

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Rules Committee Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2017

The Rules Committee of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, February 24, 2017, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Livingston, MFT, Chair
Endsley Real, CSW, Vice-Chair (via telephone)
Katherine Klock-Powell, MFT (via telephone)
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Tommy Black, LPC

PSYCHOLOGY BOARD MEMBERS:

Marsha Sauls, President

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1
Josh Waters, Operations and Compliance Officer
Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist
Amanda Allen, Licensing Analyst Supervisor
Hope Harrison, Licensing Analyst

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gale Macke, GA LPC Association
Stacie Fitzgerald, CSW, GSCSW
William Buchanan, Psychology
Eric Groh, LPC
Karen Starks, NASW
Carl Johnson, GAMFT
Sherri Rawsthorn, CSW, GSCSW

Agenda: Approved as presented

The committee of the Board's meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Rules Discussion:

The Composite Board rules committee and a representative of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists continued discussion of a final draft of the proposed new chapter and rule on testing and assessments. The Board members requested and received input from the meetings guests. Rules discussed:

- Rule 135-12-.01 Testing and Assessments (Proposed New Chapter/Rule)
- Rule 135-3-.04 Licensure by Endorsement
- Rule 135-5-.05 AMFT Licensure Requirements
- Rule 135-5-.06 MFT Licensure Requirements

The committee developed a final draft of the proposed new chapter/rule 135-12-.01 & .02. A conference call meeting was decided upon for February 28, 2017, beginning at 4:30 p.m., for the committee to present the draft to the full Board for a vote of referral to the Attorney General's

Office for a memo of statutory authority. The committee tabled further discussion of the remaining proposed rule amendments, 135-3-.04, 135-5-.05 and 135-5-.06.

There being no further business to discuss, the sitting committee of the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Linsey Brookins, BSS
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

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Steve Livingston, LMFT, Chair Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC1

Minutes approved by Board vote: **March 10, 2017.**