

**RULES COMMITTEE OF THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Rules Committee Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2016

The Rules Committee of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met Friday, July 29, 2016 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Livingston, Chair
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Endsley Real, CSW

ABSENT:

Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Vice-Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG

GUESTS:

- **GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS:**
 - Don Meck, Ph.D.
 - Melton Strozier, Ph.D.

- Karen Starks, President, Board of Directors, GA Chapter of NASW
- Cheryl Bonneau, Executive Director, GA Chapter of NASW
- Gale Macke, CEO, GA LPC Association

The sitting committee meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the sitting committee of 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 SB 319 (Act 377) with the Legal Counsel. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Livingston, Real and Barker.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, July 29, 2016, Mr. Livingston declared the meeting of the sitting committee of the Board to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

The Rules Committee of the GA Composite Board met in closed session beginning at 9:00 a.m. to seek the advice of Legal Counsel with regard to the new law and its implication on the Board rules and licensees. Following this executive or closed session, the sitting committee opened the meeting. No votes were taken by the committee during this closed session.

Discussion:

- SB 319/Act 377 – Signed into Law Effective April 26, 2016

Joining the Composite Board's sitting committee this date were two Board members representing the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The Psychology Board members were present during today's committee meeting to consult with the Composite Board on changes to their rules and regulations that define for its licensees testing and assessments authorized by Chapter 43-10A.

Following discussion, the rules Composite Board's Rules Committee thanked the members present today representing the GA Board of Examiners of Psychologists for their input, and thanked the other guests as well. The sitting committee meeting was adjourned. The Composite Board's Rules Committee will continue to work on proposed amendments, changes, additions to the Board rules in response to this new legislation/law.

A follow up Rules Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m., prior to the full Board meeting scheduled on Friday August 5, 2016.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the sitting committee of the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 11:06 a.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: August 5, 2016