

TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE MINUTES

DATE: May 12, 2022
TIME: 9:00 a.m. CDT
LOCATION: Iris Room, Ground Floor
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Ashley Childers, Chairman
Tara Watson, Secretary
Ann-Marie Buchanan
Rachel Horton
Robert Zylstra
Kenya Anderson

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Jennifer Williams
Patti Ashlock
Karen A. Armstrong
Kenneth White
Kimberly Mallory

STAFF PRESENT: Leandra Houston, Board Administrator
Diana Hunley, Unit Director
Nathaniel Flinchbaugh, Assistant General Counsel

Mrs. Childers, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was present. Ashley opened the meeting addressing concerns administrative woes and the board's backlog of applications.

Minutes

The minutes from the February 24, 2021, meeting was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Zylstra, seconded by Mrs. Anderson. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

A OIV representative informed/updated the board of pending changes that were occurring in the Office of Investigations.

Office of General Counsel

Mr. Flinchbaugh reminded the Board of the conflict-of-interest policy and the open meetings act.

Mr. Flinchbaugh stated that there were currently eleven (7) open cases in the office of general counsel, two (2) matters ready for review:

Brian Silverthorn, L.C.S.W. 4070

Facts: The State would present evidence that Respondent provided services to J.R. The State would present evidence that during a session in February 2020, J.R. recorded acknowledgments by Respondent that J.R. performed Reiki on Respondent, Respondent and J.R. were friends on Facebook and instant messaging, receiving magic mushrooms and Lortab from J.R., among other alleged violations. Motion made to accept was made by Mr. Zylstra and seconded by Ms. Buchanan. Motion carries.

Rabideau, Carol, L.C.S.W. 694

Facts: Respondent practiced four (4) years beyond the two (2) month grace period. Motion made to accept was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion carries.

Valerie Hayden, L.B.S.W. 695

Motion made to accept Order of Compliance was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Watson. Motion carries.

Mr. Flinchbaugh advised the Board that the Rule rewrite is in effect and the Fee reductions will go into affected June 6, 2022. He announced that he will not be the Board Attorney, due to accepting a new position, and he is working on the Social Worker Compact committee.

Administrative Report

Mrs. Houston stated that as of February 23, 2022, there were 522 Licensed Baccalaureate Social Workers; 3251 Licensed Master Social Workers; 245 Licensed Advanced Practice Social Workers; and 3352 Licensed Clinical Social Workers.

Upcoming Social Work Board meetings:

08/04/2022 - Iris room

11/17/2022 - Poplar

Review, approve/deny application files

D. Brooks requested the Board to grant her an LCSW license, despite not taking the ASWB exam. She took a California state exam instead. Ms. Buchanan made a motion to approve her license, seconded by Mrs. Watson. Motion carried.

Review, approve/deny and ratify new licensure files

Upon review Ms. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zylstra, to approve the following LBSW applicants for licensure:

**Chesser, Torrie
Mathis, Melissa
Self, Alison**

The motion carried.

Upon review Mrs. Watson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zylstra, to approve the following LMSW applicants for licensure:

**Andrade, Katherine
Ashby, Naadzama
Atia, Madlein
Buchanan, Katessa
Butcher, Christa
Darrow, Olivia
Debardeleben, Alexis
Gamble, Robin
Gibson, Danielle
Gibson, Shawn
Giles, Monique
Gonzalez, Brittany
Gray, Chelsea
Hall, Taylor
Harville, Judy
Haslag, Molly
Nusbaum, Chloe
Owen, Lee
Pafford, Benjamin
Perry, Katharine
Preston, Kandra
Martin, Ricki
Riggs, Vanessa
Ruffin, Tytiauna
Shakir, Teresa
Shapiro, Beth
Shaw, Anika**

**Hausin, Rachel
Hearn, Mary
Hisle, Joda
Hixson, Kandace
Holt, Hannah
Hoss, Desarei
Hurston, Angela
Kee, Ashley
Knorr, Courtney
Lucas, Angelica
Lucas, Catherine
Mcculley, Jennifer
Moore, Lee
Morrow, Lori
Nash, Olivia
Nichols, Amanda
Shaw, Shamiya
Shriner, Jessica
Smith, Shannon
Van Wagner, Taylor
Vann-Ray, Veronica
Varela, Daniel
Wallace, Jaclyn
Weinberg, Steven
Westfall, Virginia
Williams, Hailey
Wright, Alicia**

The motion carried.

Upon review Ms. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Watson, to approve the following LCSW applicants for licensure:

Alvarez, Staci
Arfons, Micah
Atlas, Brittney
Badger, Kelley
Balzer, Jessica
Barron, Gwenett
Baez, Victoria
Blair, Tiffany
Blasing, Ellen
Brandon, Alyssa
Britton, Rachel
Browder III, James
Brown, Melissa
Byrd, Molly
Chandra, Shivani
Clark, Samantha
Denino, Anna
Feghaly, Hannah
Foster, Leisha
Franklin, Kelsay
Franklin, Lekichia
Greaf, Caitlin
Hanneken, Julia
Haynes, Tanisha
Hereford, Tierra
Hill, Emily
Jakovenko, Katelyn
Jencyk, Briana

Johansen, Kaitlyn
Jordan, Whitney
Kamens, Alyssa
Kenny, Erin
Loggie, Denise
Matheny, Ja-Kay
May, Hannah
Mccartt, Jacqueline
Millsaps, Mary
Newman, Tanahia
Paul, Jacqueline
Phillips, Mary
Pullium, Stephanie
Richardson, Shaina
Rowland, Latierra
Ruff, Sarah
Schultz, Caitlyn
Spurgeon, Melanie
Tanenbaum, Laura
Tolliver, Shannon
Townsend, Cora
Treesh, Rikki
Tucker, Victoria
Tyler, Brittany
Whetstone, Haley
Yarbrough, Whitney
Yates, Lillian

The motion carried

Approve LCSW applicants to sit for written exam

Upon review of the initially approved, Ms. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zylstra, to approve the following LCSW applicants to sit for the written exam.

Agbiak-Para, Ann
Black, Beth
Boley, Elizabeth
Burbidge, Jill
Craig, Rachel
Cromer, Coralotta
Crow, Shandie
Davis, Leslie
Grant, Mary
Halbert, Keri
Hayes, Christian
Hill, Emily
Hillsman, Tiffany
Holihan, Elizabeth
Hopson, Tricia
Ivey, Tawanna
Johnson, Stephanie
Jones, Chandra
Lira, Carolina
Mays, Chivone
Peterson, Hannah
Polk-Howard, Temesha
Roberson, Juanita
Smith, Bailey
Smith, Patricia
Suttle, Keia
Yarbro, Kimberly

The motion carried

Approve/deny reinstatement applications.

Upon review Mr. Zylstra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buchanan, to approve the following LMSW reinstated license:

Fedore, Kara- LMSW
Thomas, Sharena- LMSW
Whetstone, Haley- LMSW

The motion carried.

Presentation:

Misty Lynch, Executive Director of TN Suicide Prevention Network, presented the Board with legislation changes and advised the board of wanting to collaboratively move forward in the future. The board discussed that the suicide training CEU certificates will have to be by a legit approved association, have the number of hours listed, and license number.

Correspondence:

K. Franklin sent correspondence regarding the possibilities of using the carryover balance to address staffing, which Mr. Flinchbaugh stated that the Board can not do. Concerning application processing, Mrs. Anderson made a motion to rescind the 30-day policy (which states an application will be reviewed of an application is submitted 30-day prior to the upcoming board meeting), seconded by Mrs. Watson. Motion carried.

Other Board Business

- A. CE Broker and ASWB representative will make a presentation at the August 4th meeting pertaining to CEU options for applicants.
- B. The Board proposed to have an hourly consultant position to help review exam approval files. Mrs. Hunley will investigate the State's allowance.
- C. Ms. Buchanan made a motion to hold off on implanting the plan until a proper training module & the Board's backlog is cleared, seconded by Mr. Zylstra. Motion carried.
- D. Leandra proposed a meeting on June 30th for ratification purposes only and for CEU Audit reviews after Board Meetings. The Board agreed.
- E. Ms. Buchanan made a motion to give current supervisor until December 31, 2023, to gain the 6 additional hours to meet the new 12 CEU hour requirement for current supervisors as listed in the rules, seconded by Mr. Zylstra. Motion carried.
- F. C. Earley spoke to the Board regarding volunteering to help the administration with the backlog and get an update on her application. She met with Mrs. Houston after the meeting about her application.
- G. 25% Face-to-face supervision: Supervision under a provider not licensed in Tennessee must meet the TN Supervisor qualifications listed in the Rules.
- H. Mrs. Lawrence, Unit 1 Director, proposed to have the files reviewed in a team cloud account for the initial exam approval of the LCSW and LAPSW file reviews. Mr. Zylstra made a motion to delete the ratification for exam approval. So once the file is approved by the consultant, the administrative staff can move forward with registering and notifying the applicants about exam approval. The names will still be ratified at the following board meeting. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Watson. Motion carried.

Motion was made at 11:19 AM/CST to adjourn by Mr. Zylstra seconded by Ms. Buchanan.

Ratified by the Tennessee Board of Social Workers August 4, 2022.