

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

**Monday, May 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Synergy Business Park in the Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 105
Columbia SC 29210**

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Lynn Melton, Chairperson
Jane Anker, Vice-Chair
Catherine Buchanan, Member
Jacqueline Lowe, Member
D. Scott Stephens, Public Member

Absent Members

Harold Patrick, Jr., Member

Staff Present

Mary League, Advice Counsel
Marlo Thomas-Koger, Board Administrator
Sheliah Jones, 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, or 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.*

Call to Order

Ms. Melton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.. The meeting was held in Room 105 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Legislative Update: Holly Beeson, Communication and Governmental Affairs addressed the board regarding the legislative updates.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve Mr. Patrick's absence. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to adjust the agenda as follows: Move item nine (9) Board Member Training to item three (3). The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Board Member Training: Power Point Presentation – OIE/ODC/OAC: Darra Coleman, Chief Advice Counsel LLR, Ashley Thompson, Office of Disciplinary Counsel and David Love, Office of Investigations and Enforcement addressed the board.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the January 28, 2019, meeting minutes – no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: David Love, Chief Investigator of Office of Investigations (OIE) presented two (2) cases for dismissals, one formal complaint and two (2) letters of caution.

Dismissal Cases:

2018-40

2019-11

Formal Complaint Case:

2018-34

Letter of Caution Cases:

2018-31

2018-38

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve the two (2) cases for dismissal, one formal complaint and two (2) letters of caution. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Statistical Report as information.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC): Ashley Thompson, Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) presented the ODC report to the Board. The Board reviewed the report as information.

Finance Report: Ms. Koger, Board Administrator presented the financial report to the Board. The Board reviewed the report as information.

Administrator's Remarks: Ms. Koger, Board Administrator addressed the Board.

Application Hearing

2019-2020 Renewal

Louise Stepp: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Stepp should be granted renewal of licensure in South Carolina. Ms. Stepp made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Stepp's 2019-2020 renewal application. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to allow Ms. Stepp to move forward with her 2019-2020 renewal application. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Disciplinary Hearing

Memorandum of Agreement/Stipulation of Facts

Case# 2015-33: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Dione Carrol, Esquire. Ashley Thompson, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented Case# 2015-33 to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Lowe made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Case# 2015-33. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to accept the memorandum of agreement and dismiss with a letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Request for Telephonic Practice and Supervision – Disha Benn-Peay (Conference Call)

- Telephonic Social Work Practice Under Clinical and Advanced Supervision
- Supervision – Acquiring 3000 Hours Verses 6000 Hours

Disha Benn-Peay: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Benn-Peay's request should be granted. Ms. Benn-Peay made a appearance before the Board via telephone and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Lowe made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Benn-Peay's request. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Anker 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, Ms. Lowe made a motion to reject Ms. Benn-Peay's request. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed.

New Business

2019-2020 Travel Budget: Ms. Koger, Board Administrator addressed the Board regarding the 2019-2020 Travel Budget.

Travel Meetings: The Board discussed the travel meetings.

- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2019 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 7-9, 2019, in Orlando, Florida

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion that Ms. Lowe and Mr. Stephens attend the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2019 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 7-9, 2019, in Orlando, Florida. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Stephens. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2020 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 19-21, 2020, in Scottsdale, Arizona
- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2020 Education Conference, April 24-25, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion that three (3) people to include Ms. Anker and the Board Administrator attend the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2020 Education Conference, April 24-25, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Review List of New Licensees: The Board reviewed the list of new licensees as information.

Continuing Education Sponsorships for Approval: The Board discussed the continuing education sponsors.

Discussion Topics

Discussion and Action: Delegation of Authority to Board Chair to Issue Cease and Desist for Unlicensed Practice (Advice Counsel): The Board discussed the Delegation of Authority to Board Chair to Issue Cease and Desist orders for unlicensed practice.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve delegation of authority to the board chair to issue cease and desist orders for advice counsel with finality. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

University of South Carolina Presentation: The Board reviewed the presentation packet prepared by the University of South Carolina College of Social Work.

Discussion and Recommendation of Guidance of Telemental Health:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to accept the recommendations of the committee that is in regards to the proposed, "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ's). The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion and Recommendation of Guidance of Telemental Health Supervision:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to accept the recommendations of the committee allowing supervision electronically as long as it meets the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) guidelines and is done in accordance with Ethics. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Review of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics: The Board discussed the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics.

Scope of Practice – Hypnosis:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion that hypnosis is within the scope of practice of a social worker with a certification. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Update on Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2019 Spring Education Conference, April 11-13, 2019, in Arlington, Virginia: The Board discussed the Association of Social Work Boards 2019 Spring Education Conference.

2019 and 2020 Board Meeting Dates: The Board reviewed the 2019 and 2020 Board Meeting Dates as information.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Lowe made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 2:48 p.m.. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

9/16/19
Date