

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108
Columbia SC 29210

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 15, 2018

Board Members Present

Lynn Melton, Chairperson
Jane Anker, Vice-Chair
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 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 9:03 a.m.. The meeting was held in Room 108 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members: No Absences.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the agenda with the following adjustments: Under Item 8. New Business to move 8(a), 8(b), part of (c) and (e) under Item 5 as well as 10(b) and 10(c) to follow. 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 May 21, 2018, 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 the OIE report to the Board.

IRC Recommendations

Dismissal - Cases #:

- 2014-35
- 2017-27
- 2018-3
- 2018-5
- 2018-7
- 2018-8

Dismiss – Cease and Desist - Case #:

- 2017-37

Formal Complaint - Case #:

- 2017-33

Letter of Caution - Cases #:

- 2018-2
- 2018-10

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for dismissals, dismissal with cease and desist, 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.

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

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

New Business

a. Vote on Regulations to be Repealed: The Board discussed the regulations.

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

b. 2018-2019 Travel Budget: Ms. Koger, Board Administrator addressed the board regarding the travel budget.

c. Upcoming Travel Meetings: The Board discussed the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 15-17, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas and the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2019 Spring Education Conference, April 11-13, 2019 meetings.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion that the following board members will attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 15-17, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas: Ms. Lowe and Mr. Stephens. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchanan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Lowe made a motion that the following board members will attend the ASWB 2019 Spring Conference, April 11-13, 2019: Mr. Stephens, Mr. Patrick, Ms. Anker and Ms. Buchanan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board discussed the upcoming 2018 renewals.

Discussion Topics

b. Continuing Education (CE) Hours Needed for New Licensees: The Board discussed continuing education.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made the following motion: The board will accept graduate level courses pre-licensure if they occurred in the two (2) year period prior to or during that two (2) year licensing period. The training that meets continuing education guidelines and parameters will also be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c. Discuss Potential Regulation Regarding Continuing Education (CE's): The Board discussed the regulations.

Application Hearings

Mattie Williams: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Williams could be granted licensure in South Carolina. Ms. Williams made a personal appearance before the Board via teleconference and was not represented by legal counsel. **(Closed Session)**

The Board came out of Closed Session.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Buchanan made a motion to grant Ms. Williams licensure in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Warren Phillips: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Mr. Phillips could be granted licensure in South Carolina. Mr. Phillips made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. **(Closed Session)**

The Board came out of Closed Session.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Patrick made a motion to grant Mr. Phillips licensure in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Lowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Disciplinary Hearing

Memorandum of Agreement: Case #2018-28 (Closed Session)

The Board came out of Closed Session.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stephens made a motion to accept Case #2018-28. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Patrick. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion Topics

- a. **Tele-mental Health Presentation:** Ms. Tracy Lanners made a presentation before the board regarding tele-mental health.

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

Discussion Topics

- d. **Update on Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Education Meeting in Nova Scotia and appointment of Jacqueline Lowe as Chair of the Regulation and Standards Committee for 2018:** The Board discussed Nova Scotia and Ms. Lowe's appointment.

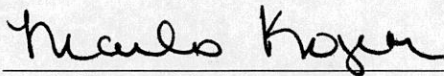
New Business

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

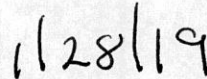
2019 and 2020 Board Meeting Dates: The Board reviewed the 2019 and 2020 Board Meeting Dates as information.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Ms. Melton at 2:44 p.m..



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



Date