

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**  
Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2013

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, April 05, 2013, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tommy Black, LPC – Chair  
Steve Livingston, MFT – Vice-Chair  
Jack Perryman, LPC  
Arthur Williams, LPC  
Dr. Richard Long, MFT  
Will Bacon, MFT  
Ben Marion, CSW  
Bob King, CSW

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tonya Barbee, CSW  
Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1  
Amanda M. Allen, Licensing Analyst, HC-1  
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist, HC-1

**ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE:**

Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant AG

**GUEST ATTENDEES:**

Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA,  
Catherine Ivey, Executive Director, NASW,  
Mark Zuccolo, Executive Director, GAMFT  
Bruce Conn, GAMFT

**Tommy Black, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.**

Mr. Arthur Williams was sworn in, taking the Oath of Public Office, as a member of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapist.

**Agenda:**

**Dr. Long motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Minutes:**

**Dr. Long motioned, Mr. Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 08, 2013 meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Chair Report:**

- Mr. Black introduced new Board member, Arthur Williams. Mr. Williams replaces Ms. Bonnie Barker.

- Mr. Black asked the Board members if they would be interested in submitting a Board letter to support various legislative issues in the future. It was decided to table this discussion since the legislative session has ended.
- Mr. Black noted that the Professional Counselor Board members are considering requiring the National Counselors Exam (NCE) for Associate Professional Counselors and the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE) for Licensed Professional Counselors.

**Dr. Long motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Chair report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Mr. Zimmerman, Executive Director requested the Board consider rescheduling the July 2012 meeting date from July 12 to July 19.

**Dr. Long motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to change the July 2012 Board meeting date from July 12th to July 19th. None opposed, motion carried.**

- Mr. Zimmerman provided the monthly report for March 2013 which included a summary of applications, licenses issued, and regulatory activities.
- Mr. Zimmerman asked the Board what their opinion was for acceptance of endorsement applicants who were licensed under the ASWB Advanced Generalist exam results. It was determined that to be consistent with Board rules, the Board would accept ASWB Advanced Generalist exam scores obtained on or before January 1, 2012. Applicants who took the Advanced Generalist exam after January 1, 2012, these test scores would not be accepted.

**Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Advanced Generalist exam scores for those applying by Endorsement who tested/passed the exam on or before January 1, 2012. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Petitions for Waiver/Variance Request:**

- Van Dyke, Cheryl – Rule 135-5-.01(5) Requirements for Licensure/Supervision

**Mr. Perryman motioned, Mr. King seconded, and the Board voted to deny the request for waiver/variance due to unproven hardship. None opposed, motion carried.**

- Wilson, Jeffrey – Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements

**Mr. Marion motioned, Mr. Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to grant the request to waive the continuing education requirement. None opposed, motion carried.**

## **Professional Associations – Board Update**

- Catherine Ivey, Executive Director, NASW
  - SB 160 – Immigration Bill regarding secure and verifiable documents passed the Senate and is before the Governor for his signature.
  - Continuing education events integrating practice techniques such as yoga, meditation and nutrition as a holistic approach.
- Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA
  - Welcomed new Board member, Arthur Williams
  - Noted that the three organizations are supporting one another and collaborating for upcoming legislation.
- Mark Zuccolo, Executive Director, GAMFT
  - Introduced himself as the new Executive Director for GAMFT.

## **Rule Discussion (Ongoing)**

- 135-9 Continuing Education: The Rules Committee composed of Arthur Williams, LPC Steve Livingston, MFT and Tonya Barbee, CSW, will schedule a sub-committee meeting at a later date to discuss adding a definition for “online”. In addition, they will discuss electronic mediated experiences such as webinars. They will present their recommendations to the Board.

## **Correspondences:**

Correspondences received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- Holley, Janice, MSW – National Board Scores Requirement
  - Recommendation: Apply by MSW waiver
- Mosley, Barbara, LCSW – Requirements to be a Supervisor
  - Recommendation: Per Rule 135-5-.04(5), must be licensed as a CSW and must have practiced in their specialty for at least 2000 hours over a minimum of 2 years following licensure.
- Woods, Tameka, MFT – Request for records to be submitted to a third-party
  - Recommendation: Approve request.

**Mr. King motioned, Dr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.**

## **Miscellaneous Board Discussion Items:**

- There was a discussion regarding the reinstatement fee. The statute says that the fees shall compensate for the cost of operations of the Board. It was questioned that since the Board only receives approximately 20% of their fees, was the statute being followed. This issue will be included on the June agenda for further discussion.

- The following Board Members were appointed or re-appointed with a term expiration of December 31, 2015: Arthur Williams, LPC; Tommy Black, LPC; Dr. Richard Long, MFT; Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member.

**Mr. Marion motioned, Mr. Bacon 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: Black, Perryman, Williams, Livingston, Bacon, Marion, Long and King.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 04, 2013, Mr. Black declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.**

**Applications:**

**Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Perryman 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 CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT:**

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| 1. Armond, Mandi        | Contract affidavit approved |
| 2. Koernig, Catherine   | Contract affidavit approved |
| 3. McMillan, Jessica    | Contract affidavit approved |
| 4. Young, Brit          | Contract affidavit approved |
| 5. Williams Bey, Porsha | Contract affidavit approved |

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

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| 1. C.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. T.A. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. S.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. L.C. | Denied to sit for exam   |
| 5. E.N. | Denied to sit for exam   |
| 6. E.T. | Approved to sit for exam |

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

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| 1. Peterson, Jayson | Approved for licensure |
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**MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM WAIVER:**

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| 1. Jackson, Ryan      | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Uhl, Michael       | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Weerasuriya, Ruvan | Approved for licensure |

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY REINSTATEMENT:**

1. King, Twana Approved for licensure

**Mr. Perryman motioned, Mr. Williams 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 EXAM:**

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

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:**

1. Asami-Howell, Brenna Approved for licensure
2. Babinska, Joanna Approved for licensure

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| 3. M.C.              | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 4. Danger, Nicholle  | Approved for licensure                    |
| 5. A.F.              | Approved pending verification             |
| 6. Goldblum, Anat    | Approved for licensure                    |
| 7. J.G.              | Approved pending correction               |
| 8. Hackett, Emily    | Approved for licensure                    |
| 9. Hicks, Patricia   | Approved for licensure                    |
| 10. J.H.             | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 11. M.K.             | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 12. R.K.             | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 13. D.L.             | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 14. Loving, Courtney | Approved for licensure                    |
| 15. D.N.             | Approved pending verification             |
| 16. K.O.             | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 17. Turner, Virginia | Approved for licensure                    |

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT CHANGES:**

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| 1. S.D.            | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 2. Gumaer, Paula   | Contract changes approved                 |
| 3. Martz, Matthew  | Contract changes approved                 |
| 4. Smith, Randolph | Contract changes approved                 |

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT**

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| 1. Morris, Sandi | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Muckle, Myra  | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Khan, Rabia   | Approved for licensure |

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:**

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| 1. A.A.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 2. M.B.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 3. M.B.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 4. J.H.  | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 5. D.H.  | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 6. R.H.  | Denied to sit for exam                    |
| 7. N.J.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 8. C.J.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 9. L.K.  | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 10. A.K. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 11. C.L. | Denied to sit for exam                    |
| 12. A.M. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 13. C.R. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 14. G.W. | Approved to sit for exam                  |

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:**

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Breshears, Mary | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Brown, Arnice   | Approved for licensure |

3. Burke, Vikki	Approved for licensure
4. D.C.	Pending receipt of additional information
5. Cole, Herbert	Approved for licensure
6. Coleman, Bridgett	Approved for licensure
7. Dack, Lauren	Approved for licensure
8. Dorton, Alicia	Approved for licensure
9. Elizee, Claudia	Approved for licensure
10. Harris, Angela	Approved for licensure
11. A.H.	Denied for licensure
12. K.H.	Applicant interview to be scheduled
13. Larson, Karen	Approved for licensure
14. K.L.	Denied for licensure
15. Meredith, Kimberly	Approved for licensure
16. Mosby, Belinda	Approved for licensure
17. Ogles, S. Michelle	Approved for licensure
18. Parker, Tinisha	Approved for licensure
19. Payne, Christie	Approved for licensure
20. Pearson, Rosie	Approved for licensure
21. Pereles, Hector	Approved for licensure
22. V.R.	Pending receipt of additional information
23. Sherman, LaCuana	Approved for licensure
24. T.S.	Denied for licensure
25. Smith, Joycelyn	Approved for licensure
26. Stacy, Christina	Approved for licensure
27. Sturgess, David	Approved for licensure
28. L.T.	Denied for licensure
29. Vann, Kiahni	Approved for licensure
30. Williams, Beverly	Approved for licensure
31. Wilson, Lauren	Approved for licensure

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:**

1. Crumbley, Michelle	Approved for licensure
2. Errera, Susan	Approved for licensure
3. Hicks, Aunjuli	Approved for licensure
4. Porcello, Virginia	Approved for licensure
5. B.S.	Pending receipt of additional information
6. Smith, Lesia	Approved for licensure
7. Teal, Shawn	Approved for licensure

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT:**

1. S.C.	Pending receipt of additional information
2. England, Jennifer	Approved for reinstatement
3. Garland, Machelie	Approved for reinstatement
4. Hill, Traci	Approved for reinstatement
5. Lacey, Fred	Approved for reinstatement
6. Sawall, Vicky	Approved for reinstatement
7. A.S.	Denied for reinstatement
8. Wiggins, Jennifer	Approved for reinstatement

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| 9. Wilson, Jeffrey | Approved for reinstatement |
| 10. C.W.           | Denied for reinstatement   |

**Mr. King motioned, Dr. Livingston 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 WORKER BY EXAM:**

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| 1. N.A.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 2. M.B.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 3. C.C.  | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 4. D.C.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 5. A.C.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 6. M.D.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 7. E.D.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 8. G.G.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 9. C.H.  | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 10. H.H. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 11. V.H. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 12. A.J. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 13. N.J. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 14. A.L. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 15. S.N. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 16. T.R. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 17. J.S. | Denied to sit for exam                    |
| 18. S.S. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 19. K.T. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 20. C.W. | Approved to sit for exam                  |
| 21. K.W. | Approved to sit for exam                  |

**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:**

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| 1. Chaffee, Suzanne      | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Collins, Kristina     | Approved for licensure |
| 3. E.F.                  | Denied for licensure   |
| 4. Hawkins, Emily        | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Hughes, Colleen       | Approved for licensure |
| 6. McCoy, Kelvin         | Approved for licensure |
| 7. Selman, Wendy         | Approved for licensure |
| 8. Valentine, Edward     | Approved for licensure |
| 9. White-Alexander, Tina | Approved for licensure |

**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:**

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| 1. Bennett, Deborah | Approved for reinstatement                |
| 2. L.E.             | Denied for reinstatement                  |
| 3. Garfield, Nancy  | Approved for reinstatement                |
| 4. Greubel, Sherri  | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 5. Hamil, Jane      | Approved for reinstatement                |

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| 6. Kent, Susan       | Approved for reinstatement |
| 7. LeBlanc, Patricia | Approved for reinstatement |
| 8. Straight, Denise  | Approved for reinstatement |
| 9. Swanson, Kalen    | Approved for reinstatement |

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:**

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| 1. R.A.  | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. J.C.  | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. M.G.  | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. C.G.  | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. A.G.  | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. S.G.  | Approved to sit for exam |
| 7. M.H.  | Approved to sit for exam |
| 8. A.H.  | Approved to sit for exam |
| 9. L.H.  | Approved to sit for exam |
| 10. S.H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 11. D.H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 12. E.H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 13. J.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 14. L.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 15. T.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 16. L.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 17. M.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 18. B.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 19. E.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 20. B.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 21. A.N. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 22. S.P. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 23. M.O. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 24. L.R. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 25. S.R. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 26. A.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 27. A.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 28. A.W. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 29. A.Y. | Approved to sit for exam |

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:**

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| 1. Brookins, Tabitha | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Criste, Adrienne  | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Kirkwood, Angela  | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Minor, Anna       | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Pulliam, Tadayah  | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Rothfeld, Ilene   | Approved for licensure |
| 7. Saffle, Landen    | Approved for licensure |
| 8. Woods, Loretta    | Approved for licensure |

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:**

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| 1. D.C.               | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 2. D.G.               | Denied for reinstatement                  |
| 3. Hall, Sara         | Approved for reinstatement                |
| 4. Kroger, Lisa       | Approved for reinstatement                |
| 5. McDonough, Zachary | Approved for reinstatement                |
| 6. Miller, Leigh Ann  | Approved for reinstatement                |

**Professional Practices Committee Report:**

**Complaint Cases Closed:**

- COMP120108, COMP130045, COMP130055, COMP130059, and COMP130081.

**Dr. Long motioned, Mr. Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Professional Practice Committee Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Assistant Attorney General's Report:**

Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action.

**Mr. Williams motioned, Dr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Session Minutes:**

- March 8, 2013

**Mr. Marion motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 08, 2013 Executive Session meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.**

**With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Mr. King motioned, Dr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's scheduled meeting at 3:15 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:** Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist, HC1  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

*Tommy Black*

Mr. Tommy Black, Board Chair



Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: May 3, 2013