

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 25, 2017

Board Members Present

Lynn Melton, Chairperson
Jane Anker, Vice-Chair
Cassandra Brunson, Member
Catherine Buchanan, Member
Jacqueline Lowe, Member
Harold Patrick, Jr., Member
D. Scott Stephens, Public Member

Absent Members

None

Staff Present

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

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105 at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210 and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum of members was present.

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 9:00 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.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

In open session, Ms. Melton noted that all Board members were present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Ms. Melton, Chairperson recommended an adjustment to the agenda as follows: Disciplinary Hearing moved to item #8 and Regulatory Review Pursuant to Executive Order 2017-9 to item #7.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the agenda with the adjustments. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Stephens, Ms. Melton and Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 meeting minutes – no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Administrative Reports

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Love, Chief Investigator of Office of Investigations and Enforcement and Mr. Flohr presented four (4) cases to the Board for dismissal.

IRC Recommendations

Case #:

- 2017-6
- 2017-10
- 2017-12
- 2017-14

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

The Board reviewed the statistical report as information.

The Board reviewed the finance report as information.

Upcoming Meetings

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion that Ms. Melton and Ms. Anker attend the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Annual Meeting, November 16-18, 2017 (Atlanta, GA) as delegates. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Application Hearings

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to go into closed session in compliance with the state and federal confidentiality laws to discuss Mr. Crumpler's application. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Brunson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board came out of Closed Session. Mr. Crumpler was granted licensure in South Carolina.

Regulatory Review Pursuant to Executive Order 2017-9

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion as follows in regards to the Regulatory Review pursuant to Executive Order 2017-9: repealing 110-2 as it is not any longer relevant, amending Regulation 110-20 for amendment to update the Code of Ethics in conformance with current standards, and finds that Regulations 110-1 and 110-10 are suitable as currently written. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Disciplinary Hearing

Notice of Hearing

Case # 2015-9: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by legal counsel. Mr. Gourley, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented **Case #2015-9** to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding **Case #2015-9**. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Brunson. 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 Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion that the statutory and regulation violations occurred, and imposed the following sanctions: a public reprimand, a fine of \$1000.00 in total for the violations found, which must be paid before the license can be reinstated. The license is suspended for a period of five years from the date of the order. Will not be eligible for reinstatement of the license for a period of five years from the date of the order. If applies for reinstatement, would need to appear before the Board for determination of the request for reinstatement, and must take a graduate level ethics course and provide proof of successful completion to be eligible for reinstatement. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Continuing Education Sponsorships for Approval

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion regarding the Agape application as follows: Blanket approval and that the continuing education (CE) would be approved and will need to submit a application for each course. However, they could offer that course once approved as often as they wanted within two years without additional approval. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2018 Board Meeting Dates: The Board reviewed the 2018 Board Meeting Dates as information.

Discussion Topics

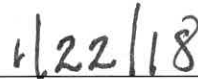
- a. **Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Exam Topics:** The Board discussed the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) exam topics.
- b. **National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Revised Code of Ethics:** The Board discussed the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) revised Code of Ethics.
- c. **Board Order – ALC:** The Board discussed the ALC board order.

Adjournment:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Anker. All were in favor and the motion passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m..



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



Date