

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

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eric Groh, LPC, Chair  
Javel Jackson, LPC  
Jan Ligon, CSW  
Patricia Harwell, MFT  
William G. Quarterman, LPC  
Gene T. Schrader, MFT

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Janet H. Lenard, CSW, Vice-Chair  
William C. Jackson, MFT  
Helen W. Coale, CSW

**STAFF PRESENT**

Becky Boyd, Executive Director  
Sandy Stembridge, Applications Specialist  
Beverly Cobb, Applications Specialist  
Dena Kirkman, Administrative Assistant  
Carol White, Board Secretary  
Tricia Downing, Assistant Attorney General  
Kathleen O'Neal, Director of Administrative Procedure

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At 9:30 a.m. motion Harwell, seconded Schrader, 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 Groh, J. Jackson, Ligon, and Quarterman. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.**

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL’S REPORT**

Tricia Downing reported on the cases in the Attorney General’s office.

**OPEN SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Boyd discussed with the Board members changing the Board meeting date scheduled for August 8, 2008 to August 15, 2008. The Board’s vote was unanimous on changing the Board’s meeting date.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**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**

Allen, Michelle	Approved
Eller, Shannon	Denied
Medlin, Laura	Approved
Page, Jill	Approved
Ramirez, Andrea	Approved

**ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

**CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT**

Chalk, Elizabeth	Approved
Crowdis, Jenny	Approved

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

**EXAM**

Hill, Jason	Approved
Hutchison, Libby	Denied
Wells, April	Approved

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

**EXAM WAIVER**

Kelly, Lauren	Approved
Lindsay, Shane	Approved

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

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
EXAM**

Dodson, Sonya	Approved
Harvey, Jacinta	Approved
Kalafut, Maura	Approved
Keller, Shannon	Approved
Walcott, Tye	Approved
Wheatley, Jessica	Approved
Williams, Tiffaney	Approved

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
EXAM WAIVER**

Allen, Michelle	Approved
Barnes, Simeonelavette	Approved
Bucha, Joseph	Approved
Currin, Sheila	Approved
Harris, Lisa	Approved
Hawkins, Kathryn	Approved
Heiner, Kristen	Approved
Hoerig, Cynthia	Approved
Janssen, Melissa	Approved
Lalor, Karrion	Approved
Nix, Michelle	Approved
Owens, Robin	Approved
Pridgen, Erin	Approved
Reese, April	Approved
Rogers, Brandy	Approved
Rollins, Gina	Approved
Rowe, James	Approved
Sanon, Cynthia	Approved
Smithson, Michelle	Approved
Sulhoff, Melissa	Approved
Thompson, Christi	Approved
Viehl, Cory	Approved
Walker, Christel	Approved
Whiting, Linda	Approved
Williams, Javon	Approved

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT**

Benton, Mary	Approved
Brantley, LaToya	Approved
Burke, Vikki	Approved

Carter, Tara	Approved
Chalk, Elizabeth	Approved
Gerrell, Carla	Approved
Harvey, Patrice	Approved
Love, Debra	Approved
Parker, Christina	Approved
Smith, Angela	Approved
Varisco, Kristin	Approved

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
EXAM**

Gomez, Miriam	Denied
Gray, Natolie	Approved
Hamilton, Kimbolic	Approved
Knott, Caroline	Approved
McDowell, Velesia	Approved
McKenzie, Dorothy	Approved
Moore, Lisa	Denied
Rodriguez, Tori	Approved
Sharpe, Audrey	Approved
Wells, April	Approved
Wheeler, Janel	Approved

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
EXAM WAIVER**

Beckham, Pam	Approved
Chlebek, Amy	Approved
Cobb, Virginia	Approved
Collins, Jennifer	Approved
Cordsen, Shelly	Approved
Crawford, Ruby	Approved
Desnoyers, Danielle	Denied
Diaz, Jennifer	Approved
Dunford, Donna	Approved
Farrell, Kathryn	Approved
Gartrell, Brooke	Approved
Green, Angela	Approved
Harnois, Deborah	Approved
Harvell, Robert	Pending
Hill, Kimberly	Approved
Hilling, Alexis	Approved
Hubbard, Ginger	Approved
Johnson, Jennifer	Approved
Kemp, Brenda	Approved

Macauley, Alisha	Approved
McGuire, Alexandria	Approved
Miles, Angela	Approved
Page, Cynthia	Approved
Parker, Jennifer	Approved
Parramore, Charles	Approved
Pottinger, Deborah	Approved
Powell, Catherine	Approved
Ramirez, Jacqueline	Approved
Taylor, Kimbali	Approved
Watson, Thomas	Approved
Wilkerson, Bereatha	Approved
Wilson, Chrystol	Denied
Young, Tammy	Denied

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
ENDORSEMENT**

Branch, Linda	Approved
Williams, Eddie	Approved

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
REACTIVATION**

Goldman, Carolyn	Approved
Mobley, Jerry	Denied

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
REINSTATEMENT**

Richardson, Laurie	Approved
Sanders, Kenard	Denied
Scott, Roy	Denied

Motion Ligon, seconded Schrader, and motion carried, to accept the **Social Workers Standards Report**.

**MASTERS SOCIAL WORKER  
EXAM**

Altin, Georgia	Approved
Ashby, Hope	Approved
Bales, Dena	Approved
Black, Sarah	Approved
Christian, Alesia	Approved
Cloninger, Karla	Approved
Fortner, Paula	Approved
George, Lisa	Approved
Graves, Sherry	Approved
Harris, Tiquicha	Approved

Herndon, Cassidy	Approved
Hornick, Eirc	Approved
Hurd, Katherine	Approved
Jackson, Chiquita	Approved
Jacob, Giselle	Approved
Johnson, Jessica	Approved
Jones, Monica	Approved
Lievine, Molly	Approved
Leviness, Heather	Approved
Mayfield, Heather	Approved
Mosley, Sharon	Approved
Northern, Jevita	Approved
Nutter, Heather	Approved
Packard, Jennifer	Approved
Page, Tiffany	Approved
Sandoz, Mendi	Approved
Steedley, Karen	Approved
Thornton, Jacob	Approved
Tolbert, Tara	Approved
Troph, Tamara	Approved
Watzlavik, Gay	Approved
Williams, Shar	Approved

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKER  
EXAM WAIVER**

Joseph, Alicia	Approved
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**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER  
EXAM WAIVER**

Clemons, Charlean	Approved
Wilson, Kenneth	Approved

**MINUTES**

Motion Quarterman, seconded Harwell, and motion carried, to approve the minutes as amended of the June 13, 2008 meeting.

**RULES REVISION**

Eric Groh, Board Chair, presented Rule 135-6-.03 for Posting to adopt at the August 15, 2008 meeting and the Board voted that the information and adoption of Rule 135-6-.03 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. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-14, 43-10A-15, 43-10A-16 and 43-10A-17.

It is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-14, 43-10A-15, 43-10A-16 and 43-10A-17 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 Ligon, Harwell seconded and motion carried to post the changes to Rule 135-6-.03.

**RULES REVISION**

Eric Groh, Board Chair, presented Rule 135-9-.02 for Posting to adopt at the August 15, 2008 meeting and the Board voted that the information and adoption of Rule 135-9-.02 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. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-14, 43-10A-15, 43-10A-16 and 43-10A-17.

It is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-14, 43-10A-15, 43-10A-16 and 43-10A-17 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 Quarterman, Schrader seconded and motion carried to post the changes to Rule 135-9-.02.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion J. Jackson, seconded Schrader, and motion carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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

Minutes approved September 12, 2008.

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Edited by Becky Boyd, Executive Director.