

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2016

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Livingston, MFT, Chair
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Vice-Chair
Gerri Ann Robbins, MFT
Ben Marion, CSW/MFT
Karen Warren-Rosas, MSW
Endsley Real, CSW
Tommy Black, LPC
Jack Perryman, LPC
Bonnie Barker, LPC

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG

VISITORS PRESENT (Public Rules Hearing @ 1:30 p.m.):

Sherri Rawsthorn, GSCSW
Stacie Fitzgerald, GSCSW, President
Karen Starks, LCSW, President-elect, NASW
Gale Macke, LPCA Executive Director
Larue Henson, Guest
Teresa Bradley, Guest
Brittney Lyle, LPCA
Karen D. Sutton, NASW
Charlie Safford, yourceus.com, INC.
Jacey Yunker, GSCSW
Barbara Lewison, GSCSW, Legislative Co-Chair
Lisa Morris, Metropolitan Counseling
Danny Harrison, Guest
Wendy Farmer, GCAC/BHL
Annie Duchere, LPC
Michael Johns, Guest
William Buchanan, GPA
Marsha Sauls, GA Psychology Board, Chair
Diane Hall Smith, GAMFT
Bowden Jenpleton, Guest

Denise Revels, Guest
Anna Omachome, Guest
Eunice Maleve', Guest
Tiffany Hodge, Guest
Natalie Bryor, Guest
Tanisha Struber, Social Worker
Rena Glass-Dixon, LCSW
Maria Josey, Guest
Jessica Spencer, Social Work Student
Marie Montoya, LPC
Takey Sharag, Guest
Karen Leverly, Guest
Dale Smith, Guest
Charles Sufford, Guest
Anna McSweeney, Guest
Craig Fluck, Guest
Virginia L. Jones, Guest
Whitney Pfohl, Guest
Jennifer Hightower, Guest

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

Mr. Marion motioned, Ms. Real 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 reports from the Boards Assistant Attorney General, the Professional Practices (Complaints) and the Professional Standards (Applications) Committees. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Livingston, Klock-Powell, Real, Warren-Rosas, Robbins, Marion, Barker, Black and Perryman.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, December 14, 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. Warren-Rosas 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.

Ms. Real moved, Ms. Warren-Rosas seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the original Board vote to refer the application file of J.M. to legal for a public reprimand with fine for unlicensed practice. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Warren-Rosas moved, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for reinstatement for Master Social Worker applicant J.M. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Real moved, Ms. Warren-Rosas seconded, and the Board voted to refer applicant for reinstatement of lapsed license, J.L., to legal services. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell 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.

Mr. Black moved, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board voted to refer Professional Counselor applicant T.N. to the Professional Practices Committee. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Robbins 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:

- N.C.S.
- M.W.
- N.H.
- T.B.

Recommendation:

- Approve
- Denial Stands
- Approve
- Denial Stands

Ms. Klock-Powell moved, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations proposed by the Professional Standards committees regarding the applicant interviews as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Professional Practices Committee/Complaints:

Recommend Closure:

COMP150039, COMP160112, COMP160116, COMP170013, COMP170028, COMP170029, COMP170042, COMP170054

Investigative Interviews Conducted:

COMP160138

Recommendation:

Close

Reviews:

COMP160042

COMP160145

COMP170032

COMP170049

COMP170055

COMP170065

Recommendation:

Refer to AG's Office

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Schedule for Investigative Interview

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Refer to AG's Office

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

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Written status and activity report presented for Board review.

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

Executive Session Minutes:

- November 4, 2016
- November 9, 2016 Teleconference

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 4, 2016 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 9, 2016 Teleconference Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Full Board Applicant Appearances:

- Yvette Simien
- Tavonda Hudson
- Celeste Meyer

Recommendation:

No Show; Denial Stands

Rescind Denial; Approve

Rescind Denial; Approve

Ms. Klock-Powell moved, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations proposed for the above Applicant Appearances as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- November 4, 2016
- November 9, 2016 Teleconference

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 4, 2016 Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 9, 2016 Teleconference Board Meeting minutes as presented None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- AMFTRB Adopted Test Retake Policy - ***Board Information Only***
- Application File Request: Carissa Sellers (CSW005389) – ***Board Approved***
- Application File Request: Tori Dixon, LPC Applicant – ***Board Approved***
- Franklin, Ika (MSW003772) Requesting extension to obtain hours – ***No Petition filed; Request denied.***
- Hammond, Angela (LPC002640) New Response to Board Inquiry – ***Board Approved***
- Leah van der Kooy – Counselor Questions – International Experience – ***May fall under new rules effective 09-2018; See Board Recommendations for future application for licensure.***
- Elizabeth Norris- Richmond Graduate University- Degree Options – ***Degree must be primarily in Counseling; refer to Board Rules***
- GA LPC Association – Gale Macke: Practicum/Internships – ***No Response Needed***

Mr. Perryman motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to approve the release of the file contents and/or exam score for C. Sellers and T. Dixon as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Staff to respond as directed to all other correspondences listed above. None opposed, motion carried.

Petitions for Waiver/Variance:

- M. Bethune
- C. Williams
- E. Wylie

Recommendation:

- Grant
- Grant
- Grant

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the original denial of the Petition Waiver for C. Williams. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Marion motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition requests of M. Bethune, C. Williams, and E. Wylie. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director’s Report:

- The Board discussed possible future policies regarding the following issues:
 - 1) Expired, Withdrawn, and Denied Applications
 - 2) Exam Extensions
 - 3) Continuing Education regarding Renewals
 - 4) Inactive Status Fee
- HB821 Military Families and Licensure

Proposed policies tabled until next scheduled meeting for further discussion. Rules Committee will begin review of any proposed rule amendments to comply with HB821.

Application Ratify List:

November 1, 2016 – December 13, 2016

License No	Licensee
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AMFT000465	Christina Maria Wolverton
AMFT000466	Laura Frances Knizley
AMFT000467	Madalyn Brooke Riggins
APC005672	Nazila Aghazadeh
APC005673	Julie Oglesby Allen
APC005674	Ta'Lesha Renee Brown
APC005675	Tori Brooke Goodling
APC005676	Phaciealeethas Hemmingway
APC005677	Candace Nicole Howard
APC005678	Karla Elease Jackson
APC005679	Deborah Ann Polczer
APC005680	Brannon Cabaniss Allen
APC005681	Wesley Charles Allen
APC005682	Christina Monisha Alston
APC005683	Kayla Michelle Arnold
APC005684	Matthew Lawrence Bestic
APC005685	Chyna Rena Brown
APC005686	Avedon D Elliott
APC005687	Allison Langston Fuster
APC005688	Asres Getanek
APC005689	Brittany Lynn Glaser
APC005690	Laniae Danielle Golden
APC005691	Tara Rochelle Goza
APC005692	William H Hemphill, II
APC005693	Bapuamoyo Dorothy Kambeya
APC005694	EliMaria Lintz
APC005695	Valencia Rashaun McCaskill
APC005696	Lyresa McGriff
APC005697	Shereen Elizabeth Mendelson
APC005698	Joannie Michell Morris
APC005699	Brittney Nicole Nation
APC005700	Amanda Marie Owen
APC005701	Kenya Nina Rainey
APC005702	Anne Adrienne Rice
APC005703	Lugenia Laverne Sanders
APC005704	Alyssa Brook Serrano
APC005705	Lauren Long Stinson
APC005706	Ashley Michele Tolleson
APC005707	Melanie Ann Varney
APC005708	Olivia Uwamahoro
APC005709	Emily Rebecca Zobanov

APC005710	Beverly Ann Aikens
APC005711	Joseph William Barber
APC005712	Belinda Kay Brock
APC005713	Charles Bryan Burgess
APC005714	Rozina Cooper
APC005715	Cecile Maria Dunkley Layne
APC005716	Kiah Ekundayo Nyame
APC005717	Michelle Wrayanne Glaze Parker
APC005718	Michael Christopher Phillips
APC005719	Sandra Jeanetta Pugh

APC005720	Danielle Chambers Rietta
APC005721	Ashley Nicole Simpson
APC005722	Nichola Denise Smith
APC005723	Keyla Danette Stephens
APC005724	Wendy Cromer Storey
APC005725	Holly Hogan Wright
APC005726	Jennifer Bauman Crosson
APC005727	Danelle Nicole Foster
APC005728	Oronde Hamani Yero
APC005729	Hope Leeann Fowler
APC005730	Jennifer Elaine Kensicki
APC005731	Stephanie Marie Duisterhof
APC005732	Natalie Lynne Wakeley
CSW005931	Betsy Oliva Mejias
CSW005932	Alexandra Lee Thompson
CSW005933	Kristen E Hernandez
CSW005934	Elisabeth Danielle Bletsch
CSW005935	Ngoneh Bullard
CSW005936	Rachel Lee Kudler
CSW005937	Dasen Joseph Moore
CSW005938	Maria C Romero-Ramos
CSW005939	Donnelle Marie Daly
CSW005940	Arielle LaNette Davis
CSW005941	Johnnie Angela Brooke
CSW005942	Amanda Savage Brown
CSW005943	Andrew Jonathan Nelson
CSW005944	Matthew Elliot Taylor
CSW005945	Cynthia Bacon-Whitted
CSW005946	Katie Michelle Morgan
CSW005947	Martha Hage Newton
CSW005948	Derrick A Williams
CSW005949	Kara Rose Holcomb
CSW005950	Sallie S Livingston
CSW005951	Gwendolyn Anderson Samuels
CSW005952	Rachel Evans Wellborn
CSW005953	Kabian DeSean Brown
CSW005954	Teresa Delena Hearn
CSW005955	Breanna Yunience Kelly

CSW005956	Aliyah Lamis Scott
CSW005957	Wenjie Sun
CSW005958	Sheila Jannell Hutto
CSW005959	Sapphira Blount Murray
CSW005960	Emily Rebecca Siegel
CSW005961	Adam P Young
LPC009274	Jason Tyler Belcourt
LPC009275	Candace Heather Baylor
LPC009276	Luis Charles Hines
LPC009277	Jamey A Hyman

LPC009278	Ernest Lawson, Jr.
LPC009279	Cherie Rios
LPC009280	Shane David Tratechaud
LPC009281	Christina M Zuniga Madrid
LPC009282	LaTasha Renea Abraham
LPC009283	Finetra Shaneen Chambers
LPC009284	Dehia Marie Cochran
LPC009285	Leslee Danielle Davis
LPC009286	Justen Lee DeBowles
LPC009287	Aumarey Nathaniel Ellis
LPC009288	Mary James Johnson
LPC009289	Lorien Marsingill Magnus
LPC009290	Aliah Gabriel Summers
LPC009291	Merry Porter Ware
LPC009292	Gabrielle Rene Waters
LPC009293	Amanda Nicole Almeida
LPC009294	Megan Denise Belcher
LPC009295	Willard T Brannen, Jr.
LPC009296	Brittany Joi Corcoran
LPC009297	Ernetta Dailey-Worthy
LPC009298	Stephanie Ann Davis
LPC009299	Jessica Joyce Dowdell
LPC009300	Akisha Shontay Fedd
LPC009301	Hillary Parramore Fernandez
LPC009302	Cheryl Gibson
LPC009303	Peyton Rhodes Knight
LPC009304	Kevin Ray Kurtz
LPC009305	Jennifer Elaine McLaurin
LPC009306	Philip Stephen Mitchell
LPC009307	Karen Drumgoole Paschal
LPC009308	Cynthia Jules Reeves
LPC009309	Amanda Dreisbach Rumsey
LPC009310	Sandtrice Denise Russell
LPC009311	Marie Elena O'Sullivan
LPC009312	Deborah Lynn Wells
LPC009313	Carmen Laurine Cripps Looney
LPC009314	Carline Scutt
LPC009315	Teresa Maria Busby
LPC009316	Shawanna Francis Cox
LPC009317	Pamela Jean Davis
LPC009318	Shalonda Kamisha Nash
LPC009319	Rhonda Gail Seymour
LPC009320	Natalie Flake Ford
LPC009321	Rebecca Elizabeth Seamon
LPC009322	Richard James Ehrhardt
LPC009323	Karla Marie Fedina

MFT001514	Kelly Margaret Broyles
MFT001515	Tyundreya M Lindsey
MFT001516	Lindsay Smith Scarpate
MFT001517	Tanea Winona McKee
MFT001518	Morgan Allan Stinson
MSW007604	Casey Mintz Beise
MSW007605	Kendra Elise Brumfield
MSW007606	Jaclyn DuVall Cox
MSW007607	Alisha Megin Delacruz
MSW007608	Julie Thompson Edwards
MSW007609	Ashley Danielle Jones
MSW007610	Candace Janelle Parker
MSW007611	William C Perry
MSW007612	Cicely Jamese Richard
MSW007613	Deidre Lafieyah Sudderth
MSW007614	Tanya Monique Davis
MSW007615	Ashleigh Amanda Layne
MSW007616	JoEllyn McBrayer McCracken
MSW007617	Antoinette Simone McDaniel
MSW007618	Diana Rivera
MSW007619	Amanda Marie Houghton
MSW007620	Maria Lee Christoforatos
MSW007621	Mark John Fyneweever
MSW007622	Magdalene Kidd Vasconez
MSW007623	Nancy Renee Westmoreland
MSW007624	Chelsey Kathleen Bell
MSW007625	Mary Kim Carde
MSW007626	Netta Cohen
MSW007627	Tiajuana Lifette Dillard
MSW007628	Jenna Lynn England
MSW007629	Kalicia L Fresh
MSW007630	Ashley Nicole Hall
MSW007631	Diane Dickens Hamon
MSW007632	Carmenlita Jarvis
MSW007633	Angela Marie Kerr
MSW007634	Brandiss Jenae Marks
MSW007635	Mary Beth Rose
MSW007636	Crystal Denise Jones
MSW007637	Jordan Alexis Miraglia

MSW007638	Ardin Parker Baughman
MSW007639	Stephanie Page Beitlich
MSW007640	Anna Kathryn Davis
MSW007641	Christopher Rane Faustin
MSW007642	Lori Nicole Hilley
MSW007643	Gelisa Evette Lewis
MSW007644	Emma Christine MacCurdy
MSW007645	Janetta Monique Serano
MSW007646	Andrea Marie Alvarez
MSW007647	Yvonne Ashlee Davis
MSW007648	Patrice Danielle Early
MSW007649	Kyendal McRant Eaton
MSW007650	Lauren Elizabeth Manning
MSW007651	Jennifer Anna Riapos
MSW007652	Breanne Jae Thigpen
MSW007653	Dina Delva
MSW007654	Pamela A. Johnson
MSW007655	Macy Dennis Preston
MSW007656	Linda Faye Stafford
MSW007657	Hadley Reese Standring
MSW007658	Annie Marie Ward
MSW007659	Kelli Rene Williams
MSW007660	Yanique Trisha-Dae Deane
MSW007661	Tanequa Shiquita Dorsey
MSW007662	Lora Christi Dukes
MSW007663	Elizabeth Marie Gaskins
MSW007664	Carissa Nicole Klutzke
MSW007665	Paige Alison Lewis
MSW007666	Marlen Rodriguez-Sandoval
MSW007667	Quicha LaShell Strong
MSW007668	Tiffany Chere Wilcox

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

Associations – Board Update

Association updates were provided by Ms. Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA.

Board Chair Report:

Steve Livingston, Chair, would like to express gratitude to all participating parties that have been involved with the formation and development of the new Composite Chapter regarding SB319/Act377.

Public Rules Hearing:

A Public Rules Hearing was conducted at 1:30 p.m. regarding the proposed new Board Rule Chapter 135-12 Testing and Assessments, new Board Rule 135-12-.01 Testing and Assessments. Court Reporter Present: Vanessa Cummings; Multiple visitors also present-see page one of these minutes for listing.

Chapter 135-12 Testing and Assessments

135-12-.01 Testing and Assessments

(1) No one licensed under O.C.G.A. § 43-10A shall have the authority to practice psychology, as defined in O.C.G.A. §43-39-1, unless that individual is also licensed to practice psychology under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 39

(2) Persons licensed as Professional Counselors may:

(a) use assessment instruments to evaluate emotional and mental problems and conditions, whether cognitive, behavioral or affective;

(b) administer and interpret educational and vocational assessment instruments;

(c) administer and interpret any other assessments or tests which he or she is qualified to employ by virtue of his or her education, training or experience.

(3) Persons licensed as Social Workers may:

(a) use assessment instruments to provide psychosocial evaluations;

(b) use assessment instruments to provide in-depth analyses and determinations of the nature and status of emotional, cognitive, mental, behavioral, and interpersonal problems or conditions.

(4) Persons licensed as Marriage and Family Therapists may:

(a) use assessment instruments to evaluate emotional and mental problems and conditions, whether cognitive, affective or behavioral;

(b) use assessment instruments that evaluate marital and family functioning.

(5) The use of these testing and assessment instruments may include, but is not limited to, administering and interpreting educational and vocational tests; functional assessments; interest inventories; tests that evaluate marital and family functioning; and mental health symptom screening and assessment instruments that evaluate emotional, mental, behavioral, and interpersonal problems or conditions including substance abuse, health, and disability, provided that the use of these assessment instruments does not include rendering a diagnosis of a mental and nervous disorder or illness, including but not limited to organic brain disorders, brain damage, or other neuropsychological conditions. Examples of testing and assessment instruments include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Adolescent Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory;

(b) Beck Depression Inventory;

(c) Beck Anxiety Inventory;

(d) Prepare-Enrich;

(e) Myers Briggs;

(f) Dyadic Adjustment Scale;

(g) Parenting Stress Index;

(h) Marital Satisfaction Inventory;

(i) Patient Health Questionnaire – 9;

(j) Drug Use Disorder Identification Test;

(k) Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale;

(l) Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory; and

(m) Violence Risk Appraisal Guide

(6) On or before January 1, 2018, any person licensed under O.C.G.A. § 43-10A working with people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse shall complete, and demonstrate completion of, a curriculum of education relating to diagnosing. A graduate level course in psychopathology consisting of a minimum of three (3) semester credit hours, which are equivalent to forty-five (45) clock hours, from a regionally accredited university shall satisfy this

requirement. As of July 1, 2016, persons licensed under this chapter with at least ten (10) years of experience as a professional counselor, clinical social worker, or marriage and family therapist working with people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse and in good standing with the Board are exempt from this requirement.

(7) Those completing this graduate level course by January 1, 2018, may submit up to twenty (20) hours (core) of the course, pursuant to Board Rule 135-9-(6)(b), as continuing education towards the required thirty-five (35) hours for renewal of the professional license for the licensure cycle ending September 30, 2018.

Authority: 0.C.G.A. §§ 43-1- 24, 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-6, 43-10A-7, 43-1 0A-11, 43-10A-12, 43-10A-13, 43-10A-16, and 43-10A-22.

Following input from the visitors to today’s rules hearing and Board discussion, Mr. Marion moved, Ms. Barker seconded and the Board voted not to adopt the new chapter and rule as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

The Board concluded that with all the feedback and correspondences in regards to the new proposed Chapter presented during today’s meeting, they will continue to revise the above written rule in consultation with the Psychology Board. A follow up Conference Call Rules Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2017 beginning at 2:00 p.m., prior to the full Board meeting scheduled on Friday January 6, 2017.

The Licensed Professional Counselor’s Professional Standards Committee is also scheduled to meet in person on January 5, 2017 at 10:45 a.m. for review and discussion of future policies and rules; and to conduct applicant interviews.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today’s meeting at 4:17 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: **January 6, 2017**