

**MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
OCTOBER 10, 2003**

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, October 10, 2003, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. This meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lee Duke Bowen, MFT, Ph.D., Chair
Joan Fryer, LPC, Vice-Chair
Donald M. Syfert, L.P.C.
Eric Groh, LPC
Patricia Harwell, MFT
Mary Alice Merrill, CSW
Patricia Showell, CSW
Christus Powell, MFT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joyce Evans, Consumer

****Eric Groh present on September 19, 2003 to review files

STAFF PRESENT

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Stephanie Stubbs, Applications Specialist
Dominick Crea, Asst. Attorney General
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary

GUESTS

J. Fred Brown, LPCA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:19 a.m. motion Powell, seconded Syfert, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2-(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Bowen, Fryer, Groh, Merrill, Showell and Harwell. The Board **concluded Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

OPEN SESSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lee Tracy reported on the reorganization of the Professional Licensing Boards Division and the levels of management now in place. The Assistant Director for the Business and Professional Boards is Tanja Battle. The Assistant Director for the Health Boards is Tachunta Thomas. The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board was

transferred to the Allied Health Fields Section. The Hearing Aid Dealer & Dispenser Board and the Podiatry Board were transferred to the Health and Consumer Services Section.

MINUTES

Motion Merrill, seconded Powell and motion carried, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2003 meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion was held concerning letter from Cathy Cox regarding further budget cuts that needed to be made for the current fiscal year and the 2004-2005 fiscal year. The Ranking of Programs and Sub-Programs for the Professional Licensing Boards Division was also discussed.

The Board wished Butch Syfert “Happy Birthday” and thanked him for bringing a cake to the meeting. The Board also expressed appreciation for all the work that Assistant Attorney General Dominick Crea has done on some very complicated investigative cases. These cases have required extended time and effort.

Motion Groh, seconded Merrill and motion carried to approve the site, but deny the variance requested for Shannon Jackson.

THE BOARD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

Motion Powell, seconded Merrill and motion carried to accept the **Marriage and Family Therapy Standards Report.**

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Kimberly McLean Approved

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Jennifer Burns Approved

CHANGE OF DIRECTOR/SUPERVISOR

Barbara Gaughf Approved

Motion Frye, seconded Groh and motion carried to accept the **Licensed Professional Counselors Report.**

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

Patti Williams	Approved	Ayanna Clark-Daniel	Approved
Kendra Gilbert	Approved	Melissa Wilson	Approved
Mary Pecunia	Approved		
Gwendolyn Martin	Approved	Christopher Ruth	Approved
Joyce Russell	Approved	Leslie Brett	Approved
Leanza Warren	Approved	Hollie Eiland	Approved
Andrea Liverman	Approved	Dorothy Williams	Approved
Odetta Smiley	Approved	Elissa Ussery	Approved

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

Dorothy Morgan	Approved	Doreen Schultz	Approved
Elise Beumer	Denied	Barbara Phillips	Approved
Gary Smith	Approved	Heather Cutler	Approved
Valery Parrish	Approved	Kim Woodard	Denied
Donald Ibeabuchi	Approved	Jennifer Thompson	Approved
Stephanie Rudi	Denied	John Brantley	Approved
Daniel Martin	Approved	Janette Berne	Approved
		Richard Orlick	Denied
William Perez	Denied	Warren McKinney	Approved
Veronica Williams	Approved	Gwendolyn Owen	Denied
Sean Beck	Approved	Neva Akins	Approved
Teresa Fletcher	Approved	Sherri McLario	Approved
Ruth Cohan	Approved	Elizabeth Wood	Approved

CHANGE OF SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR

Sara Shepard	Approved	Lisa Chaney	Denied
Terry Chastain	Approved		

REINSTATEMENT

Betty Chambers	Approved	Robert Watson	Denied
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Motion Merrill, seconded Showell and motion carried to accept the **Social Workers Report.**

EXAMINATION

Erica Cuneo	Approved	Lisa Ashley	Approved
Beverly Grant Johnson	Approved	Wendy Robertson	Approved
Laura Wood	Approved	Rita Patel	Approved
Caryn Pons	Approved	Joshua White	Approved
Alethea Gard'ner	Approved	Bonnie Fields	Approved
Rogena Nealy	Approved		

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER

Lucinda Dalton	Approved	Sunil Mammen	Denied
Charlotte Wash	Approved	Amy Jaeger	Approved
Jill Thomley	Approved	Jill Edwards	Approved
Elizabeth Tate	Approved	Christopher Fragale	Approved
Doris Nelson	Approved	Barbara Chapman	Approved
David Williamson	Approved	Lourdes Torres	Approved
Alissa Wayne	Approved	Hope Senador	Approved
Jennifer Rhodes	Approved	Dana Yeckley	Approved
Michael Ludwick	Approved	Michael Britain	Approved
Kathleen Cunningham	Approved	Kelly Devlin	Approved
Amon Porter	Approved	Khalil Mustapha	Approved
Diana Johnston	Approved	Sarah Schuster	Approved

Timeka Grubbs-Perry Approved

EXAMINATION WAIVER

Donna Bruckner Approved Carol Chadwick Denied

REINSTATEMENT

Danielle Olivier Approved Sanford White Approved
Elisha Reed Approved Renee Glass-Dixon Denied

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion Showell, seconded Harwell and motion carried to suspend the license of James R. Hunley, LAPC000539, for failure to repay a student loan.

Motion, Harwell, seconded Showell and motion carried to accept the signed voluntary cease and desist order for Jerry Daniel.

Motion Showell, seconded Merrill and motion carried to revoke the license of Rick Petronella effective November 14, 2003 for violating the terms of his consent order specifically by practicing the profession of Marriage and Family Therapy with a suspended license, by stating that he was licensed in Domestic Psychology on his Vitae, for altering billing records pursuant to a subpoena, and for failure to correct the discrepancy in his license status with the Georgia Psychological Association.

COMP01100001 Send letter requesting interview with Investigative Committee.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Dominick Crea, Board Attorney, updated the Board on the cases in his office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Harwell and seconded Powell, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Lee Bowen, MFT, Chair
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF
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