

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Monday, June 8, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Synergy Business Park - Kingstree Building

Upstate Conference Room

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

Board Members Present

Lynn Melton, Chairperson
D. Scott Stephens, Vice-Chair
Dell Lancaster
Jacqueline S. Lowe
Jeff Cameron
Alicia Nix

SCLLR Staff Members Present

Charlie Gwynne, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Sherrie Butterbaugh, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Yarikza Alexander, Office of Investigations
Theresa Brown, Health and Wellness Program Manager
Shaun Strother, Program Coordinator I

Present

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.

***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 10:00 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

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

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members: No Absentees.

Approval of the Minutes – March 9, 2026

Motion

On the motion of Ms. Lowe, seconded by Ms. Nix, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve the March 9, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Chair's Remarks – Lynn Melton

Ms. Melton did not have any remarks for the Board.

Legislative Update – Virginia Wetzel, LLR Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs

Without objection, the legislative update was deferred until the next board meeting.

Disciplinary Hearings - (Closed)

Motion

Ms. Lancaster made a motion to go into closed sessions for Case #2025-20 and #2025-11. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cameron and the motion passed.

a. Case# 2025-20 – SOF

b. Case# 2025-11 – SOF

Application Hearing: Keya Jest – (Closed)

Motion

On the motion of Ms. Lancaster, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to come out of closed session and reconvene in public session. The motion passed.

Administrative Reports

- a. Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Yarikza Alexander, Lead Investigator presented the OIE and statistical report to the board as information only.
- b. Investigative Review Conference (IRC) Report: Yarikza Alexander, Lead Investigator presented fourteen (14) cases for dismissal and two (2) letters of caution.

Motion

On the motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept the IRC recommendations for dismissal of the fourteen (14) cases. The motion passed.

Motion

On the motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept the IRC recommendations for the two (2) letters of caution. The motion passed.

- c. Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Sherrie Butterbaugh, presented the ODC report as information only to the board.

d. Board Executive Reports/Remarks: Theresa Brown

Ms. Brown presented the below reports as information only to the board.

- Finance Report (Information Only)
- CE Broker Report (Information Only)
- Review List of New Licensees (In-State and Out-of-State): 2/10/2026 – 5/27/2026 (Information Only)
- Review List of S.C. Licensees by County (In-State and Out-of-State) (Information Only)
- Review of Continuing Education Sponsorships Approved: 2/10/2026 – 5/27/2026 (Information Only)

New Business

a. Board Member Reports:

- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2026 Spring Education Conference: New Port, Rhode Island, April 17-18, 2026

Mr. Stephens provided the board with his takeaways from attending the conference.

b. Upcoming Travel Meetings: Discussion, Vote, and Attendees and Vote on Delegate Attendee

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2026 Annual Meeting of The Delegate Assembly, being held in Salt Lake City, Utah, November 6-7, 2026

Motion

On the motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Lowe, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve two (2) board members and one staff member to attend the ASWB Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly. Mr. Stephens will attend as the delegate.

c. Discussion and Vote: 2027 Board Meeting Dates

- March 8, 2027 – Monday
- June 7, 2027 – Monday
- September 13, 2027 – Monday
- December 6, 2027 – Monday

Motion

On the motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Lancaster, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve the 2027 board meeting dates. The motion passed.

Public Comments: No public comments were made.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.