

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2016

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Livingston, MFT, Chair
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Vice-Chair
Tommy Black, LPC
Jack Perryman, LPC
Ben Marion, CSW
Karen Warren-Rosas, MSW

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gerri Ann Robbins, MFT
Arthur Williams, LPC
Endsley Real, CSW

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1
Hope Harrison, Licensing Analyst, HC 1
Amanda Allen, Licensing Analyst, HC1
Mary Katherine Lindsey, Board Support Specialist

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

D Williams-McNeely, Senior AAG

GUEST ATTENDEES:

Thomas Andre, LPCA-GA
Gale Macke, LPCA-GA
Diane Hall Smith-GAMFT

Steve Livingston, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Meeting Minutes:

- December 4, 2015

Ms. Klock-Powell moved, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the December 4, 2015 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Chair Report:

Mr. Livingston provided a brief report thanking the Board for their hard work throughout 2015. Requested the Board begin reviewing the Florida CE Tracker databank for CE Hours, and the CE Rules.

Executive Director's Report:

- University of Georgia – Counselor program accreditation changes
- Counselor (NCE-NCMHC) Exam Policy- Rescinded; return to acceptance of the NCE Exam for licensure of APC/LPC applicants; NCMHCE can also be taken for licensure or post-licensure.

- Starting with the February 2016 meeting, the Board will begin the meetings in Executive (Closed) Session at 8:00 am and Open (Public welcome) Session will begin at 1:00 pm

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the 01-10-2014 policy regarding the NCE/NCMHC exams for APC and LPC licensure applicants; to return to the NCE as the accepted exam, NCMHC will also be accepted, but not required for licensure. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded and the Board voted to approve the meeting changes beginning with the February 2016 meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Grumley, J.- Rule 135-5-.04
- Vasquez, M.- Request to approve CE courses
- UGA Counselors Master’s Degree
- Bigalke, B.- Eligible Work Experience
- Childs, J.- Counselor
- Eller, S.- Contract Affidavit Revisions
- Kool, R.- Permission for Limited Practice
- Payne, J.- Telemental Health
- Blow, R.- Contract Affidavit Revisions
- Watson, T.- Telemental Health
- ASWB Supreme Court Ruling and License Regulations
- Spell, A. – Rule 135-5-.06
- Wells, K.- CRC Requirements
- Trombley, H.- MFT Supervision Requirements
- Willey, S.- Rule 135-5-.04
- Heath, A.- CSW Practice Question
- Hill, R.- MFT Rule 135-5-.06

Mr. Marion moved, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted for the administrative staff to respond to all correspondence as recommended. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Variance/Waiver:

- Lattimore, C.- MSW

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to withdraw the petition and give a six month extension to take the exam. None opposed, motion carried.

Associations Update:

Gale Macke gave the LPCA-GA Association update.

Application Ratify List: December 4, 2015- January 7, 2016

License #	Licensee Name
AMFT000427	Draughn, Amber Nicole

AMFT000428	Ellis, Emilie Mylene
AMFT000429	Mossy, Ashley M.
AMFT000430	Norris, Stephen Allen
AMFT000431	Epps, Paris Dawn
AMFT000432	Richards, Jessica Danielle
AMFT000433	Ridgeway, Jessica Nicole
AMFT000434	Upshaw, Daniel Edward
AMFT000435	Williams, Aurielle Christina
AMFT000436	Zeon, Oprah DeKontee
APC001647	McBride, Amy
APC005211	Baker-Crouch, Rhonda Denise
APC005212	Hill, Travis Ray
APC005213	Hughes, Carlis Hollings
APC005214	Nolan, Maureen Patricia
APC005215	Rios, Kevin
APC005216	Tucker, Kristina Fox
APC005217	Bergeman, Candice Marrie
APC005218	Ciner, Marissa Robin
APC005219	Cross, Rachelle Marie
APC005220	Dunham, Bryna Leigh
APC005221	Eagles, Amanda Ann
APC005222	Geralds Washington, Erica Diane
APC005223	Massey, Roxanne Spencer
APC005224	Puckett, Virginia Louise
APC005225	Snider, Maria Patricia
APC005226	McLean, Tavera Deanna
APC005227	Baker, Tiha Pearl
APC005228	Jackson, Shawna Jo
APC005229	Ledbetter, Joel Brett
APC005230	Browning, Sylvia Lynn
APC005231	Montague, Theresa Nina
APC005232	Lewis, Elizabeth Anne
APC005233	Roland, Yvonzier Letesia
APC005234	Orlowsua, Elzbieta Karolina
CSW005661	Boykin, Rona LaTrice
CSW005662	Hall, Mia Yvette
CSW005663	Hill, Rhea Nicole
CSW005664	Huff, Carol Antonette
CSW005665	Lim, Keonyoung
CSW005666	Tillar-Coachman, Demetra Me'Quan

CSW005667	Carter, Dixie Lynne
CSW005668	Jones, Anitra Renee
CSW005669	Aaron, Patrick Phenix
CSW005670	Jemerson, Pamela Renee
CSW005671	Geist, Lindsay Elizabeth
CSW005672	Brown, Debra Francina
CSW005673	Jacobs, Emily Thornton
CSW005674	Jennings, Porter Fitzhugh
CSW005675	Muniz, Gabriela Rivera
CSW005676	Shields, Paris Cerlisia
CSW005677	Yawn, Wendy S
CSW005678	Hobbs, Patricia Ann
CSW005679	Johns, Nicole Raquel
CSW005680	Johnson, LaShanda Lee
CSW005681	Rhodes, Lisa Diane
LPC008719	Kovalev, Victor
LPC008720	McIlvanie, Stephen Reed, JR
LPC008721	Okanovic, Frances Alvarez
LPC008722	Power, Amanda Whatley
LPC008723	Stangland, Suzanne Nicole
LPC008724	Stroud, Contina Houston
LPC008725	Guthrie Thomas, Melissa D'Nise
LPC008726	Ahmadi, Rebecca Joy
LPC008727	Alpizar-Sanchez, Jennifer
LPC008728	Bentick, Melanie J
LPC008729	Bowne, Jamie Lynn
LPC008730	Cody, Kentosha Elaina
LPC008731	Huff, Destiny E'Shunda Thomas
LPC008732	Lawton, Shalette
LPC008733	Long, Tekia Billette
LPC008734	Nichols, Sarah Dawn
LPC008735	Womack, Anna Lane
LPC008736	Yeldell, Merci Petina
LPC008737	Babinska, Joanna Magdalena
LPC008738	Bryant, Marcia Sawki
LPC008739	Butler, Susan Lyn
LPC008740	Foy, Mitchell Terence
LPC008741	Gainer, Tracy Rheatte
LPC008742	Gracy, Bevin Ruth
LPC008743	Harris, Leigh Studstill

LPC008744	Hodges, Laquetia Monique
LPC008745	Johnson, Courtney Sims
LPC008746	Kouassi, Yasirah Powers
LPC008747	Leverett, Aishia Deshawn
LPC008748	Martin, Amanda Mae
LPC008749	Parker, Lisa Karla
LPC008750	Walker, Anika Marie
LPC008751	Walls, Phyllis Latta
LPC008752	White, Terri Lynn
LPC008753	Wood, Anna Belle
LPC008754	Taylor, Hollie Crawford
LPC008755	Hill, Conisha Annette
LPC008756	Rice, Margarita Velez
LPC008757	Finley, Louise Louthan
LPC008758	Staton, Joni Fulp
MFT001441	Dunn, LaTonya Nicole
MFT001442	Jerdon, Phillip Russell
MFT001443	Reid, Laurie A
MFT001444	Chaviano, Casey L
MFT001445	Jenkins, Michael Edmond
MFT001446	Michael, Socrotiff Carruth
MFT001447	Strine, Lauren Henderson
MSW003623	Nolette, Sara
MSW003731	Abernathy, Tonya
MSW005078	Herndon, Cassidy
MSW007177	Barro, Cassandra Illyse
MSW007178	Crawley, Cappreese
MSW007179	Weltner, Amelia Louise
MSW007180	Buckmire, Edrica LaJoyce
MSW007181	Larson, Brooke Erin
MSW007182	Moore, Gina Holliday
MSW007183	Scott, LaShawna Danielle
MSW007184	Williams, Marsha Lettice
MSW007185	Fripp, Yolanda Michelle
MSW007186	Gayle, Racquel Casandra
MSW007187	Hickman, Mercedes Alise
MSW007188	McCoy, Jonai Lileona
MSW007189	Thompson, Tierra Renee
MSW007190	Alimohamed, Alysha Charania
MSW007191	Andrews, Allison Nicole

MSW007192	Brooks, Grace Victorian
MSW007193	Glover, Lakeithia Melaine
MSW007194	Hilliard, Jonathan Travis
MSW007195	Irvin, Lineon Felix
MSW007196	Smith, Kristin Ashley

Ms. Klock-Powell moved, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Ratify List of licenses issued between Board meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded and the Board voted for the Board 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 applications, complaints; conduct applicant interviews; receive the Attorney General’s, Professional Practices (Complaint) and Professional Standards (Applications) Committee Reports.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, January 8, 2016 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. No votes were obtained during the Executive (Closed) Session of the meeting.

Applications:

The separate Professional Standards Committees reviewed and made recommendations on all applications presented by the administrative staff.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations for the Marriage & Family Therapist applications as reviewed and issue licenses to those reviewed upon receipt of passing exam score during today’s meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations for the Associate and Professional Counselor applications as reviewed and issue licenses to those reviewed upon receipt of passing exam score during today’s meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Marion motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Social Worker applications as reviewed and issue license to those reviewed upon receipt of exam score during today’s meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

PSC Committee - Applicant Interviews:

- D. S.
- D. K.
- P. J.
- A. B.
- K. D.
- S. W.
- A. MW.
- D. J.
- S. H.

Recommendations:

- Pending receipt of additional information
- Approved for licensure
- No show; deny
- Needs to apply by APC
- Approved for licensure
- Approved for licensure
- Needs to apply by MFT
- Approved to sit for exam
- Suggest study materials and doctor’s note

- T. V.

Approved to sit for exam

Ms. Klock-Powell moved, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation proposed by the committee's for the Applicant Interview as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

PPC Report: Complaints:

Recommendation - Closure:

- COMP160003, COMP160004, COMP160012, COMP160030, COMP160040, COMP160048, COMP160055, COMP160069, COMP160081, COMP160083, COMP160087, COMP160088, COMP160095, COMP160096, and COMP160097

PPC Report: Complaints:

Recommendation:

- COMP160001
- COMP150086
- COMP150091

Refer to Investigations
Investigative Interview
Investigative Interview

Investigative Interview

- COMP150092

Investigative Interview conducted by telephone; schedule follow up I.I.

Mr. Black moved, Ms. Warren-Rosas seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Professional Practices Committee Report and Investigative Interview as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

AG's Report:

Written status and activity report presented from Board review.

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to accept the AG's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Correspondence:

- D. H.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to refer D. H. to the AG's office. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

Recommendation:

- December 4, 2015 Executive Session

Approve as presented

Mr. Black moved, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the December 4, 2015 Executive Session Minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional business requiring discussion, Ms. Warren- Rosas motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Mary Katherine Lindsey, Board Support Specialist
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC1

STEVE LIVINGSTON, MFT
Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: **February 5, 2016**