

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 105
Columbia SC 29210

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 15, 2017

Board Members Present

Jane Anker, Vice-Chair
Cassandra Brunson, Member
Catherine Buchanan, Member
Harold Patrick, Jr., Member
D. Scott Stephens, Public Member

Absent Members

Lynn Melton, Chairperson
Jacqueline Lowe, Member

Staff Present

Mary League, Advice Counsel
Marlo Thomas-Koger, Administrator
Sheliah Jones, Board Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum of members was present.

Call to Order

Ms. Anker, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.. The meeting was held in Room 105 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Administrative Reports

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Love, Chief Investigator of Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented three (3) cases to the Board for dismissal.

IRC Recommendations

Case #:

- 2016-20
- 2016-21
- 2016-22

Motion: In open session, Ms. Brunson made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for dismissals. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anker and Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the statistical report as information.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve the January 23, 2017 meeting minutes – no corrections noted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brunson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Daniel Gourley, Esq., addressed the board.

Financial Report: The Board reviewed the financial report as information.

New Applicants for Licensure: The Board reviewed the list of new licensees as information.

Continuing Education Sponsorships for Approval

Mr. Thomas Witt, LMSW, Agape Hospice addressed the Board requesting approval to become a Continuing Education Provider and Approver for Agape Hospice.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Mr. Witt Continuing Education Sponsorship Approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens and Ms. Brunson made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion defer the final decision. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Establishment of a Committee: CE Provider Guidelines

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the establishment of a committee to review the continuing education approved provider guidelines. The committee will consist of the following members: Mr. Patrick, Ms. Buchanan and Ms. Lowe. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brunson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Application Hearings

Betsie Sweet, LBSW -Request for an Appeal of the Denial of Social Work License: The purpose of this hearing was to determine should Ms. Sweet be granted a appeal of the denial of a Social Work License. Ms. Sweet made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by counsel.

Eric Junious: The purpose of this hearing was to review Mr. Junious application for licensure. Mr. Junious made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by counsel.

Raymond Smith: The purpose of this hearing was to review Mr. Smith application for licensure. Mr. Smith made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Sweet, Mr. Junious and Mr. Smith's applications. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion that Ms. Sweet be approved for licensure in South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brunson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion that Mr. Junious be approved to sit for the exam. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brunson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion that Mr. Smith be approved to sit for the exam. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brunson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Disciplinary Hearings

Memorandum of Agreement

Case # 2015-12: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. Mr. Gourley, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Council presented the memorandum of agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Case #2015-12. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anker and Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Brunson made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Brunson made a motion to accept the memorandum of agreement with conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Formal Complaint

Case # 2014-33: The respondent did not make a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. Mr. Gourley, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Council presented the formal complaint to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Case #2014-33. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Brunson made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to accept the formal complaint. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Application Hearing

Altagracia Santana-Pichardo: The purpose of this hearing was to review Ms. Santana-Pichardo application for licensure via-telephone. Ms. Pichardo hearing is deferred until the next board meeting or special call meeting.

Discussion Topics

Committee Update #1: Ms. Buchanan addressed the Board with updates regarding the current Code of Ethics and Recommended Changes.

Committee Update #2: Ms. Buchanan and Ms. Lowe addressed the Board with updates on Research and Recommended Guidelines for Telepractice to Include Supervision.

Creating an Inactive Status When the Practice Act is Updated: The Board discussed creating an inactive status when the Practice Act is updated.

University of South Carolina – College of Social Work: Deferred to the next board meeting or special call meeting.

South Carolina School Pass or Fail Summary: The Board discussed the South Carolina Pass or Fail Summary.

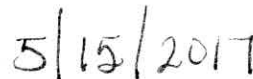
North America and South Carolina Pass Rates 2011-2016: The Board discussed the South North America and South Carolina Pass Rates 2011-2016.

Adjournment:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anker and Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m..



Marlo Koger, Administrator
S.C. Board of Social Work Examiners



Date