

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD
MINUTES**

October 24, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Professional Licensing Agency Conference Room W064, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 25-14-1-12(a).

Board Members Present:

Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, MHC, Board Chair
Andrew Harner, MSW, LCSW, Board Chair, SW Section Chair, Board Designee
C. Martin Justice, LMHC
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC
Jon Ferguson, LMFT
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW

Board Members Not Present:

Kelley Gardner, LMFT
Jacqueline Eitel, RN, Consumer Member
Vacant – Clinical Addiction Counselor
Vacant - Physician

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Adam Harvey, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Cooper- Bolinskey/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for review.

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

1. **Scott Barger, LSW, Temporary Permit No. 99112443A**
Cause No. 2022 BHSB 0013

Mr. Barger appeared as requested to discuss his ongoing probation. He informed the Board that there have been no changes with his employment and addresses. He provided three (3) supervision

reports for the Board to review. He informed the Board that he checks with his supervisor weekly, and he will be scheduling for his examination at the first of the year. Mr. Barger acknowledged that he has completed five (5) continuing education hours in ethics. The Board discussed what he learned from his continuing education. The Board noted what steps he will need to take in order to request to withdraw probation.

2. **Jennifer Campbell, LCSW, LCAC, License No. 34006177A, 87001499A**
Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0029

Ms. Campbell appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She stated that she is currently self-employed. She provided information regarding completion of five (5) hours of continuing education and her supervision. The Board noted she must complete ten (10) hours of continuing education and the HIPPA training she completed will not count towards ethics and boundaries. The other continuing education program will count for three hours of continuing education. The Board noted that her supervision report does not have a date on it, but they do like the level of detail in the report. The Board discussed with Ms. Campbell what she has learned from her completed continuing education. Board reminded her to review her order carefully to ensure that she is meeting all requirements.

3. **Jennifer Dyarman, LCSW, LCAC, License No. 34006895A, 87001541A**
Cause No. 2021 BHSB 0027

Dr. Dyarman appeared as requested with counsel, Elliot Pinky, to discuss her ongoing probation. Dr. Dyarman reported that she is trying to meet the requirements of her order. She stated that she is currently working on obtaining her practice monitor and indicated that the delay with obtaining one was due to finances. She provided a letter from her mentor, and state she has lessened her caseload. Dr. Dyarman asked if the Board could provide more information on differences of a practice monitor versus a supervisor. The Board noted that the practice monitor will oversee her work and employment, while her supervisor will oversee her clinical work. The Board stated that the supervisor should hold an LCSW credential. The Board noted that her order did indicate that her practice monitor should not be someone that she has a professional or personal relationship with, so she will be unable to use her current mentor as her practice monitor. The Board and Mr. Pinky discussed if a modified order needs to occur to allow a modification of the language in order to obtain a supervisor and practice monitor. The Board noted that they have not received her fitness for duty evaluation which needed to be complete within ninety (90) days from the order. Dr. Dyarman stated that she can try to have that completed by November 14th. The Board noted that she needs to review her order and provide the Board her written reports ahead of her appearance in order for the Board to have time to review her submissions.

B. Reinstatement

1. **Leesa Harris, LMHC, License No. 39000408A**

Ms. Harris appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of her license that expired in 2002. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that she had primarily been working at a juvenile detention center and struggled to maintain her license due to financial issues. She stated that she has continued working as she was informed that she did not need a license to work provided she was supervised. The Board informed her that she would still need the license if she was performing the duties of a counselor and stated that they have concerns that she has been practicing for twenty (20) years without a license. The Board counted that she completed forty-one (41) hours of CE and noted that she was grandfathered in when she obtained her license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to reinstate Ms. Harris' license pending the passing of the NCMHCE examination, and place her license on probation with the following terms:

- Placed on probation for a minimum of six (6) months from the date of the order.
- Must take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam.
- Must submit have supervisor provide quarterly reports
- Must complete ten (10) hours of CE in ethics
- Must make quarterly appearances before the Board while on probation

Justice/Cooper-Bolinsky
Motion carried 6-0-0

C. Application

1. Teresa Adams (LMFT)

Ms. Adams did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

2. Natasha Beathea (LMHCA)

Ms. Beathea did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

3. Lierin Beecher (LSW)

Ms. Beecher appeared as requested to discuss why she did not disclose her background. In September of 2021, Ms. Beecher was arrested for an OWI. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She thought the arrest from September of last year was expunged as her lawyer had informed her it was pending for that process. The Board discussed with her the discrepancies from her statement to what was noted in the police report. She stated that she believed that the officer was not truthful in his report, but she did complete community service and a one-year of criminal probation. The Board discussed with her the takeaway she received from the alcohol assessment required by the courts. The Board discussed her current work. Ms. Beecher stated that she holds the CADAC-II and is working as a substance use counselor. The Board informed Ms. Beecher that the CADAC-II credential is not a license, and she must have an addictions license if she is working as an addiction counselor. Ms. Beecher is a 2021 graduate of Indiana University.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Beecher's social work application and to sit for the ASWB Master examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

4. Madeleine Bennett (LSW)

Ms. Bennett appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding previous arrests in her background. In August of 2020, Ms. Bennett was given a ticket for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She clarified to the Board that she was not arrested, just pulled over. She also stated that she enabled

the situation and was not thinking of the professional ramifications of what occurred. Ms. Bennett stated that she paid all of the fines set forth by the courts, and the incident has been resolved. Ms. Bennett is 2017 graduate of Indiana University.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Bennett's social work application and to sit for her ASWB Master examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

5. **James Blais (LCSW)**

Mr. Blais appeared as requested to discuss why he did not disclose his employment termination from the VA Medical center on his reciprocity application. He provided a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. He informed the Board that previous employer is currently under investigation of possible ethical violations, and the official reason for his termination was due to his performance and conduct. He indicated that he found the employment had a hostile work environment and conducted discriminatory practices. He provided clarification for his specific situation. He stated that he is currently employed at Landmark Recovery, and they have a potential position open for him provided he can obtain the clinical license. Mr. Blais is a 2017 graduate of Fayetteville State University.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Blais' clinical social work application pending the completion of the jurisprudence examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

6. **Myles Bolden (LSW)**

Mr. Bolden appeared as requested to discuss his yes response to the application question regarding past arrests. In March of 2021, Mr. Bolden was arrested for a DUI. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Mr. Bolden stated that he completed an assessment and all court requirements. The Board discussed what he learned from the incident and his work goals. Mr. Bolden is a 2021 graduate of Indiana University South Bend.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Bolden's social work application and to sit for the ASWB Master examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

7. **Aja Ellington (LSW)**

Ms. Ellington appeared as requested to discuss why she did not disclose her background on her application. In 2011, Ms. Ellington was arrested for Public Intoxication. She completed court requirements and the charges were dismissed. She provided a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. Ms. Ellington stated that she misunderstood the application question, and thought the Board was asking if she had been convicted. The Board advised her to ensure she is reading the application questions carefully, and inquired if her program was aware of her background. She indicated that they were, and that her arrest did influence her to pursuing social

work. She provided letters of recommendation for the Board to review. Ms. Ellington is a graduate 2021 graduate of Indiana University South Bend.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Ellington's social work application and to sit for the ASWB Master level examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

8. **Mari Glaser (LSW)**

Ms. Glaser appeared as requested to discuss her yes response to the application question regarding past arrests. In 2008, Ms. Glaser was convicted of 3 counts of a Class C Forgery and 3 counts of a Class C Fraud. She served time in prison and has successfully completed her probation requirements. She provided a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. She provided the Board details on how the arrest impacted her life, and what she learned from the incident. Ms. Glaser stated that she is currently working at Aspire as a license-eligible therapist doing case management and life skills. Ms. Glaser is a 2021 graduate of Ball State University.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Glaser's application for social work and to sit for the ASWB Master level examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

9. **Kelsie Strand (LCSW)**

Ms. Strand did not appear. She will be rescheduled to appear.

10. **Rachel Hartman (LCAC)**

Ms. Hartman did not appear. She will be rescheduled to appear.

11. **Latisha Jackson, (LMHC)**

Ms. Jackson appeared per the Board's request to discuss her potentially working without a license. Ms. Jackson graduated Howard University in 2009 with her Masters degree and Purdue University Global in 2022. She indicated on her application that she was obtaining post-degree work and supervision at Collaborative Change, LLC since 2015. Ms. Jackson stated that when she moved to the State of Indiana, she was trying to get situated with employment and her living situation. She informed the Board that she was told a license was not required if she had her Masters degree and was considered license-eligible while under supervision. She stated that she did not know a license was required. The Board inquired if she looked up the statute and rules for the State. Ms. Jackson stated that she was aware of the practice standards but looked to her employer to steer her to the correct path with regards to licensure standards. The Board stated that her post-degree hours she earned in the State of Indiana will not count if they were not earned under an Associate license. Board stated that she will need to obtain the associate license first and earn new post-degree hours.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to change Ms. Jackson's application to the mental health counselor associate application and approve her to sit for the NCE examination.

Justice/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

12. **David Lasuertmer (LCSW)**

Mr. Lasuertmer was rescheduled to appear.

13. **Lauren McQuarters (LMHCA)**

Ms. McQuarters was not present. Will be rescheduled to appear.

14. **Awbrey McWhorter (LMHCA)**

Ms. McWhorter appeared as requested to discuss her yes response to the application questions regarding past arrests. In March of 2019, Ms. McWhorter was convicted of an OWI. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that all requirements of the courts were completed in 2019 and provided the Board with details regarding the impact the arrest had on her life. She stated that her arrests have been discussed during her supervision discussions, and she provided her self-care routine to the Board. Ms. McWhorter is a 2022 graduate of Indiana University Southeast.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. McWhorter's mental health counselor associate application and to sit for the NBCC NCE examination.

Justice/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

15. **Meaghan Owens (LSW)**

Ms. Owens appeared as requested to discuss her yes response to the application questions regarding past arrests. In September of 2019, Ms. Owens was convicted of a DUI. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She additionally provided letters of recommendation for the Board to consider. She stated that she completed personal therapy after her incident and provided the Board with the insight that she gained from the sessions. She discussed how the incident impacted her and what her goals will be in the profession. Ms. Owens is 2021 graduate of the University of Indianapolis.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Owens' application and to sit for the ASWB Master level examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

16. **Deanna Palmer (LCSW)**

Ms. Palmer appeared as requested to discuss her eighth (8TH) attempt to pass the ASWB Clinical examination. She currently holds an LSW license and provided the Board with a copy of her study plan to pass the clinical level examination. She provided clarification on what she does to lower her anxiety and stress but indicated that she is unsure if she wants to take the examination due to her hearing the examination is biased. She stated that she has obtained a tutor and has primarily worked in school social work for the past thirteen (13) years. The Board advised that the

examination is more mental health based, so if she has primarily been in school social work, she will need to review that area of study. The Board provided her information on other study avenues that may be found through NASW.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Palmer's application and to sit for the ASWB Clinical examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

17. Ryan Peachey (LCSW)

Mr. Peachey appeared as requested to discuss his yes response to the application question regarding past arrests. In June of 2018, Mr. Peachey was convicted of domestic battery. Mr. Peachey provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Mr. Peachey currently holds an LSW license issued March 2019, and did not disclose his arrests on his LSW license, nor the following renewal cycles in 2020 and 2022. The Board inquired why he did not disclose his background on his previous application or renewals. Mr. Peachey stated that he is unsure and forgot to answer positive. He stated that he completed outpatient treatment for alcohol in 2018, and he has attended AA and personal counseling. Mr. Peachey provided a clarification how his past has impacted his professional experiences, and that he has been upfront with his supervisors on his past. He stated that he will continue with his current role to continue to be under supervision.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Peachey's application and to sit for the ASWB Clinical examination.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

18. Kaitlin Strange (LCSW)

Ms. Strange is did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Marci Lynn Burnett, LCSW, License No. 34008585A

Cause No. 2022 BHSB 0009

Re: Administrative Complaint

The hearing in the matter of Ms. Burnett has been continued.

B. Hossam E.S. Kamal Youssef

Cause No. 2022 BHSB 0030

Re: Order to Show Cause – Motion for Order to Cease and Desist

The hearing in the matter of Mr. Kamal Youssef has been continued.

C. David Shields, LCSW, License No. 34003290A

Cause No. 2016 BHSB 0014

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

AJ Holbert, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Heather Orbaugh, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Kimble Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)

Andrew Harner, LCSW

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC

Jon Ferguson, LMFT

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW

State Witness:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

Case Summary: On or about February 11, 2022, Mr. Shield's request to withdraw his probation was not granted and he was required to meet the following terms:

- License shall be placed on indefinite probation.
- In order to withdraw his probation, he must complete the following:
 - Comply with all terms and conditions in the Board's December 10, 2020, Order.
 - Complete any and all criminal matters, including any criminal sentences imposed.
 - Report in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours, any new criminal matters.
 - Report in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours, any updates in open criminal matters.
 - Identify a Clinical Social Worker licensed in Indiana to provide clinical supervision. A plan of supervision shall be submitted to the Board for consideration at Respondent's next appearance before the Board.
 - Undergo a comprehensive psychiatric and substance use disorder examination by a psychiatrist who specializes in co-occurring disorders.
 - Provide a copy of the psychiatrist's report to the Board and follow any and all recommendations made as a result of the evaluation.
- Respondent must maintain his license in active status at all times while this order is in effect. If Respondent fails to maintain his license in active status, the Board shall deny any renewal application filed by the Respondent unless Respondent agrees to continue the terms of discipline ordered under this cause number on the renewed license.

Mr. Shields informed the Board that he has met all his probationary terms and is requesting withdraw of his probation status. Mr. Eldridge stated that the burden of proof will be on Mr. Shields to show he has met all his probationary terms. He stated that Mr. Shields was initially placed on Probation based upon an Administrative Complaint filed against him. Since that time, Mr. Shields has had an Order to Show Cause filed against him, was found in violation of his initial Probation, was Suspended, reinstated on Probation, been given an excuse of non-compliant terms based upon medical reasons, denied probation withdrawal, been approved of modified probation terms, and has been found to failing to disclose his arrest that occurred in 2021 while he was on license probation. Mr. Eldridge requests that the Board take notice of Mr. Shield's file.

Mr. Shields stated that he does not have any witnesses on his behalf, and he stated that his arrest in 2021 were dismissed in June of 2022. He stated that he has not completed a new evaluation but has stayed with his current psychiatrist since his initial assessment.

Mr. Eldridge confirmed with Mr. Shields that the history of his license file is correct. Mr. Eldridge confirmed with Mr. Shields that the arrest was resolved. Mr. Shields stated that he did not want to bring the arrest up before the Board until matters were resolved and he provided the Board with updates on the case at his probationary Board appearances. Mr. Eldridge inquired if Mr. Shields notifies the Board of the arrest within seventy-two (72) hours of the incident. Mr. Shields stated that he did not. Mr. Eldridge inquired if Mr. Shields kept the Board up to date on his genetic condition as it's potential impact on his professional performance. Mr. Shields stated that he did. Mr. Shields provided details of his physical condition. Mr. Eldridge inquired if Mr. Shields maintained personal counseling, and if the counselor provided reports to the Board on his progress. Mr. Shields stated he does attend personal counseling, and it is not required in his order for his counselor to provide reports to the Board. He stated that he does not attend AA as he does not have a substance use disorder. He stated that he did not complete the evaluation, and requests that the Board consider the information his current psychiatrist has provided regarding his status. Mr. Eldridge inquired if he appeared for his probation per the Board's requests. Mr. Shields stated he did, with the exception of the days he could not attend due to illness. Mr. Shields stated that he has been working as a therapist at Kenosis Counseling, and he is co-owner of the practice. He stated that he currently contracts a clinical supervisor to oversee him, named Robin Shapiro. He stated that Ms. Shapiro has provided supervision report, but per the order was not required to submit quarterly reports. He stated that he switched supervisors to Mindy Hewitt.

Mr. Eldridge submitted Exhibit A which is a copy of the Kenosis website, that shows Mindy Hewitt is an employee of Kenosis.

Mr. Shields provided information of the topics covered in his supervision and attested that his supervisor was only available to supervise him remotely as she lives in Florida. He stated that he obtained her as a supervisor as he was told he needed an Indiana clinician to supervise him.

The State called Cindy Vaught, Board Director, as witness. Ms. Vaught confirmed the documentation in Mr. Shield's file and attested that he met the 2020 probationary requirements for the most part. She indicated that some of his responses were delayed, and sometimes did not appear, but he has complied for the majority of the order. She indicated that he has provided documentation that his arrest has been resolved, but that he did not report the arrest to the Board within seventy-two (72) hours of the incident. Ms. Vaught confirmed that they have received all but one of the probationary reports as required. She stated the that first report was missing, but that occurred around the time the Board modified the probation to require an Indiana clinician. Ms. Vaught confirmed the reports the Board received, and confirmed the appearances that Mr. Shields attended. She stated that he did not appear per the Board's request in March and August of 2022 due to illness. She stated that Mr. Shields notified the Board either day before the appearance, or the day off his appearance.

Mr. Shields stated that he has done his best to comply with the order, and he feels frustrated that his alcohol consumption keeps being brought up when that not what his issue is. The Board stated that are aware that his psychiatrist has prescribed medications and expressed concerns on conflicts between the medications and alcohol. They stated that they are also trying to determine if his doctor is aware and wished to have better understanding if his psychiatrist

provided him with recommendations of alcohol use. Mr. Shields stated that his doctor is aware and has provided him the possible side effects.

The State concluded that it is up to the Board if they will accept the request to withdraw probation; however, the State feels that he has not complied with his probation order. They recommended he either remain on probation, or the Board may impose further sanctions should there be further concerns.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Mr. Shield's petition to withdraw his probation.

Harner/Cooper-Bolinsky
Motion carried 6-0-0

D. Erika Atkinson, LSW, License No. 33010039A
Cause No. 2022 BHSB 0016
Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present
Heather Orbaugh, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Kimble Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)
Andrew Harner, LCSW
C. Martin Justice, LMHC
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC
Jon Ferguson, LMFT
Stephan Viehweg, LCSW

Case Summary: On or about August 12, 2022 Ms. Atkinson's license was renewed on probation with the following terms:

- Licensee may not petition for withdrawal of probation until successful completion of criminal probation, resolution of all criminal charges, and at least one personal appearance before the Board.
- Licensee shall complete and provide documentation of completion of at least ten (10) continuing education units ("CEUs") in Ethics and Professional Boundaries.
- Licensee shall cause her employment supervisor to submit monthly reports to the Board regarding Licensee's employment performance and progress.
- Licensee shall keep the board apprised of the following information and update it as is necessary:
 - Licensee's current home address, mailing address, and residential telephone number; and
 - Licensee's place of employment, employment telephone number, and name of supervisor.
- Licensee shall comply with all statutes and rules regulating the practice of social work and report any future arrests, instances of substance abuse, work discipline or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.
- Failure to comply with the terms of this order of probation may subject Licensee to an Order to Show Cause before the Board and imposition of additional terms and conditions.

Ms. Atkinson stated that she has completed her required ten (10) CEUs in boundaries and provided copies to the Board, she has had her employer provide monthly reports, and her criminal charges have been resolved. She provided the Board with details on what she learned from her CEUs, and discussed her work/life balance. Ms. Atkinson submitted Exhibit 1 which is a copy of the dismissal records from the courts. The Board accepted her exhibit. Ms. Atkinson concluded that she learned a great deal from what occurred and has a greater understanding of professional boundaries.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Atkinson's petition to withdraw her probation.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

E. Guirlene Thomas-Durosier (LMFTA)

Cause No. 2022 BHSB 0027

Re: Appeal of Denial of License

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Heather Orbaugh, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Kimble Richardson, LMHC (Hearing Officer)

Andrew Harner, LCSW

C. Martin Justice, LMHC

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC

Jon Ferguson, LMFT

Stephan Viehweg, LCSW

Case Summary: On or about August 5, 2022, Ms. Thomas-Durosier's application for LMFTA was denied due to not passing the AAMFTRB examination. She submitted a request to appeal and is requesting the Board grant her licensure with the stipulation that she stays current with her CEUs every year.

Ms. Thomas-Durosier stated that she has struggled to pass the exam and feels that she feels the genogram examination questions mixed with her anxiety do not allow her the opportunity to show her full ability to be licensed.

Ms. Thomas-Durosier submitted Exhibit 1, which is a copy of her neuropsychological evaluation. The Board accepted her Exhibit. Ms. Thomas-Durosier stated that this evaluation shows that there is nothing wrong with her thinking and shows where her strengths and weaknesses are with her thought processes. She stated that the problem is not her knowledge, but that she sometimes struggles with abstract items.

She stated that she has received positive feedback from her employer and supervisors. She has prepared for her exam attempts using study guides, and study groups focusing on individual and group needs. She stated that she has requested additional exam accommodations allowing her additional time and a distraction free room.

The Board inquired if she has reached out to the testing agency regarding her struggles with passing the exam. She stated that she has but has not provided them the evaluation as it was just done. She

stated that the exam agency has provided her with her scores that outline the areas she does well and poor in.

Ms. Thomas-Durosier submitted Exhibit's 2, 3, and 4 which are letters of recommendation in support of Ms. Thomas-Durosier. The Board accepted the exhibits.

Ms. Thomas-Durosier concluded that she has done a lot of work and studying to pass the exam, and it is not a true reflection of her knowledge. She is requesting that the Board grant her a license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to uphold license denial of Ms. Thomas-Durosier's application as a passing examination is required for licensure.

Ferguson/Cooper-Bolinsky
Motion carried 6-0-0

VI DISCUSSION

A. ASWB Exam Data Response

The ASWB and the CSWE are in discussions on the statistical data that was released regarding the ASWB pass/fail rates of the examination. The National Association of Social Work (NASW) is still reviewing the information. There are discussions regarding how the examination, and eliminating the exam would impact licensure, or a nationally recognized license between States who have different standards for their license. The Board stated that adding steps of additional training for licensure will not fix the underlying issue.

The Board discussed how this information will impact the proposed compact license that is being developed. The Board stated that compact licensure will not be in place by 2023, as a compact has to be implemented by law in the State. The Board discussed what a compact license would look like, and what do to if a professional violates Indiana law. It was noted that traditionally for those who are a part of the compact in other Boards, if there were disciplinary action against the license, it would have to be filed in the primary license State of the professional. The Board stated that a universal license would just add confusion at this point and would potentially lower the licensure standard.

VII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Paula Sheinberg (LCSW) (LMFT)

Ms. Sheinberg submitted applications for LCSW and LMFT by reciprocity but has taken state-constructed examination in Louisiana. Her file is being reviewed to determine if her examination is considered equivalent for reciprocity. The Board stated that they will need to reach out to the ASWB to see if they have received the state-constructed examination before.

Application tabled for further information.

VIII. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General's office reported to the Board that they have 134 open complaints and they have closed 72 since the beginning of the year. The average age of the open complaints is 6.9 months. There are currently 20 open litigation cases with only 15 closed this year. The average duration of the litigation cases are 9.8 months.

IX. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS

A motion was made and seconded to formally accept the adoption of application reviews.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

X. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Neuroforce

The Board reviewed the application for Neuroforce and determined that it meets requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Neuroforce’s application to provide continuing education.

Harner/Viehweg
Motion carried 6-0-0

XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business to discuss.

XII. ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORT

There was no administrator’s report.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 4:03 p.m. by general consensus.

Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW,
LMFT, LCAC, MHC
Chair

Date