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