



**Review Arkansas State Universities Council on Social Work Education Candidacy Status:**

Glen Jones, Interim Provost, Arkansas State University (ASU) appeared before the Board to discuss ASU's Master's program which is currently in the candidacy phase of accreditation. Several students also appeared and were represented by Heather Morgan. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to allow ASU graduate students to apply for provisional license. Nancy Streit seconded the motion. Board members in favor of the motion were Dr. Domon, Nancy Streit, LCSW, Betty Rhodes, and Kelley Williams, LCSW. Kaylynn Barrett, LCSW and Laura Printz, LSW opposed the motion. The motion passed.

**Request to Appear Before the Board – Paul Kelly:**

Paul Kelly, LCSW requested to appear before the Board. Mr. Kelly's presentation included the lack of access to ethics trainings related to social workers who do community practice.

**Board Vote on Reimbursement of Board Expenses and ASWB Conferences:**

In accordance with A.C.A. 25-16-901, the Board approved a motion to authorize the reimbursement of expenses for each board member for performing official board duties. The rate of reimbursement shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to approve the reimbursement for expenses and for the Board's Chairman and Executive Director to be representatives at the ASWB Annual Spring Education Meeting and the ASWB Annual Fall Meeting and reimburse fees. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

**Board Vote to Pay Stipend Payments to Eligible Board Members:**

Act 281 of 2009 allows eligible Board members to receive stipend payments. Nancy Streit made a motion to grant payment of stipends in the amount of \$85 to board members in accordance with the law and the budget. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Board Elected Officers:**

Betty Rhodes made a motion to elect Nancy Streit, LCSW as the new Chairman of the Board and to leave Dr. Steven Domon as Vice Chairman and Tealisa Allen, LMSW as secretary. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

**Board Members Sign Code of Ethics:**

Board Members signed the 2011 Code of Ethics for Board Members. Copies will be maintained in the Board's office.

**Review Cheri Hill Suspension:**

Board Chair Initials *[Signature]*

The Board ordered suspension for Cheri Hill has been completed and Ms. Hill's license has been renewed. Ms. Hill's license will be in probation status until the requirements are met.

**Review Letter From National Board of Forensic Evaluators, Inc.:**

The National Board of Forensic Evaluators, Inc wrote a letter to the Board requesting clarification on social workers conducting tests or assessments. The Board replied that the current law does not address this issue.

**Review Request From Ashley Toland:**

Ashley Toland, LMSW has written the Board requesting that the Board accept the actual beginning date of her supervision. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to accept the Supervision Plan as requested. Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Request From Gerry Fuller:**

Gerry Fuller has written the Board requesting acceptance of her online social work continuing education hours that are above the twenty allowed per two-year period due to extenuating circumstances. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to deny allowance of the additional online social work continuing education and grant an extension of 90-days to complete the required 6.25 face-to-face hours. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Waiver Request # 72:**

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#72) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Laura Printz made a motion to grant the social worker's request since she met the requirements for a waiver according to A.C.A. 17-103-307(h). Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Waiver Request # 73:**

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver (#73) of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Laura Printz made a motion to grant the social worker's request since she met the requirements for a waiver according to A.C.A. 17-103-307(h). Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Request From Gauri Bhattacharya:**

Dr. Gauri Bhattacharya has written the Board requesting licensure through reciprocity with New York. Laura Printz made a motion to deny Dr. Bhattacharya's request for licensure at the LCSW level through reciprocity. Dr. Bhattacharya will be granted a one-year provisional Master's license and permission to take the ASWB Clinical or Advanced Generalist Exam. The Board cannot grant reciprocity since the exam taken for licensure in New York is considered the Master's level exam. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

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**Review Request From Carrie Cannon:**

Carrie Cannon, LMSW has written the Board requesting that the Board accept the actual beginning date of her supervision. Betty Rhodes made a motion to accept the request. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Request From Lynda La Rue:**

Lynda La Rue, LCSW has written the Board requesting an extension to complete her social work continuing education hours due to extenuating circumstances. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion grant Ms. La Rue 90-days to submit the required information. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Update on New Complaints:**

The Executive Director reported that three (3) new complaints have been received.

**Board Reviewed Possible Changes to the Laws and Regulations:**

The Board is in the process of reviewing the current Laws and Regulations. This process is ongoing.

**Review of Standing Financial Reports:**

Kaylynn Barrett, LCSW, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from December 2010 and January 2011. Kelley Williams made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Laura Printz seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Applications:**

Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

**LSW Applications:**

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

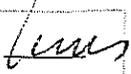
Terra Nichole Carlson  
Michael Shannon Stokes

Amber Lynn Hill  
Reelette Renee Thomas

Carol Lynn Hurd

**Approved to take the Exam:**

Kathy L Brown

Board Chair Initials 

**Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:**

Paula M Gardner

**Denied Applications:**

None

**LMSW Applications:**

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

Candace M Brown  
Jana Fern Villemez

Alicia Marie DeWitt

Kendall Kip Sentimore

**Approved to take the Exam:**

Sarah Black  
Amber Nicole Daniel  
Rosemary Tolbert

Rebecca Anne Bowman  
Candie Maria DePriest  
Dana Shareen Yarbough

Connie Lynn Bromley  
Melissa A Garrett

**Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:**

Larissa Anderson

Katherine M. Andrade

Leon K Edwards

**Denied or Pending Applications:**

None

**LCSW Applications:**

**Approved to take Examination:**

Gauri Bhattacharya  
Elizabeth Gail Faulkner  
Courtney A Frierson  
Christianne Hillburn  
Megan Nicole Justus  
Elizabeth Mitchell  
M Jean Still

Angela L Calloway  
Joy Giniger Figarsky  
Sherri Lynn Gansz  
Cecelia M Hooks  
Joe Lester  
Twila Sue Owens  
Ashley Meisner Toland

Melanie L. Cook Dobbins  
Jackie Suzanne Friend  
Erika Martin Gergerich  
George R Ingalls  
Sara E Martin  
Lauren Johnson Ruthven  
Jason E Turner

**Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:**

Betina Lynn Bolin  
Deborah Bohn Spandikow

Amy Leigh Hill  
Angela J Toomey

Cynthia Jane Moses

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Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Renewal Applications:**

The Board reviewed 340 applications for license renewal. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve 332 of the applications. Eight (8) of the applications are pending clarification. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:**

The Board reviewed seventeen (17) continuing education audits. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve all seventeen (17) of the audits. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Certificates of Registration:**

The Board reviewed three (3) Certificates of Registration Renewals and one (1) new application. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve all of the Renewals and the Application. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Other Business:**

There being no new business, Nancy Streit made a motion to adjourn. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.