



## **Tennessee Board of Social Worker Licensure Meeting**

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

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### **MINUTES**

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The Board meeting of the Tennessee Board of Social Worker Licensure was called to order at 9:55 a.m. in the Iris Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Ashley Childers, Board President on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Board members present: Ashley Childers, LCSW, Board President  
Kenya Anderson, LMSW  
Caitlin Wright, LAPSW  
Angela DeLoach, LBSW  
Ann-Marie Buchanan, LMSW  
Kimberly Mallory, LAPSW

Board member(s) absent: Karen Armstrong, Consumer Member  
Robert Zylstra, LCSW  
Tara Watson, LCSW  
Jennifer Williams, LAPSW

Staff present: Candyce Wilson, Board Director  
Katherine Trawick, JD, General Counsel  
Bruce Dillard, Board Administrator

### **CONTESTED CASE HEARING - YVETTE HODGIN**

Meeting was handed over to Judge Rachel Waterhouse for the duration of the court case. Each Board Member went around the room and introduced themselves. A motion was unanimously passed to hold the respondent in default. Upon review of all parties evidence, statements, and testimony, the board found the findings of fact to have been reviewed and stated clearly. The board agreed with the conclusion of law that was presented before them. Lastly the reason of the decision was decided upon that the suggested probation period would ultimately be a 24 month probation, with a \$1000 type A civil penalty, as well as the costs involved in the case. The board then unanimously passed the motion to accept the proposed terms, with the exception of the probation being 24 months instead of the proposed 12 months. The hearing was then adjourned at 11:18am.

### **Consent Order – Nicolasa Rodriguez**

Nicole Fisher, on behalf of the state, presented a consent order regarding Nicolasa Rodriguez. Upon reviewing the information provided, Ms. Ann-Marie Buchanan motioned to accept the proposed terms of having 1 type a civil penalty of the amount of \$1000 within 12 days of the consent order's signature, and to pay the actual cost of investigation up to \$1000. Ms. Caitlyn Wright seconded the motion and it passed.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

Ms. Katherine Trawick, Board Attorney, reviewed the Boards conflict of interest policy.

### **APPLICANT INTERVIEWS**

Mark Holladay - is an applicant for LCSW licensure by exam. Mr. Holladay appeared before the Board due to indications on his criminal background check. Mr. Holladay provided a written explanation and requested documents. The Board reviewed the application materials and discussed the matter with the applicant. Ms. Kenya Anderson motioned to approve the applicant to take the exam. Ms. Ann-Marie Buchanan seconded the motion and it passed.

Christopher Moore - is an applicant for initial LMSW licensure by exam. Mr. Moore appeared before the Board due to indications on his criminal background check. Mr. Moore provided a written explanation and requested documents. The Board reviewed the application materials and discussed the matter with the applicant. Ms. Ann-Marie Buchanan motioned to approve the applicant to take the exam. Ms. Kim Mallory seconded the motion and it passed.

D'Asia White - is an applicant for initial LMSW licensure by exam. Ms. White appeared before the Board due to indications on her criminal background check. Ms. White provided a written explanation and requested documents. The Board reviewed the application materials and discussed the matter with the applicant. Ms. Ann-Marie Buchanan motioned to approve the applicant to take the exam, contingent upon the successful completion of the probation period and receiving proof of paid court fees within 30 days of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Ms. Caitlyn Wright seconded the motion and it passed.

Katrice Miller – is a licensed LMSW requesting a continuing education waiver for her CE's from 2021 & 2022. Ms. Miller appeared before the Board to request a waiver for missing CE's due to extraordinary circumstances. Ms. Miller provided a written explanation. The Board reviewed the provided materials and discussed the matter with the applicant. Upon their review, the waiver was denied and Ms. Kim Mallory motioned to issue Ms. Miller an agreed citation with a penalty of \$100, and that she provide proof that the continuing education requirements have been met within 90 days. Ms. Ann-Marie Buchanan seconded the motion and it passed.

### **Ratification of New Licensees**

The Board reviewed the newly licensed and reinstated licensees since the last Board meeting Ms. Ann-Marie Buchanan motioned to ratify all names on the list. Ms. Angela Deloach seconded the motion and it passed.

## **Presentation of Disciplinary Orders**

### **Consent Orders**

Camilla Chaffin – Ms. Trawick presented the situation to the board. The Board then reviewed the consent order materials and discussed the matter amongst one another. Ms. Kenya Anderson motioned to approve the consent order. Ms. Kim Mallory seconded the motion and it passed.

### **Update from Karen Franklin, NASW Executive Director**

The NASW proposed having the board become a sponsor for the upcoming Social Work Day at the Hill. The board reviewed the proposal and discussed the details with Ms. Franklin. Ms. Ann-Marie Buchanan motioned to approve the proposal. Ms. Angela Deloach seconded the motion and it passed.

*Ms. Kim Mallory left the meeting, and the Board no longer held a quorum.*

## **OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT**

The Office of Investigations Intake Coordinator presented the report to the board.

### **Update from Karen Franklin and Paula Foster**

Karen Franklin and Paula Foster of NASW provided some additional information on the Social Work Day at the Hill event, as well as minor rule revisions. Packets with the proposed revisions were provided to the board for review. The board discussed the topics included in detail, but left necessary decisions tabled for the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

## **OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

The Board Advising Attorney presented the report to the board.

### **Public Comment**

Rion Humphries – Ms. Humphries has been dealing with a lack of accommodation options with the background check vendor. She has a condition that restricts the movement of her hands and cannot complete her fingerprints. When she had contacted the vendor, looking for alternate options, she was given no solution. Ms. Candyce Wilson mentioned that the Administrative office would assist in finding an accessible next step to assist the applicant.

There were no further public comments or calls.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47pm CT.