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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2012

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, September 10, 2012, in Room 200 of the Attorney General's Offices at 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Nancy Streit, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order.

**Board Members Present:** Nancy Streit                      Kelley Williams                      Betty Rhodes  
Gary Gray    Angela Sanders                      Tealisa Allen  
Leigh Anne Bennett                      Mae Isom

**Board Members Absent:** Laura Printz

**Board's Attorney:** Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General

**Board's Staff:** Ruthie Bain, Executive Director

### HEARINGS:

#### CASE 2013-05, Elesha Easter:

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of Elesha Easter. Nancy Streit, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order and turned the proceedings over to the Kelley Williams, Vice-Chairman of the Board. Meredith Rebsamen, of the Attorney General's Office, represented the Board. Ms. Easter was not present or represented by counsel.

Board Action: Angela Sanders made a motion that the Allegations of Fact, A1 – A12 were true, Applicable Law, L1 – L4 were true, and Charge C1 was true. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried. Kelley Williams made a motion to revoke Ms. Easter's Provisional License for failure to comply with the Board's request. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by: Betty Rhodes  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Angela Sanders  
Board Chairman: Nancy Streit

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Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2012, board meeting. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

**Update on Complaint No. 2011-15:**

The Executive Director reported that this Social Worker has been placed on suspension and the complaint is ongoing until such time as the charges against him have been resolved.

**Update on Complaint No. 2013-01:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**Update on Complaint No. 2013-04:**

Based on the initial complaint and the response from the social worker the Board voted to hold a hearing on this matter. A hearing date of November 12, 2012 at 9:00 am has been set.

**Update on Complaint No. 2013-06:**

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review Request from Johanna Thomas:**

Johanna Thomas had written the Board requesting acceptance of her dissertation as social work continuing education. Additional information is needed and will be requested.

**Review Request from Katherine Harris:**

Katherine Harris had written the Board requesting approval of her LMSW Application prior to her MSW degree being posted. Tealisa Allen made a motion to deny her request. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review Request from William Gulla:**

William Gulla had written the Board requesting a hearing to appeal the Board's denial of granting him a license without passing the exam. The Board voted to hold a hearing on this matter. A hearing date of October 8, 2012 at 10:00 am has been set.

**Review Request from Allison Bean:**

Allison Bean had written the Board requesting approval to test prior to the 90-day waiting period. Angela Sanders made a motion to grant her request since she met the qualifications. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

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**Update on New Complaints:**

The Executive Director reported that no new complaints have been received.

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

The Board is continuing to review possible changes to the Laws and Regulations. This process is ongoing.

**Review of Standing Financial Reports:**

Tealisa Allen, LMSW, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from August 2012. Angela Sanders made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Applications:**

Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

**LSW Applications:**

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

Loretta Caver  
Fredrick Webb

Rita Devine

Ashley Patterson

**Approved to take the Exam:**

None

**Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:**

None

**Denied Applications:**

None

**LMSW Applications:**

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

Alandrus Gray Barnes

Karen Irving

Terry Dwayne Robinson

**Approved to take the Exam:**

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Rhonda Levette Bohanon  
Kenneth Dale McCoy

Cherie Lavette Buckley  
Bridget Kyle Shelnut

Kalishi LaShune Lee-Farsee

**Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:**

Shannon Mott

LeeAnn Woodrum-Oakley

**Denied or Pending Applications:**

None

**LCSW Applications:**

**Approved to take Examination:**

Paul Louis Goblisch  
Amanda Emily Cude-Woods

Ruth E. Hernandez

Angel LaTrista Warren

**Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:**

Tammy L. Jones  
Katherine Harding Wetzel

Sharon Anne Odom

Jacqueline Jean Schnedler

**Denied or Pending Applications:**

None

Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Renewal Applications:**

The Board reviewed 79 applications for license renewal. Gary Gray made a motion to approve 78 of the renewals; one (1) renewal is pending clarification. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:**

The Board reviewed Seven (7) random continuing education audits. Tealisa Allen made a motion to approve Five (5) of the audits. One individual passed away and one is pending information. Gary Gray seconded the motion, which carried.

**Action Taken on Supervision Plan Audits:**

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The Board reviewed Twenty-Nine random Supervision Plan audits. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve Twenty-Eight of the audits. One (1) of the Supervision Plan's needs clarification. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

**Other Business:**

No Board members are available to attend the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Annual Fall Meeting as the delegate for Arkansas. Gary Gray made a motion to appoint the Executive Director as the delegate for the Board. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

There being no other new business, Gary Gray made a motion to adjourn. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

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