

**MINUTES OF THE  
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
NOVEMBER 14, 2003**

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, November 14, 2003, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. This meeting was called to order at 9:12 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  
Joyce Evans, Consumer

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

\*\*\*\*Eric Groh, Lee Bowen, and Mary Alice Merrill were present on November 7, 2003 to review files

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lee Tracy, Executive Director  
Stephanie Stubbs, Applications Specialist  
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary

**GUESTS**

J. Fred Brown, LPCA

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:14 a.m. motion Showell, seconded Harwell, 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, Syfert, Evans and Powell. 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 that the Investigative Committee met on November 7, 2003 in order to review the investigative files. The committee reviewed 38 files. They closed 21 files and gave written instructions for 17 files. The work they did was greatly appreciated. Ms. Tracy also reported the resignation of Mary Alice Merrill from the Board effective at the January 9, 2004 meeting. Ms. Tracy stated how valuable Ms. Merrill has been to the Board and to the Board Staff. There has been no communication from the Governor's Office on a replacement for Ms. Merrill.

**MINUTES**

Motion Showell, seconded Harwell and motion carried, to approve the minutes as amended of the October 10, 2003 meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board requested that reservations be made for a Christmas Dinner to be held at Willow on Fifth during the December 12, 2003 Board meeting.

**THE BOARD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:**

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

**CHANGE OF DIRECTOR/SUPERVISOR**

Adam Raulerson            Approved

Motion Syfert, seconded Harwell and motion carried to accept the **Licensed Professional Counselors Report.**

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

Ruby Crawford	Denied	Kisha Thomas	Approved
Brenda Hollis	Approved	Adina Goldman	Approved
Terra Mayers	Denied	Meredith Miller	Approved
Sheila Westmoreland	Approved	Emoke Sprinkle	Denied
Judith Wolfe	Approved	Greta Jaeger	Approved
Deborah Brehm	Approved	Kimberly Bennett	Denied
Ayanna Clarke-Daniel	Approved	Lynn Kenney	Approved
Aimee Bellmore	Denied	Peggy Nolen	Approved

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

Elizabeth Torbich	Approved	Stephanie Mueller	Approved
Judith Morris	Approved	Dawn Cortez	Approved
Mohammed Momtahan	Approved	Kenneth Gerber	Approved
Allison Heller	Approved	J. Heath Williamson	Approved
Richard Lally	Denied	Gary Fox	Approved
Yolanda Fenandes-Monteiro	Approved	Stanley Lepard	Approved
Debora McCormick	Approved	Richard Orlick	Approved
Gwendolyn Owen	Denied	Sherry Simpson	Approved
Regina Ward	Approved	Catherine Kanaly	Approved
Allyson Bonner	Approved	Rebecca Graham	Approved

John Schramm	Denied	Debra Thomas	Approved
Karen Jones	Approved	Sandra Thompson	Denied
Gary Heffner	Approved		

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

LPC Standards Committee met with T.B. related to licensure requirements. No action taken at this time.

**CHANGE OF SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR**

Shietal Bhagat	Approved	Kristina Blessing	Approved
Lisa Chaney	Approved	Alison Reed	Approved
Sara Anderson	Approved	Allysia Mallory-Haynes	Approved
Victoria Deljoo	Approved		

**REINSTATEMENT**

Robert Watson	Approved
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Motion Merrill, seconded Powell and motion carried to accept the **Social Workers Report.**

**EXAMINATION**

Patricia LeBlanc	Approved	Lisa Kelley	Denied
Krista Barker	Approved	Jennifer Boone	Approved
Paula Saunders	Approved	Gianna Thacker	Approved
Stephanie Smith	Approved	Anne Liske	Approved
Rebecca Sizemore	Approved	Michael Foust	Denied
Susan Cavanaugh	Approved	Vanessa Robinson-Dooley	Approved
Dale Elzie	Approved	Renee Glass-Dixon	Approved
Erika Lang	Approved	Heather Nelson-Ododa	Approved

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKER**

Trudi Boxx	Approved	Michael Dykes	Approved
Sujette Giddens	Approved	Regina Zabel	Approved
Tasha Jones	Approved	Angela McClendon	Approved
Robin Bland	Approved	Athol Burns	Approved
Kimberly Blackshear	Approved	Iras Dubard	Approved
Linda Smith	Approved	Vanessa Hewitt-Quinland	Approved
Zelda Byrd	Approved	Elizabeth Edge	Approved
Adrian Stowers	Approved	Laura Lindsey	Approved
Sunil Mammem	Approved	Carey Savage	Denied
Betty Edwards	Approved	Jessica Ossman	Approved
Victoria Hornick	Pending	Eric Hornick	Pending
Angela McGeachy	Approved	Peggy Hawkins	Approved
Taylor Brand	Approved	Linda Samuel	Approved

**EXAMINATION WAIVER**

Carol Chadwick	Approved	Patricia Yardley	Approved
Kelli Lohmeyer	Denied	Robert Stewart	Approved

REINSTATEMENT

Jon Kendrick                      Denied

**INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

COMP030043                      Investigative interview was conducted.

Motion Syfert, seconded Harwell and motion carried to accept the voluntary surrender of Rick Petronella's Marriage and Family Therapy license number MFT000678 in lieu of revocation of license when the original surrender document is received.

Motion Syfert, seconded Powell and motion carried to delegate to Lee Tracy the authority to sign original voluntary surrender documents when received.

Motion Powell, seconded Evans and motion carried to accept action on the following investigative cases:

- COMP030026                      Case Closed.
- COMP030027                      Case Closed.
- COMP030061                      Case Closed. No jurisdiction regarding contractual issues between agency and licensee.
- COMP030070                      Case Closed. No jurisdiction over Human Resources Department of an agency.
- COMP030077                      Case Closed. No jurisdiction regarding fee payment contract. No evidence of fraud.
- 41-01-9900004                      Case Closed. Letter of Concern.
- 41-05-0200001                      Case Closed.
- COMP030046                      Case Closed. Advised complainant that client may file a complaint.
- COMP030047                      Case Closed. Insufficient evidence. No violation.
- COMP030062                      Case Closed. Fee Dispute. Not in jurisdiction of Board.
- COMP030063                      Case Closed. Not in jurisdiction of Board. Pursue through civil/criminal justice system.
- COMP040017                      Case Closed. No jurisdiction over an employee/employer relationship.
- COMP030044                      Case Closed. Complaint is about running a halfway house. Does not involve any licensed activity.
- COMP99200003                      Case Closed. Letter of Concern.
- COMP030045                      Case Closed. No additional information received.
- COMP040019                      Case Closed. No additional information received.
- COMP030042                      Case Closed. No additional information received.
- COMP030032                      Case Closed. No additional information received.
- COMP030068                      Case Closed. Copy of Consent Order sent to complainant.
- COMP030025                      Case Closed. No jurisdiction. Fee dispute.

Signed Cease and Desist order received for Jerry Daniel.

Quarterly report received for Benjamin Horton that was in compliance with consent order.

Quarterly report received for Kenny Wiggins that was in compliance with consent order.

Quarterly report received for Julianna Kilgore that was in compliance with consent order.

Quarterly report received for Karen Groban that was in compliance with consent order.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Lee Bowen, MFT, Chair  
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Mollie L. Fleeman, J.D., Director  
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS  
DIVISION

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