

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**  
Conference Call Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2015

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met by teleconference on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Livingston, MFT, Chair  
Richard Long, MFT, Vice-Chair  
Ben Marion, CSW  
Arthur Williams, LPC  
Jack Perryman, LPC  
Will Bacon, MFT

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tonya Barbee, CSW  
Tommy Black, LPC  
Robert King, CSW

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1  
Angela Harrison, Licensing Analyst, HC 1  
Amanda Allen, Licensing Analyst, HC

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Tricia Downing, Esq., Senior A.A.G.

**GUEST ATTENDEES:**

Ryan Germany, Esquire  
Lisa Durden, PLB Division Director

**Steve Livingston, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.**

**Agenda:        Approved as presented**

**Discussion:     O.C.G.A. 43-10A-6 Separate Standards Committees; Proposed Amendments**

Following discussion on the revised proposed changes to the Board's practice act, the Board members in attendance agreed to the amendments and recommended the SOS legal staff move forward with the legislative process of introducing the bill to amend the act as presented:

§ **43-10A-6.** Separate standards committees for professional counseling specialty, social work specialty, and marriage and family therapy specialty

(a) Those members of the board from the professional counseling specialty, the social work specialty, and the marriage and family therapy specialty shall constitute a separate standards committee for their respective specialty. Each standards committee ~~by majority vote~~ shall approve or disapprove the granting of ~~all~~ licenses in that specialty, approve the examination required of applicants for licensure in that committee's specialty ~~and provide for the grading of that examination~~, and provide for other matters relating to licensure in that specialty.

(b) No decision of a standards committee shall become effective until approved by the board, unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations of the Board. The board may

initiate or otherwise act regarding any matter in which a standards committee is authorized to act. No decision of the board regarding a particular specialty shall become effective without the approval of at least two of the members of the standards committee for that specialty.

(c) Meetings of a standards committee shall be reimbursed on the same basis as board meetings.

**Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Long seconded and the Board voted to approve the amendments to O.C.G.A. § 43-10A-6 as presented and discussed, and, to move forward with the legislative process to introduce a bill to make the changes. None opposed, motion carried.**

**With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Mr. Long motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's conference call meeting at 12:47 p.m.**

Minutes recorded, reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

**STEVE LIVINGSTON**  
Chair

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**  
Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: **February 13, 2015**