

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2017

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists LPC - Professional Standards Committee met Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. In addition, the Board's Rules Committee met by Teleconference beginning at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2017. The following members were present for the committee meetings:

MEMBERS PRESENT (LPC-PSC 10:00 a.m.):

Bonnie Barker, LPC
Tommy Black, LPC

MEMBERS PRESENT (Rules Committee – 2:00 p.m.):

Steve Livingston, MFT, Chair (via teleconference)
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Vice-Chair (via
Teleconference)
Endsley Real, CSW (via teleconference)
Tommy Black, 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

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA
Marsha Sauls, President of Psychology Board (via teleconference)
Bill Buchanan, GPA (via teleconference)
Donald Meck, Psychology Board (via teleconference – dropped off call at 2:16 pm)

Agenda: Approved with additional items:

- Discussion of creating a possible jurisprudence exam

The LPC-PS Committee entered into closed/executive session to conduct applicant interviews for the first hour of today's meeting, then returned to open session for discussion of LPC related rules and policy issues.

The sitting committee of the Board entered 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 conduct applicant interviews.

LPC-PSC Committee - Applicant Interviews:

- L.Y.
- M.E.

Recommendation:

Approve with LOC
Approve for licensure

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

LPC Rules and Policies Discussion:

The Committee discussed application and supervisor/supervision issues and considered possible solutions of these matters.

Policies Discussion:

- Exam Extension/Re Exam requests
- Denied/Withdrawn/Expired applications
- CE Approvals/ Renewal Extensions
 - Revision of Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance form
- Creation of Jurisprudence Exam
- Inactive Status fee

Rules Committee: 2:00 p.m.

The committee briefly discussed the proposed new Composite Board Chapter/Rule, then made the unanimous decision to review consider all oral and written suggestions from the public rules hearing December 14, 2016, and those recently received regarding this proposed new rule/chapter. A follow up, face to face, joint Composite Board Rules Committee meeting with the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

With no additional Committee business requiring discussion, the Board adjourned today's meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, BSS, 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: **February 3, 2017**