

## MINUTES

### South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners WEBEX/TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 16, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

#### **Board Members Present**

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

#### **Absent Members**

Jacqueline S. Lowe

#### **Staff Members Present**

Holly Beeson, Communications and Governmental Affairs  
Katie Phillips, Communications and Governmental Affairs  
Megan Flannery, Advice Counsel  
Roselind Bailey-Glover, Board Administrator  
Mark Sanders, Office of Investigations  
Ervin Bond, Office of Investigations  
Catherine Wilder, Office of Investigations  
Pat Hanks, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Shaun Strother, 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, 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 WebEx/Teleconference.

*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. Melton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

#### **MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

**Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve the absence of Jacqueline Lowe. The motion passed.

**Approval of the Minutes - January 24, 2022**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve the January 24, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

**Chairperson's Remarks** – Lynn Melton

Chairperson Melton addressed the board regarding the resignation of board member Catherine Buchanan effective February 2022 and thanked her for her service as a valued member of the board with best wishes in her new endeavors.

**Legislative Update May 6, 2022:** Holly Beeson and Katie Phillips, Communications & Governmental Affairs

Katie Phillips addressed the board regarding the May 6, 2022 Legislative Update.

**Administrative Reports**

**Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE - Information Only)** - Mark Sanders and Ervin Bond

**Investigative Review Committee (IRC Information)** - Mark Sanders and Ervin Bond

Mr. Sanders presented the board with one (1) dismissal, one (1) formal complaint and two (2) letters of caution.

**Dismissal**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept the IRC recommendations for dismissal of case 2021-20. The motion passed.

**Formal Complaint**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve the IRC recommendations for the formal complaint of case 2022-2. The motion passed.

**Letters of Cautions**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board moved into executive session for advice from legal counsel regarding the letters of caution. The motion passed.

**Executive Session – Convened (No Votes Were Taken During This Time)**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board moved to come out of executive session and into public session. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve the IRC recommendations for the two (2) letters of caution for cases 2020-28 and 2020-37. The motion passed.

**Comfort Break – 5 minutes**

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC) - Pat Hanks**

Mr. Hanks addressed the board and provided the ODC Report. Informational purposes only.

**Administrator's Remarks - Roselind Bailey-Glover**

The Financial Cash Report, Monthly Expenses by GL Code, and CE Broker Monthly Report was presented by Ms. Bailey-Glover as information only.

1. Financial Cash Report as of April 30, 2022
2. Monthly Expenses by GL Code
3. CE Broker Monthly Report as of March 31, 2022

**Lunch Break**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve a break for lunch at 1:19 p.m. The motion passed

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to bring the meeting back to order in public session at 1:58 p.m. The motion passed

**Application Hearings**

1. **Scott Hookey**: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Mr. Hookey should be granted approval as a Licensed Mental Social Worker (LMSW) to work remotely from home with a North Carolina Agency, via telehealth providing services to at-risk veterans in South Carolina. Mr. Hookey appeared before the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board moved into executive session for advice from legal counsel regarding the request from Scott Hookey. The motion passed.

**Executive Session – Convened (No Votes Were Taken During This Time)**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board moved to come out of executive session into public session. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board voted unanimously in favor to allow legal counsel to read the motion. Ms. Flannery stated that the motion is to deny the request on the basis that the Board's interpretation of the existing statute requires that the LMSW have a South Carolina license to act as an agency supervisor. Furthermore, the legislature recently passed new legislation to allow for out-of-state practitioners to see South Carolina client with a registration. This legislation did not allow for the registrants to serve as a supervisor. This strengthens the Board's belief that the intent of the statute was to require a South Carolina supervisor.

2. **Alaina Kemp**: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Kemp should be granted approval of her supervision contract. Ms. Kemp appeared before the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board moved into executive session for advice from legal counsel regarding the request from Alaina Kemp. The motion passed.

**Executive Session – Convened (No Votes Were Taken During This Time)**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board moved to come out of executive session into public session. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept the contract for LISW supervision, and due to the extenuating circumstances allow the hours that were already accumulated be applied toward the LISW.

**Disciplinary Hearings - NONE**

**New Business**

1. **Review List of New Licensees (11/11/2021 – 01/11/2022) - Information Purposes Only.**
2. **Continuing Education Sponsorships Approved – The Board reviewed.**
  - a. Ratification of CE Sponsorships
3. **Ratification of CE Sponsorships – Approved (January 11, 2022 – May 11, 2022)**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept the four (4) CE Sponsorships. The motion passed

4. **Board Member Report-Outs – Conference / Meetings Attended from January 25, 2022 – May 15, 2022**
  - a. ASWB 2022 Spring Education Conference – April 29-30, 2022, Chicago, Illinois

The board had a brief discussion.

5. **Upcoming Travel Meetings**
  - a. ASWB 2022 Annual Meeting of Delegate Assembly – November 18-19, 2022, Scottsdale, Arizona. Reminder Attendees:

#### **MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve two (2) members to attend the ASWB 2022 Annual Meeting of Delegate Assembly. The motion passed.

6. **Regulation Task Force Committee Members**
  - a. **Vote**
  - b. **Discuss first meeting date**

After board discussion it was decided that the Regulations Task Force Committee Members Vote and Discussion on the first meeting date be postponed to the next upcoming board meeting being held September 19, 2022.

#### **Discussion Topics**

1. **2022 Board Meeting Dates Remaining - 9/19/2022 and 11/14/2022**
  - a. **Determine if remaining meetings will be WebEx or Onsite Meetings – Discussion and Vote**

The board discussed having Web-Ex, hybrid or inhouse meetings for the remainder of the year.

2. **2022 Election of Vice Chair – Replacement for Catherine Buchanan - Vote**

After board discussion it was decided that the 2022 Election of Vice Chair Vote for Replacement for Catherine Buchanan be postponed to the next upcoming board meeting being held September 19, 2022.

#### **Public Comments:**

There were no public comments presented.

#### **Adjournment:**

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Stephens moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.