

**SC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING**

**RESCHEDULED TO:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021
START TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

APPROVED MINUTES

Board Members Present

Lynn Melton, Chairperson
Jacqueline S. Lowe
Harold T. "Pat" Patrick, Jr.
D. Scott Stephens

Absent Members –

Catherine M. Buchanan, Vice Chair

Staff Present

Mary League, Advice Counsel
Megan Flannery, Advice Counsel
Roselind Bailey-Glover, Board Administrator
Wanda Peake, Administrative Coordinator, WebEx Host
Johnnie Rose, Administrative Coordinator, WebEx Co-Host
Tina Brown, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Shayla Hayes, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Renee Dukes, Office of Investigative Enforcement
Katherine Wilder, Office of Investigative Enforcement
Carla S Dominick, Creel, Court Reporter

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, Kingstree 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.

The meeting was held via teleconference. Members of the public attended by telephone. The telephone number and access code were 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.

Meeting Called to Order.....Ms. Lynn Melton, Chairperson

Ms. Melton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

MOTION: Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the absence of Ms. Catherine Buchanan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: Ms. Lowe made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of the September 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes from September 20, 2021 as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed

Chairman’s Remarks: Lynn Melton

Ms. Melton recognized Ms. Lowe for being chosen to participate in a very select group to develop a language for a compact and licensure transferability across the nation. No new information yet, but the board is honored by her participation.

Administrative Reports

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE Information)...Mark Sanders, Office of Investigations
Mr. Sanders was not available to report the OIE information. Ms. Glover let the board know that there were a total of 42 complaints received, 16 active investigations and 7 investigations that were closed. The IRC meetings will resume next month. OIE statistical report was provided as information only.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC Information)Mark Sanders, Office of Investigations
There was no IRC report presented

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC)..... Tina Brown, Disciplinary Counsel

Ms. Brown presented the ODC Report to the board as information only. There were 11 open cases. Of the 11 cases, 6 pending hearings and Agreements, 3 closed since the last report and 6 closed cases since 1/1/2021. There have been some shifting of to ODC department. We have a new Disciplinary Counsel member, Ms. Shayla Hayes who will be moving forward with the board on new cases as Ms. Brown transitions out. Ms. Hayes greeted the board and introduced herself.

Ms. League, Advice Counsel also stated that she too will be transitioning out and the boards new Advice Counsel will be Megan Flannery. Ms. Flannery greeted the board and introduced herself.

Ms. League clarified that the disciplinary case for today will be removed from today’s agenda, 2019-56. This is a continuance.

Ms. Melton thanked Ms. League and Ms. Brown for their service to the board.

Administrator’s Remarks.....Roselind Bailey-Glover

Finance Report: The Finance Report was presented by Ms. Bailey-Glover as information only.

CE Broker Weekly Report:

The CE Broker report was presented as information only. There are approximately 1,700 licensees registered.

CE Broker Audit Requirements and Date

Ms. League, informed the board members they were not required by statute to conduct a CE audit and with so few registered with CE Broker this year may not be the best year to do so. If the board wanted to, an audit can be conducted using a sample from the overall population.

Board members agreed to wait before conducting an audit. Ms. Glover stated that the Agency strongly recommends licensees participate with CE Broker to store CEs electronically and it's also a good way to obtain a 100% audit result if everyone signed up. Board members wanted to know what report CE Broker can could produce to audit those who have not meet the CE requirements. Ms. Glover will speak with CE Broker and revisit the question and report back to the board.

New Supervision Contract - Update

Ms. Glover stated the new contract is working well and applicants are using it. Working to put the form online to reduce the mailing in of forms. Mr. Patrick stated that when board members changed the language on the contract it changed a few things at the Department of Health and Human Services. For the next meeting, Mr. Patrick will draft a letter of explanation to DHHS for the board's approval.

Application Hearing: Quadasha D. McIlwaine

Ms. McIlwaine appeared before the board and provided testimony regarding her supervision hours.

MOTION: Mr. Stephens made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Lowe made a motion return to public session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve licensure by endorsement since Ms. McIlwaine met the LCSW North Carolina requirements. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Application Hearing: Lynndsee Stockton

Ms. Stockton appeared before the board and provided testimony regarding supervision hours without an approved supervision contract.

MOTION: Mr. Stephens made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Stephens made a motion return to public session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Lowe made a motion to deny the request since no contract was received or approved prior to obtaining supervision hours. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A written Order will be provided to Ms. Stockton. If she wishes to appeal the decision of the Board with the Administrative Law Court, she can do so within 30 days of receiving the Order.

30 MINUTE BREAK. RETURN 1:15 p.m.

Application Hearing: Wesiona D. Walker

This was a closed hearing in accordance with state and federal confidentiality laws. Ms. Walker appeared before the board and provided testimony.

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to go into closed session in compliance with state and federal confidentiality laws. The meeting was locked for the closed hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Stephens made a motion to allow the applicant to move forward with the application process. No Order will be issued. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion return to public session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Disciplinary Hearings

NFOH.MOA - Case #2019-56 - Closed Hearing.

Ms. Tina Brown, Disciplinary Counsel requested a continuance of this hearing for the next board meeting.

New Business

The Board reviewed the List of New Licensees as information only. Board members requested the city / county of the new licensees so that moving forward they know where in the state there is a need especially in the rural areas.

Continuing Education Sponsorships Approved – Information only

Board members want to know what location the live sessions are being held.

Ratification of CE Sponsorships - The board appointed member(s) approve or deny the CE Sponsor and then the Board members ratify the approvals as a formality.

MOTION: Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the CE Sponsors. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Board Attendee Report-Out: Conferences or Meetings Attended / Other

Mr. Stephens was not able to attend the ASWB meeting. No one attended the ASWB meeting.

Regulation Task Force Committee Members - Vote and Discussion 1st Meeting Date

Board members discussed the need to incorporate a more formal format for definitions in the regulations particularly with the new supervision contract since it is used to advise individuals where the LMSW can work during supervision.

Mr. Patrick stated that agencies like DHHS must have an approved contract with the board and with the definitions on the new contract that's no longer necessary. Although the feedback on the contract has been positive, the Regulatory Task Force would need to be formed with stake holders to formalize the process. What the board is proposing, potentially increases the LMSW options to be employed and supervised by a practitioner of the healing arts and professionals to do clinical work under supervision.

Board members decided to set up the Regulatory Task Force and meeting dates. The Administrator can reach out to Ms. Cara Sanner at the ASWB who previously appeared before the board and provided valuable insight on the new contract. February 2022 meeting dates for a WebEx will be provided to the board members at the next meeting. If board members think of another person to participate, contact Ms. Glover with the name and contact information.

Ms. Glover will reach out to the following individuals and report back to the board:

1. Ms. Sanner, ASWB.
2. Juliana Paylok, SC Executive Director of the NASW
3. Ms. Tamara Houston, President at the SC Clinical Social Work Society

Discussion Topics

1. LIMESTONE UniversityPamela D. Wash, Ph.D

a. Consideration for approval of substantial equivalence of Limestone College’s MSW program. Return with additional Accreditation Information

MOTION: Mr. Stephens made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion return to public session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Stephens made a motion to
The Master’s Social Work program is equivalent to the CSWE’s minimum standards and will be recognized for the 2021 graduates. Limestone University will immediately notify the Board Administrator, Ms. Glover once accreditation is added in May, 2022. If denied accreditation, Limestone would return to the board for further deliberation. The December 2021 graduates to December 2022 graduates approval continues until such time accreditation is added. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. 2022 Board Meeting Dates Approved- Vote

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve the meeting dates as provided. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Stephens stated that as a Public Member he was concerned about the continuance of his board term. He submitted his information but has not heard back. Ms. Melton, explained that board members have historically serve until replaced and that she has served since 2004. Ms. Glover will check with Ms. Collier regarding end of terms and report back to the board members.

Lunch (Time of Lunch will be at the discretion of the Board Chair)

Public Comments: There were none.

Adjournment: 3:21

MOTION: Mr. Stephens made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.