

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2012

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, August 10, 2012, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bonnie Barker, LPC, Chair  
Ben P. Marion, CSW, MFT, Vice-Chair  
Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member  
Richard Long, MFT  
Steve Livingston, MFT  
Tonya Barbee, CSW  
Robert King, CSW  
William C. Bacon, MFT  
Jack Perryman, LPC

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tommy Black, LPC

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director  
Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Pam Dixon, Licensing Analyst

**GUEST ATTENDEES:**

Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA  
Sue Fort, NASW

Bonnie Barker, Chair, established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**Agenda:**

Bacon motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**Minutes:**

Long motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to table the following minutes until the Ms. Downing had an opportunity to review them.

- June 08, 2012

**Board Chair Report:**

Ms. Barker acknowledged the transition resulting from the change in staff. She expressed concern about the number of applications being processed and the organization of applications on Epiware. Ms. Battle indicated that she would be happy to revisit the organization of such and would make adjustments as the Board deemed necessary. Ms. Barker also indicated that some of the applications were still deficient and that these should not be presented to the Board for review

if they were incomplete. Additionally, Ben Marion inquired about the status of an specific applicant. Ms. Battle indicated she would check on the Board actions in July.

Ms. Barker indicated that Tommy Black was attending the national conference for NBCC.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Ms. Battle introduced new Licensing Analyst, Pam Dixon, and welcomed her on board. Ms. Battle also advised the Board that a new Board Support Specialist was due to start shortly and that she looked forward to getting a team in place and stabilized.

### **Correspondence:**

Correspondence received between scheduled Board meetings was reviewed and discussed.

- Nicki Scofield re: CEU Hours
  - Webcast conference will be counted.
- McCurraïn Truman Thomas: CEU Hours
  - Advise that Board does not approve such.

### **Waive/Variance Petitions:**

- April Maria Green Humes Rule 135-9-.01

Perryman motioned, Marion seconded and the Board voted to grant the waiver.

### **Associations Update:**

Gale Macke brought up a discrepancy in the LPC application. She indicated that under "Supervisor" the words "if applicable" were inappropriate. She asked if they could be removed. Jack Perryman indicated that there was confusion amongst the applicant population. He believes some individuals who took the course on supervision think they are licensed to supervise. As a point of clarification, these individuals are not licensed to supervise unless they have the three years minimum experience. North Carolina does license those who supervise. Ms. Macke said she would send out a notice clarifying the issue of supervision.

Ms. Fort discussed the issue of CE courses that are not substantive in nature. She indicated that it would be helpful to providers to get feedback from participants. Ms. Fort further alerted the Board that it would be hearing from a person who wanted guidance regarding practice issues as it related to counseling about nutrition. Ms. Battle pointed out that this type of counseling may fall under the practice of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians and that it would be the Board to determine whether or not counseling about nutrition would be a violation if the person was not licensed.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Mr. Perryman inquired about whether or not someone received notification if he or she was audited for continuing education. Ms. Battle indicated that individuals were indeed notified if audited.

Bacon motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Professional Practice Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Barker, Perryman, Marion, Livingston, Long, Barbee, King, Bacon and Mixon.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, August 10, 2012, Ms. Barker declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

**Applications:**

Bacon motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following recommendations on the Marriage & Family Therapists applications as reviewed during today's scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

**ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:**

1. A.J.C. Approved to sit for exam
2. D.A.C. Approved to sit for exam
3. J. F.H. Approved to sit for exam
4. M.K.K. Approved to sit for exam
5. A.T. Approved to sit for exam
6. A.J. Approved to sit for exam
7. L.V. Approved to sit for exam

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY ENDORSEMENT:**

1. J. L. D. Application Denied
2. Elaine F. Smith Approved for licensure

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAMINATION:**

1. M.A.S. Pending the receipt of additional information
2. S.B.W. Approved to sit for exam

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAMINATION WAIVER:**

1. Keena K. Andrews Approved for licensure
2. Sonja F. Maxwell Approved for licensure

Perryman motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Professional Counselors applications as reviewed during today's scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAMINATION WAIVER:**

1. A.A. Approved to sit for exam
2. J.A. Approved to sit for exam
3. E.C. Approved to sit for exam
4. C.C. Approved to sit for exam
5. S.D. Approved to sit for exam
6. S.E. Pending the receipt of additional information

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| 7. E.G     | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 8. H.H.    | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 9. D.M.H.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 10. J.M.   | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 11. T.D.R. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 12. S.S.T  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 13. S.W.   | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 14. M.Y.   | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 15. D.T.   | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 16. K.W.   | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 17. C.A.B. | Approved to sit for exam                      |

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:**

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| 1. Frementia Anderson  | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 2. Catherine Ashley    | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 3. R.B.                | Approved-Pending the receipt of additional information   |
| 4. W.B.                | Pending the receipt of additional information            |
| 5. Cameron Butler      | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 6. A.C.                | Pending the receipt of additional information            |
| 7. Andrea Carroll      | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 8. K.C.                | Approved - Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 9. Emily Dettman       | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 10. H.G.               | Approved - Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 11. India Hodges       | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 12. Lavonna O. Jackson | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 13. Cassandra Johnson  | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 14. A.M.               | Approved - Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 15. Nikki McDonald     | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 16. T.M.               | Pending the receipt of additional information            |
| 17. Rhonda Meeks       | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 18. Bridget Simpson    | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 19. S.S.               | Pending the receipt of additional information            |
| 20. Megan Thrasher     | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 21. Stacey Wald        | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 22. Rachel Walker      | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 23. A.W.               | Approved - Pending the receipt of additional information |

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT:**

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| 1. E.P. | Pending Board Interview |
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**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:**

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| 1. Angela Austin       | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 2. Mersedeh Cartwright | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 3. S.C.                | Approved – Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. Gaye Morgan Hagan   | Approved for licensure                                   |

5. Dana Kuehn Approved for licensure

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:**

1. E.S.B Approved to sit for exam  
2. N.B. Pending Board Interview  
3. A.C. Approved to sit for exam  
4. V.C. Pending the Receipt of additional information  
5. T.J. Denied  
6. F.M. Pending the Receipt of additional information  
7. K.T. Approved to sit for exam  
8. P.T. Pending the Receipt of additional information  
9. T.W. Approved to sit for exam  
10. D.M.K. Approved to sit for exam

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:**

1. Rhonda Taylor Approved for licensure  
2. Mia Blandingburg Approved for licensure  
3. Lynise Cain Approved for licensure  
4. K.C. Pending the Receipt of additional information  
5. Andree Cox Approved for licensure  
6. Lonika Crumb Approved for licensure  
7. Melanie deQuadros Approved for licensure  
8. R.D Pending the Receipt of additional information  
9. C.F Pending the Receipt of additional information  
10. Albert Fisher Approved for licensure  
11. Sheree Gardner Approved for licensure  
12. S.K.G. Approved -Pending additional information  
13. Tita Green Approved for licensure  
14. M.P.G. Pending the receipt of additional information  
15. Sheri Grove Approved for licensure  
16. Laura A. Hahn Approved for licensure  
17. J.H. Pending the Receipt of additional information  
18. K.H. Pending the Receipt of additional information  
19. Emily Jackson Approved for licensure  
20. Nathan Kerr Approved for licensure  
21. F.L Pending the Receipt of additional information  
22. Deborah McCranie Approved for licensure  
23. Timeka Muhammad Approved for licensure  
24. J.M. Pending Board Interview  
25. Claudia L Reyes Approved for licensure  
26. S.S. Pending the Receipt of additional information  
27. Carol Simpson Approved for licensure  
28. L.T. Pending the Receipt of additional information

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| 29. L.V.         | Pending the Receipt of additional information |
| 30. Maggie Walsh | Approved for licensure                        |
| 31. J.W.         | Pending the Receipt of additional information |

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY RE-ACTIVATION:**

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| 1. Aimee Bellmore | Approved for licensure  |
| 2. A.S.           | Pending Board Interview |

Barbee motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Social Workers applications as reviewed during today’s scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS BY EXAM:**

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| 1. A.B.   | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 2. M.C.   | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 3. K.D.   | Pending the Receipt of additional information |
| 4. N.F.   | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 5. L.G.   | Application denied                            |
| 6. R.G.   | Pending the Receipt of additional information |
| 7. L.M.J. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 8. R.M.   | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 9. J.M.   | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 10. C.O.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 11. L.R.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 12. O.S.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 13. R.S.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 14. J.T.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 15. J.T.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |

**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS BY EXAM WAIVER:**

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| 1. Jennifer Anderson | Approved for licensure                        |
| 2. Nancy Chamberlain | Approved for licensure                        |
| 3. Kristine Gayle    | Approved for licensure                        |
| 4. Leslie Hardy      | Approved for licensure                        |
| 5. A.T.              | Pending the receipt of additional information |

**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS BY RE-ACTIVATION:**

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| 1. Kathleen M. Slay | Approved for licensure |
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**MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS BY EXAM WAIVER:**

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| 1. Pamela Ballard      | Approved for licensure                        |
| 2. Cynthia deSa        | Approved for licensure                        |
| 3. A.D.H.              | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. Abigail Polkinghorn | Approved for licensure                        |
| 5. S. E. S.            | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 6. S.F.                | Pending board interview                       |

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS BY RE-ACTIVATION:**

1. Melanie Noble-Couchman      Approved for licensure

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS BY REINSTATEMENT:**

1. H.A.      Pending the receipt of additional information

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS BY EXAM:**

1. E.R.A      Approved to sit for exam
2. R.C.A.      Approved to sit for exam
3. S.B.      Approved to sit for exam
4. M.B.      Approved to sit for exam
5. M.B.      Approved to sit for exam
6. J.B.      Approved to sit for exam
7. K.B.      Approved to sit for exam
8. L.C.      Approved to sit for exam
9. J.N.C.      Approved to sit for exam
10. S.C.      Approved to sit for exam
11. K.C.      Approved to sit for exam
12. C.C.P.      Approved to sit for exam
13. J.C.      Approved to sit for exam
14. W.T.D.      Approved to sit for exam
15. R.D.      Approved to sit for exam
16. T.D.      Approved to sit for exam
17. D.D.      Pending the receipt of additional information
18. D.C.D.      Approved to sit for exam
19. B.D.      Approved to sit for exam
20. C.D.      Approved to sit for exam
21. E.E.      Approved to sit for exam
22. B.F.      Approved to sit for exam
23. C.F.      Approved to sit for exam
24. R.F.      Approved to sit for exam
25. C.F.      Approved to sit for exam
26. W.F.      Approved to sit for exam
27. A.F.      Approved to sit for exam
28. L.G.      Approved to sit for exam
29. T.G.      Approved to sit for exam
30. C.G.      Approved to sit for exam
31. A.G.L.      Approved to sit for exam
32. K.G.      Approved to sit for exam
33. J.H.      Approved to sit for exam
34. T.H.      Approved to sit for exam
35. A.D.H.      Approved to sit for exam
36. J.H.      Approved to sit for exam
37. C.J.      Pending the receipt of additional information

38. A.J.	Approved to sit for exam
39. S.J.P.	Approved to sit for exam
40. K.K.	Approved to sit for exam
41. M.L.	Approved to sit for exam
42. S.W.L.	Approved to sit for exam
43. K.L.	Approved to sit for exam
44. J.M.M.	Approved to sit for exam
45. A.M.	Approved to sit for exam
46. B.M.	Approved to sit for exam
47. L.P.N.	Approved to sit for exam
48. J.N.	Approved to sit for exam
49. T.O.	Approved to sit for exam
50. K.P.	Approved to sit for exam
51. F.P.	Approved to sit for exam
52. M.C.R.	Approved to sit for exam
53. S.S.	Approved to sit for exam
54. K.S.	Approved to sit for exam
55. D.S.	Approved to sit for exam
56. L.S.	Approved to sit for exam
57. L.T.	Approved to sit for exam
58. W.T.	Approved to sit for exam
59. S.T	Pending Board Review
60. S.N.U.	Approved to sit for exam
61. L.W.	Approved to sit for exam
62. B.W.	Approved to sit for exam
63. V.W.	Approved to sit for exam

**Professional Practices Committee Report:**

**Complaint Cases Closed:**

- COMP12011, COMP130003, COMP120002, COMP120006, COMP120081, COMP120114, COMP120110, COMP120113, COMP120012, COMP120049, COMP120067, COMP120105

**Complaint Cases: Pending the receipt of additional information:**

- COMP120093-Refer to Investigations to subpoena records
- COMP120074-Refer to Investigations
- COMP120076-Schedule for Investigative Interview
- COMP120108-Schedule for Investigative Interview

**Complaint Cases: Referred to the Attorney General's Office:**

- COMP120115- Refer to AG's Office for a public reprimand and fine of \$500

**Complaint Cases: Investigative Interview(s):**

- COMP120082-Refer for peer review
- COMP120092-Close with letter of concern
- COMP120072-Close with letter of concern
- COMP120066-Close with no action

Barbee motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Professional Practice Committee Report as presented. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.

**Assistant Attorney General's Report:**

Ms. Downing recommended closing Applicant Case 1757671.

Bacon motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to close the case. None opposed, motion carried

**Additional Business:**

**Minutes:** The Board revisited the minutes.

Long motioned, Marion seconded and the Board voted to accept the minutes with amendments noted by Ms. Downing.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Livingston motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's scheduled meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Pam Dixon, Licensing Analyst  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Tanja Battle, Executive Director

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Bonnie Barker, Chair

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Tanja Battle

These minutes were approved on: