

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022
START TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

APPROVED MINUTES

Board Members Present

Lynn Melton, Chairperson
Catherine M. Buchanan, Vice Chair
Jacqueline S. Lowe
Harold T. "Pat" Patrick, Jr.

Absent Members

D. Scott Stephens

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
Mark Sanders, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Tina Brown, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Shayla Hayes, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Asia Sumter, RPP
Katherine Wilder, Office of Investigative Enforcement
Amanda Godfrey, 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*. 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 10:03 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members: D. Scott Stephens

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

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the November 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes from November 22, 2021 as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed

Chairman’s Remarks: Lynn Melton
There were none.

Administrative Reports

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE Information Only)

Mr. Mark Sanders from the Office of Investigations and Enforcement reviewed the Statistical Report. From November 9, 2021 to January 5, 2022 there were three (3) investigations. Two (2) were closed and there are a total of eleven (11) complaints.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC Recommendations) - Vote

Mr. Mark Sanders from the Office of Investigations and Enforcement reviewed the IRC report. There are two (2) cases that were submitted for the board’s approval or dismissal.

MOTION: Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve the IRC recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Status Report (ODC)

Shayla Hayes from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel reported on cases as of January 13, 2022. Ms. Hayes stated that there are currently eleven (11) cases in ODC. Seven (7) are pending hearings or agreements. Six (6) cases were closed in 2021.

Administrator’s Remarks

Finance Report: The Finance Report was presented by Ms. Bailey-Glover as information only and the monthly expenses by general ledger code. All questions for the finance department regarding the cash report should be forwarded to Ms. Bailey-Glover for research.

CE Broker Weekly Report:

Ms. Bailey-Glover reviewed the CE Broker report as information only. There are approximately 1,800 licensees registered. The Board was reminded that they are not required to conduct a CEU audit, however, if they choose to do so or if there are any questions about how to conduct an audit, she can address the matter with CE Broker at their next meeting.

New Supervision Contract - Update

Ms. Glover stated a customer had a specific question about the new supervision contract and directed the board to the licensee’s written request for information on page 20 of their materials. Mr. Patrick stated that he agreed with the customer’s concerns, stating further that anyone practicing clinical social work would be supervised by someone that’s considered a practitioner of the healing arts. It is also not necessarily true that government and other agencies have internal people that could provide clinical supervision. The standards created by the board apply to everyone and not just to the private sector that has taken on more public responsibilities.

Mr. Patrick stated it was not the board’s intent to dictate who supervises whom in any of the organizations, but that they have access to someone who is in that broader category of Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts.

Ms. Flannery reminded Board members of the Regulation Task Force item on the agenda and the need to make some changes to the regulations. Ms. Buchanan agreed the board would need to go back and look at the wording of the contract and come up with a response to the customer’s inquiry. Ms. Flannery stated the board expressed interest in wanting to review the definitions of an agency, the different types of agencies and other issues.

Statement of Economic Interest Reminder:

Ms. Bailey-Glover stated that the SEI process for 2022 will be done electronically. Board member names and home addresses were updated in the new system. Board members must access the new system and fill out their information by or before February 15, 2022. Also, take a look at the list of positions not required to complete the SEI.

Board Member Reappointments:

Ms. Bailey-Glover stated that the reappointment process is also being automated. All appointees are required to make sure and check your information on that list provided and your appointment. You are required to contract the Governor’s Office with an official letter and express your interest in wanting to continue as a Board member. Please copy the Board Administrator on your communication to the Governor’s Office of your interest in your board seat.

Application Hearing: Jeanette DeAngelo

Ms. DeAngelo appeared before the board with a request that the Board accept supervision hours completed with Ms. Broderick in 2019 to 2021 without an approved supervision contract on file. Ms. Broderick was present as a witness.

MOTION: Ms. Lowe 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. Buchanan made a motion to approve Ms. Deangelo’s request given her and her clinical supervisor’s testimony and the extenuating circumstances. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. Ms. Lowe opposed the motion. The motion carried with the majority.

Discussion:

Mr. Patrick let Ms. DeAngelo know that the decision of the Board came down to the strength and the experience of the supervisor having had a number of supervisees, knowing the process, and her willingness to appear before the board and provide testimony around the steps that were followed. The Board wanted Ms. DeAngelo to understand that it really is her responsibility to get a copy of an approved contract as she previously did with the first contract and to ensure the supervisor has a copy as well.

LUNCH BREAK: 11:34 – 12:35 P.M.

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to break for lunch. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board was called back to order: 12:35 p.m.

Disciplinary Hearing: NFOH.MOA Case #2017-33 & 2019-12 – CLOSED SESSION – Sealed Transcript

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to go into closed session as required by regulation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Flannery read the motion on behalf of Mr. Patrick. The Board accepts the MOA will issue a public reprimand with the following conditions: must remain compliant with RPP until successful completion as determined by RPP. RPP shall provide written reports documenting the progress to the Board. Respondent is unable to engage in private practice until successful completion of RPP. No Board appearance will be necessary as part of these conditions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A written Order will be provided to the respondent. If you wish to appeal the decision of the Board with the Administrative Law Court, please do so within 30 days of receiving the Order.

5 MINUTE BREAK.

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

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2nd Disciplinary Hearing: NFOH Case #2019-56 - CLOSED SESSION – Sealed Transcript

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to go into closed session as required by regulation for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Buchanan made a motion to accept the stipulation of facts, and find a violation of 40-63-110 (b) (15). The recommendation is suspension of the respondent's license until 12/31/2022, and that the respondent must submit documentation of successful completion of 40 CEUs to Board staff in accordance with the renewal requirements for this licensing cycle. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A written Order will be provided to the respondent. If you wish to appeal the decision of the Board with the Administrative Law Court, please do so within 30 days of receiving the Order.

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.

New Business

Draft Letter to SC-DHHS – Review and Vote

MOTION: Ms. Lowe made a motion go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchanan. 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. Patrick made a motion, after the board’s review, we accept the letter with the removal of the last paragraph on page 1, starting with “Concurrently”, so then, Concurrently Federal guidelines state that,” etcetera, etcetera. The remainder of that paragraph would be removed, and the first sentence would be shifted to the beginning of the paragraph above it. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Bailey-Glover will send out the letter once amended.

MOTION: Ms. Buchanan made a motion that after the letter is amended, the Board approves it and the Administrator will send it out. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Flannery will send the edited version to Ms. Bailey-Glover after the meeting.

Review List of New Licenses (11/11/2021 – 01/11/2022) Information Only

Continuing Education Sponsorships Approved – Information only

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.

Upcoming Travel Meetings:

ASWB 2022 Spring Education Conference – April 29-30, 2022, Chicago, Illinois – Vote on Attendees
No meeting details were available on the ASWB website. Ms. Lowe was interested but wanted to give others a chance to attend. The Board has the flexibility to send up to three board members. The Board will elect to send two (2) board members. After more information is provided by ASWB, it will be first come, first served. Ms. Milton asked Board members interested in attending to reach out to Ms. Bailey-Glover to let her know who’s interested since we don’t meet again until May 16, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve two (2) board members to attend the ASWB April 29-30, 2022 educational meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ASWB 2022 Annual Meeting of Delegate Assembly – November 18-19, 2022– Scottsdale, Arizona.

Vote on Attendees

Ms. Milton stated that since there is no meeting details available for this meeting, the board will wait until the next meeting, May 16, 2022, to vote on this one. This is a very important meeting and South Carolina should be represented as this meeting is where the by-law changes are made. Ms. Glover will make sure this meeting is placed back on the Agenda for the next meeting for a vote.

Regulation Task Force Committee Members – Vote and Discussion, 1st meeting date

Ms. Bailey-Glover reminded that board that at the last meeting she was asked to reach out to Ms. Cara Sanner with the ASWB, and she agreed to join the Task Force Committee. Ms. Sanner needs to know the date of the first meeting. Ms. Sanner is the Regulatory support Services Program Manager in the Virginia office for the ASWB. She is also going to provide the correct person to contract for the NASWB. The Board also provided the name Tamara Houston, with the SC Clinical Society, however there's a Tamara Houston-Robinson too. Ms. Bailey-Glover left a message with Tamara Houston-Robinson, but did not receive a response.

Mr. Patrick suggested the Board have a representative from the SC Clinical Social Work Society, two very different stake holders.

Ms. Flannery stated that the entire board would not participate on the Task Force Committee and the number must be less than the quorum. Some Board members should participate. Go ahead and appoint some people and pick a date and hopefully you can get other outside stakeholders involved. Ms. Flannery suggested Board members coordinate their schedules to get a first meeting date set up.

MOTION: Ms. Lowe made a motion to nominate two (2) board members, Mr. Patrick and Ms. Buchanan, for the Task Force Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2022 Election of Board Officers: Chair and Vice Chair – Vote

MOTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to nominate Ms. Catherine Buchanan as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Buchanan made a motion to nominate Ms. Lynn Milton as Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion Topics

1. 2022 Board Meeting Dates Remaining – Information Only

Ms. Milton stated that she sat in on a meeting with the SC Institute of Medicine and Public Health who conducted a study about the hot topic of the portability of licensure. Ms. Milton made an opening statement, but they did not have any questions for her. We are in line with the ASWB and the different levels of licensure and requirements. We did feel like it was important for people out of state wanting to come into South Carolina to register with our Board. They tabled the discussion and we'll be notified if anything else comes up.

Ms. Bailey-Glover stated that at the last meeting, Mr. Stephens mentioned the Board wanted to see how many individual licensees are in what cities or counties. Ms. Bailey-Glover was able to extrapolate the cities from the state database (see chart on page 292 of the board materials) and the total count of licensees who live and in South

Carolina was broken down by cities. Out of 6,400 licensees, there are 3,701 social workers who live in SC. However, where the licensee work is difficult to extract due to frequent job changes not reported to the board. Columbia has the largest population of social workers. The chart will be emailed to board members.

Public Comments: There were none.

Adjournment: 4:05 p.m.

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