

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
Meeting Minutes – July 08, 2016

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met Friday, July 08, 2016 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Livingston, MFT, Chair  
Karen Warren-Rosas, MSW  
Gerri Ann Robbins, MFT  
Ben Marion, CSW/MFT  
Jack Perryman, LPC  
Endsley Real, CSW

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tommy Black, LPC  
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Vice-Chair  
Bonnie Barker, LPC

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1  
Linsey Brookins, BSS, HC-1  
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Karen Starks, LCSW, President-elect for the NASW Georgia Chapter	Satina Thrower, LPCA
Gale Macke, LPCA Executive Director	Darrell Brooks, LPCA
Diane Hall Smith, GAMFT	Kodie Tolleson, LPCA
Cheryl Bonneau, NASW	
Samuel Alderman II, Attorney for Victoria Wright	
Michael Deal, Attorneys Assistant	
Ava Hutchinson, Attorney Assistant	

Steve Livingston, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Agenda:** Approved as presented

**Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Warren-Rosas 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, conduct applicant and investigative interviews, receive the Attorney General, Professional Practices (Complaints) and Standards (Applications) Committee Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Livingston, Real, Warren-Rosas, Marion, Robbins, and Perryman.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, July 08, 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.**

**Applications:**

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

**Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Clinical and Master Social Worker applications as presented. In addition, the Board voted that the licenses can be issued upon the receipt of a passing exam score report. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Perryman motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Associate and Professional Counselor applications as presented. In addition, the Board voted that the licenses can be issued upon the receipt of a passing exam score report. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Robbins motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Associate and Marriage and Family Therapy applications as presented. In addition, the Board voted that the licenses can be issued upon the receipt of a passing exam score report. None opposed, motion carried.**

**PSC Committee: Applicant Interviews:**

**Recommendation**

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| • M.B. | Approved for licensure                        |
| • S.S. | Denied: Does not meet coursework requirements |
| • J.W. | Approved for licensure                        |
| • F.J. | Denied: Does not meet coursework requirements |
| • S.J. | Pending receipt of additional information     |
| • D.D. | Approved for examination                      |
| • J.W. | Pending receipt of additional information     |
| • F.S. | Pending receipt of additional information     |

**Ms. Warren-Rosas moved, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations proposed by the committee's for the Applicant Interviews as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Professional Practices Committee/Complaints:**

**Recommend Closure:**

COMP160126 and COMP160132

**Investigative Interviews Conducted:**

**Recommendation:**

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| COMP160110 | Pending receipt of additional information |
| COMP160121 | Pending verification                      |
| COMP160137 | Pending receipt of additional information |
| COMP160112 | Pending receipt of additional information |

**Recommendation: Refer to AG's office:**

COMP150077

**Non-Compliance – Board Order:**

**Recommendation:**

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| • L.R. | Attempt one final Contact |
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**Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Warren-Rosas seconded and the Board voted for the administrative staff to attempt one final contact with L.R.; if fails, then refer L.R. to the AG's office. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Warren-Rosas, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Professional Practices Committee report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Renewal issues:**

D. E.

Refer to AG's office

**Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Warren-Rosas seconded and the Board voted to refer D.E. to the AG's office if no response received. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Assistant Attorney General's Report:**

Written status and activity report presented for Board review.

**Ms. Robins motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Session Minutes:**

- June 10, 2016

**Ms. Real, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 10, 2016 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Appearance:**

- Victoria Wright

**Recommendation:**

Pending receipt of additional information.

**Miscellaneous Discussion Items:**

- NBCC/CCE: Tabled for discussion to the August scheduled board meeting due to the absence of Dr. Black who had previously requested the agenda topic to be discussed.
- Rule 135-9-.01 Requirements (CE's) – tabled discussion until next scheduled meeting date as new law (SB 319/Act 377) will cause changes to this rule. Committee to discuss between meetings and report back to full Board.

**Minutes:**

- June 10, 2016
- June 30, 2016 Practice Standards Committee Meeting

**Mr. Marion, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board voted to approve the above meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Correspondence:**

- Clayton College: Board Appearance – Postponed
- Farmer, Aleta Dobbs (LPC007523) Application File Request
- Mahin, Gloria (LPC008925) Application File Request

- Howard, Lynell (LPC004120) Application File Request
- Nghe, Erin: SW-Rule 135-5-.04(2)(b)1
- Pryor, Synita (LPC004946) Application File Request
- Bozja, Andrea (APC005068) Moving to KY: New Correspondence
- Fuller, Tabitha: Rule 135-5-.05 Contract Affidavit
- Ryan, Kristin: Diagnosis & DSM
- Governor Deal – RE HB 952

**Ms. Robbins motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to approve the release of file contents for A. Dobbs, G. Mahin, L. Howard, and S. Pryor as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Marion motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to allow the Board Staff to respond as directed to all other correspondences listed above. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Petitions for Waiver/Variance:**

- Abroms, A. – Rule 135-9.01
- Snow, M. – Rule 135-6-.04

**Mr. Marion motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to grant to petition requests of A. Abroms and M. Snow. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Application Ratify List:**

The application ratify list for today’s meeting was not ready; tabled; to be added to next month’s meetings listing.

**Board Chair Report:**

CE Broker: Tabled for discussion at the next scheduled meeting on August 5, 2016

The Rules Committee will be meeting via teleconference on July 21, 2016 to discuss the changes to the Board’s rules caused by new legislation signed into law (SB 319/Act 377). Recommendations will be presented to the full Board the next scheduled meeting date.

In addition, Board members were reminded to review the new legislation from the 2016 legislative session that have been signed into law: HB 821, HB 952, SB 319 and SB 367 specifically.

**Associations – Board Update**

Association updates were provided by Ms. Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA, and Dr. Karen Stark, President-Elect.

**With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Ms. Robbins motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today’s meeting at 5:07 p.m.**

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, BSS, HC1

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

**Steve Livingston**

**Brig Zimmerman**

Chair

Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: June 10, 2016