

## MINUTES

### South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners

#### WEBEX/TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2022 – 10:10 a.m.

#### **Board Members Present**

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

#### **Absent Member**

D. Scott Stephens

#### **Staff Members Present**

Megan Flannery, Advice Counsel  
Pam Dunkin, Interim Administrator  
Tina L. Brown, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Sherrie Butterbaugh, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Tracy Solet, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Donnell Jennings, Office of Investigations  
Ervin Bond, Office of Investigations  
Catherine Wilder, Office of Investigations  
Johnnie Rose  
Shaun Strother

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*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 10:10 a.m.

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

#### **MOTION**

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

**Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve D. Scott Stephens absence. The motion passed.

**Approval of the Minutes – September 19, 2022**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve the September 19, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

**Chairperson’s Remarks** – Lynn Melton

Ms. Melton, Chairperson, addressed the board.

**Administrative Staff Reports**

Pam Dunkin, Interim Administrator addressed the board and provided the following: Administrator’s Reports/Remarks, Finance Reports, and CE Broker Report.

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

The OIE report was provided to the Board for Informational purposes only.

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

The board was presented with the IRC Reports.

**Dismissals**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept the IRC recommendations for dismissals of the eleven (11) cases. The motion passed.

**Letter of Caution**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve the IRC recommendations for the letter of caution. The motion passed.

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC) Report** – Tina Brown

Ms. Brown addressed the board and provided the ODC Report for Informational purposes only.

**Limestone University, Pamela D. Wash, Ph.D.: Request for Extension through August 2023 For the Limestone College Master Social Work (MSW) Program that was Granted Approval by the Board on November 22, 2021 for the time period of December 2021 through December 2022**

Dr. Pamela D. Wash addressed the board.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve the request of Limestone College to extend to August 2023. The motion passed.

**Application Hearings**

**a. Jason Cox:** The purpose of this hearing with to determine if Mr. Cox should be allowed to proceed in the initial licensure process for licensure as a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) in South Carolina. Mr. Cox was present and not represented by legal counsel.

**Closed Hearing for Jason Cox:** This was a closed hearing in accordance with the state and federal confidentiality laws.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor for a Closed Hearing. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve Mr. Cox to proceed with the application process. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to return to Open Session. The motion passed.

**b. Christine Caputo:** The purpose of this hearing with to determine if Ms. Caputo should be allowed to proceed in the initial licensure process for licensure as a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) in South Carolina. Ms. Caputo was present and not represented by legal counsel.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to go into Executive Session to receive legal counsel regarding Ms. Caputo's application. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to come out of Executive Session. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve Ms. Caputo to proceed with the application process. The motion passed.

**c. Morgan Gayle McKinney:** The purpose of this hearing with to determine if Ms. McKinney should be allowed to proceed in the initial licensure process for licensure as a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) in South Carolina. Ms. McKinney was present and not represented by legal counsel.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to go into Executive Session to receive legal counsel regarding Ms. McKinney’s application. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to return to Public Session. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve Ms. McKinney to proceed with the application process. The motion passed.

**d. Alexandria Chastain Turner:** The purpose of this hearing with to determine if Ms. Turner should be allowed to proceed in the initial licensure process for licensure as a Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW-CP) in South Carolina. Ms. Turner was present and not represented by legal counsel.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to go into Executive Session to receive legal counsel regarding Ms. Turner’s application. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Patrick, the board voted unanimously in favor to return to Public Session. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Patrick seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve Ms. Turner to sit for the exam once the updated final log of the full one hundred (100) hours of supervision has been received by the board. Also, the hours from 2021 have been accepted and will all be allowed to count toward supervision. The motion passed.

**Disciplinary Hearings - None**

**New Business**

**a. Review List of New Licensees (9/13/2022 – 10/31/2022)**

The board reviewed the list of New Licensees for informational purposes only.

**b. Ratification and Continuing Education Sponsorships Approved (9/13/2022 – 10/31/2022)**

The board reviewed the Continuing Education Sponsorships Approved for Information purposes only.

**c. Board Member Reports – Conference or Meetings Attended**

The board had a brief discussion.

**d. Upcoming Travel Meetings – Reminder of Attendees**

**1. Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2022 Annual Meeting of The Delegate Assembly, November 18-19, 2022, Scottsdale, Arizona**

The board had a brief discussion.

**Old Business**

**a. Update Regulation Task Force Committee Meeting Dates – Pam Dunkin**

Ms. Dunkin addressed the board.

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

No lunch was needed.

**Executive Session. If needed**

No Executive Session was needed.

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments presented.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION**

Mr. Patrick moved to adjourn and expressed that this was his last meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.