

**MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPISTS
January 11, 2008**

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, January 11, 2008, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Groh, LPC, Chair
Janet H. Lenard, CSW, Vice-Chair
G. William Quarterman, LPC
Javel Jackson, LPC
Jan Ligon, CSW
Patricia Harwell, MFT
Helen W. Coale, CSW
William Carlos Jackson, MFT

STAFF ABSENT

Gene T. Schrader, MFT

STAFF PRESENT

Becky Boyd, Executive Director
Sandy Stenbridge, Applications Specialist
Beverly Cobb, Applications Specialist
Dena Kirkman, Administrative Assistant
Carol White, Board Secretary
Patricia Downing, Assistant Attorney General

GUESTS

Dr. Femi Ajayi, Executive Director Exam Development & Testing Section
Craig Fluck, Examination Specialist of the Exam Development & Testing Section
Gale Macke, Executive Director LPCA
Sue Fort, NASW
Mary Jackson, President LPCA

This meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:10 a.m. motion Coale, seconded W. Jackson, 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 Ligon, J. Jackson, Quarterman, Groh,

Lenard, and Harwell. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Patricia Downing reported on the cases in the Attorney General's office.

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

Motion Harwell, seconded W. Jackson, and motion carried, to approve the minutes as amended of the December 14, 2007 meeting.

RULES REVISION

Eric Groh, Board Chair, presented Rule 135-5-.06(c)1(i) and Rule 135-5-.06(d)1(i) for Posting to adopt at the March 14, 2008 meeting and the Board voted that the information and adoption of Rule 135-5-.06(c)1(i) and Rule 135-5-.06(d)1(i) does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objective of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-8 and 43-10A-13.

It is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-8 and 43-10A-13 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the fields of Professional Counseling, Social Work, and Marriage and Family Therapy.

Motion Harwell, W. Jackson seconded and motion carried to post the changes to Rule 135-5-.06(c)1(i) and Rule 135-5-.06(d)1(i).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Becky Boyd shared with the Board that Board members have to attain prior approval for travel before they can be reimbursed and that Board members can not be paid for travel outside the 48 contiguous states. Ms. Boyd reminded the Board and attendees that if a person wishes to address the Board in open session then they should contact Board staff at least 30 days ahead of time so this can be placed on the agenda so the public has notice.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board discussed creating Rules and Exam Committee and the Board will decide at the next Board meeting in February who would like to be appointed to these committees. The Board did agree to change the Biennial Renewal Rule so that this rule would recognize the on-line renewal process. The Board made a motion to forward a draft of the new Biennial Renewal Rule to Patricia Downing, SAAG, for her assistance in this revision. Sue Fort, NASW, shared with the Board they will host the 2009 Child Abuse and Neglect Conference. Ms. Fort, NASW, stated the Georgia Society for Clinical Social Work and Licensed Professional Counselors Association are sponsoring a workshop on

February 1, 2008 at Mercer University, Atlanta. Dr. Ajayi Femi, Executive Director of Exam Development & Testing Section, gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding the possibility of computer based testing in the future for Professional Counselors.

THE BOARD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

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

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS EXAM

Hadley, Marisa	Approved
Johnson, Naommi	Denied
Kelly, Lawson	Approved
Watkins, Heather	Approved

Motion Quarterman, seconded J. Jackson, and motion carried, to accept the **Professional Counselors Standards Report.**

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS EXAM

Alig, Alan	Approved
Bolt, Shannon	Approved
Boisjolie, Stephanie	Approved
Burnidge, Melissa	Approved
Calhoun, Jamie	Approved
Calo, Meredith	Approved
Gilmer, Janna	Approved
Herrera, Daisy	Approved
Jackson-Rowe, Pamala	Approved
Lolan, Adrienne	Approved
Mayerlen, Cammi	Approved
Scott, Joanne	Approved
Williams, April	Approved

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS EXAM WAIVER

Burch, Amanda	Approved
Byams, Rashida	Approved
Cummings, Elisabeth	Approved
Gnilka, Phillip	Approved
Harris, David	Approved
Holly, Marzena	Approved

Jones, Lonja	Approved
Laster, Porsche	Approved
McDaniel,Lisa	Approved
McInnis, Samantha	Approved
Mitchell, LaTonya	Approved
Sims, Courtney	Approved
Watson, Tyrone	Approved
Weathers, Corie	Approved
Williams, Christie	Approved
Wyatt, Tracey	Approved

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT**

Gandhi, Nisha	Approved
McNichols, Aloise	Approved
Middleton, Tina	Approved
Murpy, Jessalyn	Approved
Reed, Jennifer	Approved
Schultz, Deanna	Approved
Smith, Judith	Approved

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
EXAM**

Beaufils, Jean	Denied
Blanks, Aprile	Denied
Brendle, Judith	Approved
Buffington, Exie	Approved
Massey, Tundi	Approved
Rhinehart, Ashley	Denied
Woods, Tiffany	Approved

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
EXAM WAIVER**

Amos, LaShanda	Approved
Bell, Sheila	Approved
Busby, Erin	Approved
Griggs, Andre	Approved
Henson, Lance	Approved
Jackson, Nichelle	Approved
Johnson, Antonio	Approved
Pastor, Vinitha	Approved
Robles, Marisol	Approved
Roe, Michael	Approved
Ross, Amie	Approved
Stevenson, Dian	Approved

Stokes, Patrice	Approved
Tolbert, Danielle	Approved
Turner, Michele	Approved
Williams, Dena	Approved
Young, Kirstin	Approved

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
ENDORSEMENT**

Abrams, Carlye	Approved
St. Pierre, Anne	Approved

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
REACTIVATION**

Fehr, Krista	Approved
Smith, Jill	Approved
Thompson, Martha	Approved

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
REINSTATEMENT**

Askew, James	Denied
Weddington, Jamie	Approved

Motion W. Jackson, seconded Harwell, and motion carried, to accept the **Social Workers Standards Report**.

**MASTERS SOCIAL WORKER
EXAM**

Brown, Caroline	Approved
Christopher, Terence	Approved
Crumley, Amy	Approved
Darden, Kettely	Approved
Davis, Angela Renee	Approved
Edwards, Claudette	Approved
Harm, Catherine	Approved
Harris, Holly	Approved
Jones, Tiffany	Approved
Kelly, Dianne	Approved
Lewis, Trecia	Approved
Massey, Deborha	Approved
Mitchell, Ceila	Approved
Notice, Simone	Approved
Randles, Lisa	Approved

Rhinehard, Katherine	Approved
Slay, ZaDonna	Approved
Tucker, Leteta	Approved
Wilson, Brandi	Approved
Younger, Melanie	Approved

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKER
REINSTATEMENT**

Morningstar, William	Approved
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**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER
EXAM WAIVER**

Moore, Janice	Pending
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**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER
EXAM**

Brown, Barry	Denied
Brown, Cobren	Approved
Cagle, Denise	Denied
Dalton, Lucinda	Approved
Dent, Janice	Approved
Fallon, April	Approved
Foster, Terrie	Denied
Jenkins, Vickie	Approved
Lapierre, William	Approved
Roling, Lisa	Approved
Turner, Romya	Denied
Wood, Melinda	Approved
Wright, Jerome	Denied
Yockey, Dawn	Approved

**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER
REINSTATEMENT**

Nichols, Lisa	Approved
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**VOTE ON INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
REFER TO AG'S OFFICE**

COMP080001. Motion Harwell, seconded Ligon and motion carried.

CLOSE

COMP070061, COMP080012, COMP080018, COMP080019, and COMP080020.
Motion Quarterman, seconded Harwell and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion W. Jackson, seconded Quarterman, and motion carried, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Eric C. Groh, LPC, Chair
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF
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Becky Boyd, Executive Director
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS
DIVISION

Minutes approved February 22, 2008.

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Edited by Becky Boyd, Executive Director.