



# Arkansas Department of Health

## Social Work Licensing Board

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### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2022

#### CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, December 12, 2022, at the Social Work Licensing Board, 5800 West 10<sup>th</sup>, Little Rock, AR 72204. Tammy Charlton, LMSW, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order and read the Mission Statement.

**Board Members Present:** Elizabeth Crone, LCSW  
Tammy Vaughn, LMSW  
Shani Patterson, LSW  
Dr. Raymond Molden, Psychiatrist  
Tammy Charlton, LMSW  
Vorandol Stinyard, Senior Representative  
Susan Reasoner, LCSW  
Betty Guhman, Public Representative  
Kristin Agar, LCSW

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Board's Attorney:** Absent

**Board's Staff:** Ruthie Bain, Director  
Chere' Johnson, Administrative Specialist III

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the November 14, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Shani Patterson, LSW, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

#### COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Complaint 2023-06 – Pending

Complaint 2023-08 – After full review by the Complaint Committee, the Committee recommended the complaint be dismissed. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Shani Patterson, LSW seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint 2023-09 – Pending

Complaint 2023-10 – Pending

Complaint 2023-11 – The complaint was determined to be a personnel matter and not a violation of the Board's Laws or Rules and was dismissed.

Complaint 2023-12 - After full review by the Complaint Committee, the Committee recommended the complaint be dismissed. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Shani Patterson, LSW seconded the motion, which carried.

Complaint 2023-13 – Pending

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review Consent Agreement 2022-12:**

Robert Irby, Jr., entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board on June 13, 2022. The Consent Order was for 6 months of probation and a requirement to submit proof of 6 continuing education hours on Documentation/Recordkeeping. Mr. Irby met the terms of his Consent Agreement. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to accept his documentation and release Mr. Irby from probation effective December 13, 2022. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, seconded the motion which carried.

**Update From Disciplinary Matrix Committee:**

Progress is being made on what the committee is calling Phase One. We have a Phase Two and Phase Three aligned. A Committee Meeting date of January 13, 2023 at 10:00 am was set.

**Discussion of Possible Rule Changes:**

Board Members we given a copy of the current Rules and requested to review them for possible changes to be updated or made. Discussion will continue at the January meeting.

**Review of Standing Financial Reports:**

Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, Revenue Reconciliation Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from November 2022. Vorandol Stinyard made a motion to accept the reports as presented with one correction. Betty Guhman seconded the motion, which carried. The correction was emailed to the Board Secretary the same day.

**Action Taken on Applications:**

Board Director, Ruthie Bain, gave a report on the number of applications and renewals approved by the Board's staff. Staff reviewed and approved 40 applications for license and 131 applications for license renewal Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure. New Applications are listed below.

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**LSW Applications:**

**Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:**

Holly Nace

**Approved to take the Exam:**

Susan Elizabeth Vance

**Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:**

None

**Denied or Withdrawn Applications:**

None

**LMSW Applications:**

**Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:**

Destiny Marie Adams  
Quiana Michelle Brown

Ashley V Andrade  
Marcus Mullins, Jr.

LaCretia Brazzleton

**Approved to take the Exam:**

Ivory Vonshay Crockett  
Curtis W Watts

Melissa Gregory

Serena Ambra McCarty

**Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:**

Shawn Edward Mitchell  
Mary Elizabeth White

Lindsey Roberts

Ebonye Walton

**Denied or Withdrawn Applications:**

None

**LCSW Applications:**

**Approved to take Examination:**

Jordan Baker  
Kayle Jean Feather  
Anna Josephine Johnson  
Nicole Marie Tougaw Plummer  
Jason Edward Thompson

Ambra Michelle Bruce  
Sherry Lynn Fulmer  
Cynthia Jones  
Nicole Potts  
MyKala Renae Wallace

Stephen Ray Evans  
Shonica Shantrell Gentle  
Rachael Marx  
Catherine Rievert

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**Approved for Licensure through Endorsement:**

Christy Lynn Ainsworth  
Kathryn Burns  
Christina Trammell Howell  
Jennie Oberkrom

Brandi Hamilton Anthony  
Melissa Noel Cochran  
Catherine Lathrop  
Jeanie Ray Shade

Leslie Allyn Birdwhistell  
Cynthia A Fouse  
Cimberleigh McLean

**Denied or Withdrawn Applications:**

None

Kristin Agar, LCSW, seconded the motion on applications and renewals, which carried.

**Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:**

The Board reviewed 15 random continuing education audits. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, made a motion to approve all 15 of the audits. Tammy Vaughn, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Supervision Plan Reviews:**

The Board reviewed 51 supervision plans. Kristin Agar, LCSW, made a motion to show 50 of the supervision plans reviewed. Susan Reasoner, LCSW, seconded the motion, which carried. One plan is pending clarification of the goals.

One Supervision Plan was received 14 months after the beginning date of supervision. The Board reviewed the plan and the email correspondence. Shani Patterson made a motion to notify the LMSW that what the acceptable beginning date of supervision would be, which is 60-days from the date the plan was received. The motion also included notifying the LMSW she could present a request to the Board for reconsideration if she could include extensive proof that her supervision occurred. Tammy Charlton, LMSW, seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Certificate of Registrations:**

The Board reviewed one (1) Certificate of Registration renewal. Shani Patterson, LSW, made a motion to approve the renewal. Vorandol Stinyard seconded the motion, which carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Fall Delegate Assembly:**

Elizabeth Crone, LCSW, and Ruthie Bain, Director attended the Social Work Association Board's Fall Delegate meeting. Ms. Crone and Ms. Bain reported to the Board information and topics discussed.

**Update on Compact:**

Ruthie Bain, Director, reported that as of December 9, 2022, the proposed social work compact was still in the draft process.

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**Other:**

The Board reviewed several questions that have been received regarding social workers adopting or fostering children that have been under their care or a client of the agency they worked for. The Board cannot give advice on these situations but directs the social worker to carefully review the Code and Rules of the Board, especially Rule X. Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice: 4. Dual Relationships.

There being no other business, Raymond Molden made a motion to adjourn. Betty Guhman seconded the motion, which carried.

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