

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2015

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met Friday, February 13, 2015 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Livingston, MFT, Chair
Richard Long, MFT, Vice-Chair
Arthur Williams, LPC
Jack Perryman, LPC
Tommy Black, LPC
Ben Marion, CSW
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tonya Barbee, CSW
Robert King, CSW

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1
Stacey Mitchell, Board Support Specialist, HC 1
Angela Hope Harrison, Licensing Analyst, HC 1
Amanda Allen, Licensing Analyst, HC 1

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

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

GUEST ATTENDEES:

James Pace – NASW Georgia Chapter
Pat Harwell – GAMFT
Gale Macke – LPCA
Lisa Morris - Metropolitan Counseling Services
Cheryl Bonneau – NASW Georgia Chapter
Warren Jones - LMFT

Steve Livingston, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

New Board Member Appointment-Reappointments:

- Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT - New Appointment, Replaces Will Bacon, MFT
- Steve Livingston, Reappointment
- Ben Marion, Reappointment
- Jack Perryman, Reappointment

New member Klock-Powell, and reappointed members Livingston, Marion and Perryman were sworn in completing the Oaths of Office.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Marion seconded and the Board voted for the committees 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, conduct applicant and investigative interviews, receive the Attorney General's, the Professional Practices (Cognizant) and Professional Standards Committee Reports.

The Professional Practices Committee was called to order at 8:45 a.m. The Professional Standards Committee was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, February 13, 2015, Mr. Livingston 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. Long motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following recommendations on the Marriage & Family Therapists applications reviewed during today's scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS CONTRACT CHANGES:

Name	Board Decision
1. Blanco, Bethany	Contract changes approved
2. N.R.	Pending receipt of additional information

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

1. T.H.	Approved pending receipt of additional information
2. A.P.	Approved to sit for exam
3. L.S.	Approved pending receipt of additional information

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

1. K.C.	Approved; pending the receipt of additional information.
2. C.E.	Approved to sit for exam
3. M.H.A.	Approved to sit for exam
4. A.H.	Approved to sit for exam
5. B.I.	Schedule applicant interview
6. H.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. DelValle, Anastacia	Approved for licensure
2. Jones, Porsha	Approved for licensure
3. Knox, Laura	Approved for licensure

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY ENDORSEMENT:

1. A.C.	Approved; pending the receipt of additional information
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Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Professional Counselor applications reviewed during today's scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

1. H.A.	Approved to sit for exam
2. B.A.	Pending receipt of additional information
3. C.A.	Approved to sit for exam
4. L.B.	Approved to sit for exam
5. Q.B.	Approved to sit for exam
6. T.B.	Approved to sit for exam
7. M.B.	Approved to sit for exam
8. R.C.	Approved to sit for exam
9. C.C.	Approved to sit for exam
10. A.C.	Approved to sit for exam
11. N.C.	Approved to sit for exam
12. E.C.	Approved to sit for exam
13. A.D.	Denied; educational requirements not met
14. C.H.	Approved to sit for exam
15. P.H.	Approved to sit for exam
16. T.H.	Approved to sit for exam
17. S.H.	Approved to sit for exam
18. V.J.L.	Pending receipt of additional information
19. O.K.	Approved to sit for exam
20. M.L.	Approved to sit for exam
21. J.L.	Pending receipt of additional information
22. F.M.	Pending receipt of additional information
23. G.M.	Approved to sit for exam
24. T.R.	Pending receipt of additional information
25. D.S.	Pending receipt of additional information
26. S.S.	Approved to sit for exam
27. L.T.	Pending receipt of additional information
28. C.T.	Approved to sit for exam
29. R.W.	Extension Approved
30. A.W.	Approved to sit for exam

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAM ONLY:

1. A.C.	Approved to sit for the exam only
2. O.D.	Approved to sit for the exam only
3. C.G.	Approved to sit for the exam only
4. S.H.	Approved to sit for the exam only
5. M.H.	Approved to sit for the exam only

6. A.I.	Approved to sit for the exam only
7. R.J.	Approved to sit for the exam only
8. H.J.	Pending receipt of additional information
9. A.K.	Pending receipt of additional information
10. K.L.	Approved to sit for the exam only
11. S.M.	Approved to sit for the exam only
12. R.M.	Approved to sit for the exam only
13. M.N.	Approved to sit for the exam only
14. B.O.	Approved to sit for the exam only
15. R.T.	Pending receipt of additional information
16. Y.W.	Approved to sit for the exam only
17. H.Y.	Approved to sit for the exam only

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Attigah, Eugenia	Approved for licensure
2. Brannen, Williard	Approved for licensure
3. A.B.	Approved; Pending additional information
4. E.B.	Approved; Pending additional information
5. Z.B.	Approved; Pending additional information
6. Campbell, Mary	Approved for licensure
7. D.C.	Pending receipt of additional information
8. J.C.	Approved; Pending additional information
9. Comegys, Koriandr	Approved for licensure
10. S.C.	Approved for licensure; Form A not approved
11. S.C.	Approved; Pending additional information
12. V.E.	Approved; Pending additional information
13. Fernandez, Hillary	Approved for licensure
14. Fodroczi, Martha	Approved for licensure
15. A.F.	Approved; Pending additional information
16. R.F.	Approved; Pending additional information
17. N.G.	Approved; Pending additional information
18. Gibson, Jill	Approved for licensure
19. Green, Keba	Approved for licensure
20. M.H.	Approved; Pending additional information
21. Henry, Sommer	Approved for licensure
22. C.H.	Pending receipt of additional information
23. Kempinski, Melissa	Approved for licensure
24. Kouns, Philip	Approved for licensure
25. Lang, Jocelyn	Approved for licensure
26. Miller, Maryann	Approved for licensure
27. Mumme, Fayedra	Approved for licensure
28. Nolen, Tracey	Approved for licensure
29. R.O.	Approved; Pending additional information
30. Robinson, Cleveland	Approved for licensure
31. Sams, Deena	Approved for licensure
32. J.S.	Approved; Pending additional information
33. M.S.	Approved; Pending additional information

34. Tatum, Timothy	Approved for licensure
35. Van Dyke, Tracey	Approved for licensure
36. Wilkinson, Celia	Approved for licensure
37. L.W.	Approved; Pending additional information
38. Wooden, Courtney	Approved for licensure

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT CHANGES:

1. Anderson, Vanessa	Contract Affidavit approved
2. Andronic, Daniela	Contract Affidavit approved
3. Bernard, Selma	Contract Affidavit approved
4. Blanco, Bethany	Contract Affidavit approved
5. Brewer, April	Contract Affidavit approved
6. Brown, Stephanie	Contract Affidavit approved
7. J.C.	Pending receipt of additional information
8. Delaney, Mary	Contract Affidavit approved
9. Duthoy, Heidi	Contract Affidavit approved
10. Ejindu, Benedicta	Contract Affidavit approved
11. Ely, Hillary	Contract Affidavit approved
12. Hunsinger, John	Contract Affidavit approved
13. Jackson, Shannon	Contract Affidavit approved
14. Jenkins, Shellina	Contract Affidavit approved
15. Johnson, Kejuiana	Contract Affidavit approved
16. Kenney-Coachman, Amber	Contract Affidavit approved
17. Lundy, Jessica	Contract Affidavit approved
18. Maxy, Sherry	Contract Affidavit approved
19. McCrae, Julie	Contract Affidavit approved
20. F.M.	Pending receipt of additional information
21. Pritchard, Georgia	Contract Affidavit approved
22. D.S.	Pending receipt of additional information
23. Sullivan, Stephanie	Contract Affidavit approved
24. Turner, Deborah	Contract Affidavit approved
25. Webb-Muhammad, Kendra	Contract Affidavit approved
26. Weidman, Autumn	Contract Affidavit approved
27. Williams, Hope	Contract Affidavit approved

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

1. A.B.	Pending receipt of additional information
2. S.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3. C.D.	Approved to sit for exam
4. T.E.	Pending receipt of additional information
5. R.G.	Approved to sit for exam
6. B.H.	Approved to sit for exam
7. D.H.	Pending receipt of additional information
8. J.M.	Denied; educational requirements not met
9. T.M.	Pending receipt of additional information

10. R.M.	Approved to sit for the exam
11. J.P.	Pending receipt of additional information
12. L.R.	Denied
13. A.R.	Pending receipt of additional information
14. D.S	Refer to AG for a Consent Agreement for licensure
15. A.W.S.	Pending receipt of additional information

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Browne, Brandon	Approved for licensure
2. Camarata, Kelly	Approved for licensure
3. Collier, Sarah	Approved for licensure
4. C.C.	Pending receipt of additional information
5. Daugherty, Michael	Approved for licensure
6. Derrick, Tiffany	Approved for licensure
7. Desir, Vanessa	Approved for licensure
8. B.E.	Pending receipt of additional information
9. Finn, Mattie	Approved for licensure
10. Gray, Cynthia	Approved for licensure
11. Greer, LaKenya	Approved for licensure
12. Griswold, Suzanne	Approved for licensure
13. B.H.	Pending receipt of additional information
14. T.H.	Pending receipt of additional information
15. J.J.	Pending receipt of additional information
16. S.K.	Approved; pending additional information
17. Kramer, Laura	Approved for licensure
18. Lester, Alisha	Approved for licensure
19. E.L.	Pending receipt of additional information
20. Makely, Alison	Approved for licensure
21. A.M.	Pending receipt of additional information
22. Morrison, Senitra	Approved for licensure
23. Murphy, Shannon	Approved for licensure
24. Owens, Erika	Approved for licensure
25. Porter-Carmichael, Tracie	Approved for licensure
26. Prince Korobov, Kimberly	Approved for licensure
27. Reese, Marjorie	Approved for licensure
28. Rentz, Allison	Approved for licensure
29. Sayegh, Victory	Approved for licensure
30. Shabazz, Yamini	Approved for licensure
31. Skinner, LaTeasha	Approved for licensure
32. Smith, Jennifer	Approved for licensure
33. Stevens, Lindsey	Approved for licensure
34. M.W.	Pending receipt of additional information
35. Weissman, Emily	Approved for licensure
36. Williams, Monica	Approved for licensure

37. Young, Latrell	Approved for licensure
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LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:

1. Bard, Nirala	Approved for licensure
2. K.E.	Pending receipt of additional information
3. J.K.	Pending receipt of additional information
4. McInTyre, Carmen	Approved for licensure
5. Ramsey, Jamie	Approved for licensure
6. Santiago Rodriguez, Lyzette	Approved for licensure
7. Spizuoco, Shelly	Approved for licensure
8. Struck, Lauren	Approved for licensure

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT:

1. S.H.	Pending receipt of additional information
2. A.K.	Pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Social Workers applications reviewed during today's scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

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

25. L.M.	Approved to sit for exam
26. A.O.	Approved to sit for exam
27. J.P.	Approved to sit for exam
28. E.P.	Approved to sit for exam
29. M.P.	Approved to sit for exam
30. T.R.	Approved to sit for exam
31. T.S.	Approved to sit for exam
32. S.S.	Approved to sit for exam
33. G.S.	Approved to sit for exam
34. J.T.	Approved to sit for exam
35. C.T.	Approved; pending receipt of additional information
36. R.W.	Approved to sit for exam
37. S.W.	Approved to sit for exam

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Chenault, Wandra	Approved for licensure
2. Chenette, Jennifer	Approved for licensure
3. Dowd, Kerry	Approved for licensure
4. Jones, Quachetta	Approved for licensure
5. Jones, Samuel	Approved for licensure
6. Lemon, Khaalida	Approved for licensure
7. Murphy, Kristin	Approved for licensure
8. Rakestraw, Daphne	Approved for licensure
9. Chenault, Wandra	Approved for licensure

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:

10. N.A.	Counter offer to Board Order-Board decision stands
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CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

1. K.B.	Approved to sit for exam
2. C.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3. L.C.	Approved to sit for the exam; Ben is recused from this application file.
4. M.D.	Approved to sit for exam
5. L.E.	Approved to sit for exam
6. B.G.	Approved to sit for exam
7. L.H.	Approved to sit for exam
8. H.H.	Approved to sit for exam
9. A.H.	Approved to sit for exam
10. A.J.	Approved to sit for exam
11. E.L.	Approved to sit for exam
12. N.L.	Approved to sit for exam
13. V.M.	Approved to sit for exam

14. R.M.	Pending the receipt of additional information
15. B.M.	Approved to sit for exam
16. E.R.	Approved to sit for exam
17. J.S.	Approved to sit for exam
18. V.S.	Approved to sit for exam
19. R.T.	Approved to sit for exam
20. V.T.	Approved to sit for exam
21. W.T.	Approved to sit for exam
22. J.V.D.	Approved to sit for exam
23. R.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information
24. B.W.	Approved to sit for exam
25. C.Y.	Pending the receipt of additional information

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Beckman, Marvelous	Approved for licensure
2. Cooper, Robert	Approved for licensure
3. A.D.	Pending the receipt of additional information
4. B.D.	Pending the receipt of additional information
5. Forysthe, Elizabeth	Approved for licensure
6. Garcia, Leslie	Approved for licensure
7. Hill, Heidi	Approved for licensure
8. Loggie, Denise	Approved for licensure
9. McConnell, Pamela	Approved for licensure
10. Mulryan, Jennifer	Approved for licensure
11. Royster, Rebecca	Approved for licensure
12. Smith, Yolanda	Approved for licensure
13. Walton, Kimberly	Approved for licensure
14. Woher, Susan	Approved for licensure
15. Wooden, Bryan	Approved for licensure

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:

1. E.H.	Recommendation to refer file to legal withdrawn. Application approved for reinstatement
2. K.P.	Refer file to the AG's office

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the referral to legal and reinstate the license of E.H. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to refer the application file of K.P. to the Attorney General's office. None opposed, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Written status and activity report presented for Board review.

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

Mr. Bacon motioned, Mr. Long seconded and the Board voted for the Executive Director to accept and sign by express permission of the Board Chair the public order on J.C.B. and to submit for docketing upon receipt. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Marion motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed Board Public Consent Order on Doris Cotton as presented by the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Williams motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to refer the application file of K.P. to the AG's office for a Board Order. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to refer the application file of D.S. to the AG's office for a public Board Order. None opposed, motion carried.

PPC's: Complaints – Recommended for Closure:

COMP130069, COMP140029, COMP140063, COMP150023, COMP150040
COMP150043, COMP150057, COMP150059, COMP150067

PPC's: Complaints – Recommended for Investigative Interview:

COMP150074
COMP140065

PPC's: Complaints – Recommended for Referral to AG's Office:

COMP150046 and COMP150063
COMP150070

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Professional Practices Committee report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

PSC Committees - Applicant Interviews:

- A.M.
- M.H.
- C.H.
- M.M.
- M.D.
- J.W.
- T.B.
- K.H.
- C.M.
- C.P.

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations for all applicant interviews conducted as reported by the Professional Standards Committees. None opposed, motion carried.

CE Reviews – Audits/Renewals:

- **K.S. Refer to SOS/PLB Legal**
- **D.S. Renewal Denied; No CE Hours; License Revoked**

Minutes:

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Williams seconded and the Board voted to approve the following meeting minutes. None opposed, motion carried.

- January 9, 2015
- February 2, 2015 Conference Call

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Williams seconded and the Board voted to approve the following executive session meeting minutes. None opposed, motion carried.

- January 9, 2015

Correspondence:

- Winkler, B. – LPC CE/Webinar Classification
 - As of now the course is considered online, however the board is reviewing the information
- Adam, C. –APC supervision
 - Refer to definitions in board rules
- Matheson, J. – Telemental Health - MFT
 - The board does not provide legal advice; refer to board rules and laws
- Rosa, J. – Open Records Request
 - Approved
- Meyer, R. – Open Records Request
 - Approved
- Will, D. C. – Open records request: rules 135-5-.01 & .02
 - SOS/PLB Legal has responded; provided documents
- MacKinnon, L. – RE; Public Board Order
 - Board reviewed

Mr. Long motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to authorize the administrative staff to respond to all correspondence as recommended above. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Variance/Waiver Requests:

- Brown, M. –Rule 135-5-.02
 - Denied; Provide a new Petition with additional information
- Evans, T. - Rule 135-5-.02
 - Denied; No hardship proven
- Gonzalez, Iglesias, M. – Rule 135-9-.01
 - Withdrawn. License has lapsed. Licensee must file for reinstatement
- Wilson, F. – Rule 135-6-.04
 - Denied; Must take exam
- Woehner, Susan – Rule 135-9-.01/135-5-.04 CSW
 - Approved. Licensee must obtain the required CE Hours within 12 months

Mr. Williams motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations for the Petitions for Variance/Waiver Request as shown above. None opposed, motion carried.

Chair Report:

- None

Executive Director's Report:

- Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Harrison addressed the Board requesting all three professions set an acceptable minimum wage for directed work experience to be considered as “paid or compensated” experience pursuant to the new rules for Counselors, but addressing this issue for all three professions. Suggested by Board the development of a rule to address this matter, and present the proposed rule to the Board at a later meeting for discussion.
- Ms. Harrison addressed the Board requesting the Board discuss the re-taking of the national exam by applicants for reinstatement, or initial Georgia licensure who may have taken the required national exam years ago, but were never licensed in Georgia (or any other state), nor have practiced in the field for some time, or ever. Board requested staff develop a policy with regard to this matter and present it back to the Board at a later meeting date, and, to consider five (5) years as a time frame for non-practice/Exam re-take similar to the reinstatement rule.
- Mr. Zimmerman presented to the Board several pending bills before this year’s legislative session that impacted the Board’s practice Act:
 - SB 65 RE: Mental Health Code Section 37-3-41
 - SB 53 RE: Revision of the sunset provision and a new effective date (Act # 546, April 21, 2014)
 - HB 359 Proposed by the Board to allow additional administrative processing of applications

Associations Update:

- GAMFT representative advised that they are pleased with the governor accepting their recommendations or new board members.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

- Mr. Perryman suggested that associations provide information regarding the approval process of core CEU's.

Rules Committee Participating Members:

- Art Williams, Kathryn Klock-Powell and Tonya Barbee

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Mr. Williams motioned, Mr. Long seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Stacey Mitchell, Board Support Specialist, HC1
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

STEVE LIVINGSTON
Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director HC1

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