

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**  
**Monday, September 21, 2020 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, President  
Jane Anker, Vice President  
Catherine M. Buchanan  
Jacqueline S. Lowe  
Harold T. "Pat" Patrick, Jr.  
D. Scott Stephens

**Absent Members - None**

**Staff Present**

Mary League, Advice Counsel  
Roselind Bailey-Glover, Board Administrator  
Jennifer O'Shields, Administrative Coordinator, SC Board of Nursing

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, and 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/not present*. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

In accordance with the Governor's directives regarding social distancing, the meeting will be held via teleconference. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone. The telephone number and access code are provided on the posted agenda.

*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, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Military Spouse Licensure Law Update**

Holly Beeson, LLR Office of Legislation and Governmental Affairs addressed the Board to make sure members were aware that the General Assembly passed an update to a 2014 law related to the spouses of military members and making it quicker and easier for them to get licensed. The Agency's homepage now contains a form which outlines the parameters for military spouse licensure under the caption "Military Spouse Expedited Licensure Information." Military spouses must have an active license in another state, pass a criminal background check and a license verification showing there's no discipline or on-going investigation on the current license in the other state. The license is intended to last throughout

the period of time that a military spouse is married to a member of the military who is located in South Carolina and subject to renewal. The goal is to issue a license to the military spouse within 15 days to get the licensee to work as quickly as possible to support the family.

**Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members: There were none.**

**Approval of the Minutes: June 15, 2020**

The June 15, 2020 minutes were not available for review, but will be available for review at the next board meeting. No motion was made.

**Chairman's Remarks**

Ms. Melton welcomed the new Board Administrator, Roselind Bailey-Glover. Ms. Melton also thanked Jennifer O'Shields from the Nursing Board for assisting with the board meeting Web Ex.

**Administrative Reports**

**Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report:** Ms. Angela Baldwin from the Office of Investigations (OIE) presented six (6) cases for dismissals, three (3) letters of caution and three (3) formal complaints for information only.

**Dismissal Cases: 6**

2019-37  
2019-41  
2019-46  
2019-51  
2019-53  
2020-2

**Letter of Caution Cases: 3**

2019-31  
2019-33  
2019-48

**Formal Complaint Cases: 3**

2019-32  
2019-44  
2020-25

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to accept the six (6) cases for dismissal, three (3) letters of caution and three (3) formal complaints as information. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**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:** Ms. Bailey-Glover, presented the financial report to the Board. The Board reviewed the report as information.

**Administrator's Remarks:** Ms. Bailey-Glover, Board Administrator addressed the Board. No motion made.

**Application Hearings:**

**Shante Butler:**

It was determined that a hearing was not needed for this applicant. No determination was made.

**Mary Lisa Jones-Lambert:** The purpose of this hearing is to determine if Ms. Jones-Lambert's request can be granted to sit for a master's level exam with a master's degree that is not in social work. Ms. Lambert testified on her own behalf.

Board members decided to review all applications at the end of the board meeting and let Ms. Lambert know she will receive a final written notice of the decision and if she disagreed with the decision of the board she has a right to appeal with the Administrative Law Court within 30 days. Ms. Lambert thanked the board.

**Lawana Roberts:**

The purpose of this hearing is to determine if Ms. Roberts should be allowed to continue the initial licensure process for licensure as a Licensed Master's Social Worker. Ms. Roberts has a "Yes" answer to question number 9 on the LMSW application for licensure regarding involuntary termination from social work or related employment. Ms. Roberts testified on her own behalf.

The board decided to review all applications at the end of the board meeting and let Ms. Roberts know she will receive a final written notice of the decision and if she disagreed with the decision of the board she has a right to appeal with the Administrative Law Court within 30 days. Ms. Roberts thanked the board.

**Robin Rollins:**

This hearing was held in closed session in compliance with state and federal confidentiality laws. Ms. Rollins applied for the LISW-CP credential, but she has not taken the exam.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to go into executive session to review the case and seek legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Rollins application. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Melton address Ms. Rollins and informed her that the Board will take her request under advisement later with advice counsel at the end of the hearings today. This concluded the closed session. Ms. Melton let Ms. Rollins know she will receive a final written notice of the decision and if she disagreed with the decision of the board she has a right to appeal with the Administrative Law Court within 30 days. Ms. Rollins thanked the board.

**Keemia Hurst Shaw:**

The purpose of this hearing is to determine if Ms. Shaw should be allowed to continue the initial application process as a licensed independent social worker with a "Yes" answer on her application. Ms. Shaw testified on her own behalf.

Ms. Melton let Ms. Shaw know she will receive a final written notice of the decision and if she disagreed with the decision of the board she has a right to appeal with the Administrative Law Court within 30 days. Ms. Shaw thanked the board.

**Request for Supervision Extension:**

Whitley Mann

The purpose of this hearing is to determine if Ms. Whitley Mann should be granted an extension of supervision. Ms. Mann testified on her own behalf. Ms. Melton let Ms. Mann know she will receive a final written notice of the decision and if she disagreed with the decision of the board she has a right to appeal with the Administrative Law Court within 30 days. Ms. Mann thanked the board.

The Board had not heard from the next application hearing candidate so they moved on to the next agenda item.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to go into executive session to decide the previous cases. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

**In the matter of Mary Lisa Jones-Lambert:**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Lowe made a motion to deny Ms. Lambert's request for the licensing examination as she does not have a social work degree from an accredited social work program as required by statute. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**In the matter of Ms. Lawana Roberts:**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Patrick made a motion to allow Ms. Roberts to move forward with the licensure process towards her LMSW degree or license. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**In the matter of Ms. Robin Rollins:**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to deny Ms. Rollins the ability to be able to have reciprocity in SC due to the fact that she has not passed the exams at this point and SC does not have an alternate pathway for licensure other than passing the examination. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**In the matter of Ms. Keemia Hurst Shaw:**

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

**In the matter of Ms. Whitley Mann:**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve Ms. Mann's request for an extension until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and that this would include approval for her request for retroactive supervision hours. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Application Hearing:**

**Matthew Joshua Turner:**

The purpose of this hearing is to determine if Mr. Turner should be allowed to continue the initial process for licensure a licensed independent social worker with a "Yes" answer to question number 4. Mr. Turner testified on his own behalf.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve Mr. Turner for a SC license pending the results of the background check. Then, if need be, he could be requested to return back to the Board. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed. Mr. Turner thanked the board.

**Continuing Education Sponsorships for Approval:** None were made.

**New Business**

**Travel/Teleconference Meetings:**

**Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2020 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 19-21, 2020:** Board members had a few questions about the virtual annual meeting. Whoever the delegate is for South Carolina, will be the one that will be able to vote on our behalf. Some discussion ensued. Ms. Lowe is running for office so she could not be a delegate. The meeting is actually two days and it's virtual.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve Ms. Buchanan to be the delegate at the ASWB Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed. Mr. Turner thanked the board.

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

**Review and Approval of Licensed Independent Social Work (LISW) CP/AP Application Forms:**

Ms. League briefed the board members about the draft Mr. Patrick put together and suggested the committee complete the update. The Administrator will coordinate a new committee meeting to finish the review.

**Public Comments:** None were made.

**2021 Board Meeting Dates:** For information only.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at **1:48 p.m.**

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Roselind Bailey-Glover, Administrator  
S.C. Board of Social Work Examiners

11/16/2020  
Date