

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 22, 2018

Board Members Present

Lynn Melton, Chairperson
Jane Anker, Vice-Chair
Catherine Buchanan, Member
Jacqueline Lowe, Member
Harold Patrick, Jr., Member

Absent Members

Cassandra Brunson, Member
D. Scott Stephens, Public 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 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, 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 9:00 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:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Anker made a motion to approve Ms. Brunson and Mr. Stephens absence. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Buchanan.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve the September 25, 2017 meeting minutes – no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. 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 presented to the Board.

IRC Recommendations

Dismissals - Case #:

- 2017-1
- 2017-19
- 2017-20
- 2017-22
- 2017-23
- 2017-39

Formal Complaint - Case #:

- 2017-8

Letters of Caution - Case #:

- 2017-11
- 2017-21
- 2017-34

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for dismissals, the formal complaint and 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.

The Board reviewed the Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC) as information.

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

The Board reviewed the list of new licensees list as information.

2017-2018 Fiscal Travel Budget and 2018 New Mileage Rate:

Ms. Koger, Board Administrator addressed the board regarding the budget and 2018 new mileage rate.

Upcoming Meetings – Association of Social Work Board (ASWB) Regulator’s Spring Meeting in Nova Scotia

The Board discussed that Mr. Patrick, Ms. Lowe and Ms. Anker will attend the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Regulator’s Spring Meeting in Nova Scotia.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Anker made a motion that three (3) slots are made available for the spring meeting pending the director’s approval. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ethics Commission: The Board discussed the ethics commission and deadline to file March 30, 2018.

The Board discussed Continuing Education (CE) Broker.

Continuing Education Sponsor Approval Process

Melissa Engel, Provost of LTC/Agape University, Sara Middleton, and Thomas Witt, Agape, LTC Health Care Solutions addressed the Board regarding the continuing education sponsor approval process.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Lowe made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the continuing education sponsor approval process for Agape, LTC Health Care Solutions. The motion was seconded and approved 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. 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.

Ms. Melton, Chairperson approved Agape, LTC Health Care Solutions.

Motion for Reconsideration of Prior Board Order

Kenneth Simmons: The purpose of this hearing was for reconsideration of Mr. Simmons prior Board Order. Mr. Simmons made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Attorney Derrick E. Mobley.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Mr. Simmons reconsideration of his prior board order. 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 Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Lowe made a motion to grant Mr. Simmons reconsideration with conditions. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Release from Scope of Practice Restriction

Darlana Fiehtsam: The purpose of this hearing was for release of Ms. Fiehtsam's Scope of Practice Restriction. Ms. Fiehtsam 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. Fiehtsam release from Scope of Practice Restriction. 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, Mr. Patrick 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 grant Ms. Fiehtsam's release from the scope of practice restriction with conditions. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick and Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Application Hearings

Lisa Serri: The purpose of this hearing was to review Ms. Serri application for licensure. Ms. Serri did not make a personal appearance before the Board.

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

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

Discussion Topics

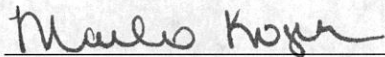
- a. **Board Order – South Carolina Supreme Court Ruling:** The Board discussed the South Carolina Supreme Court Ruling.
- b. **November 2017 Delegates Meeting Update:** The Board discussed the Delegates Meeting held November 15-17, 2017.
- c. **Election of 2018 Board Officers:**

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to nominate Ms. Anker to serve as Vice-President. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

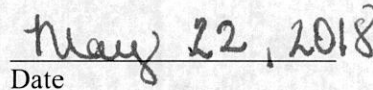
Motion: In open session, Ms. Anker made a motion to nominate Ms. Melton to serve as President. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.



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


Date