

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2017 8:15 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference Friday June 16, 2017 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT
Ben Marion, CSW/MFT

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1
Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG

Mr. Livingston, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with one additional items:

- Open Records Request – M. Bejacmar-Didier

Public Rule Hearing:

There were no visitors for today's public rule hearing, and no submissions regarding the proposed new rule were received in the thirty days of posting for public view.

Chapter: 135-13 Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members

135-13-01 Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members

(1) As used in this rule, the following terms shall mean:

(a) "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.

(b) "Military spouse" means a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.

(c) "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the armed forces, including the National Guard.

(d) "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military on active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

(2) Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of the license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets the requirements for a license under the laws and rules for the type of license for which the applicant has applied.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25; 43-1-34; 43-10A-5; 43-10A-8; 43-10A-11; 43-10A-12; and 43-10A-13

Mr. Perryman motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to adopt Rule 135-13-01 Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

In addition, Mr. Perryman motioned, Ms. Real seconded and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule chapter and rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25; 43-1-34; 43-10A-5; 43-10A-8; 43-10A-11; 43-10A-12; and 43-10A-13, and that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25; 43-1-34; 43-10A-5; 43-10A-8; 43-10A-11; 43-10A-12; and 43-10A-13 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Professional Counseling, Social Work, and Marriage and Family Therapy. None opposed, motion carried.

Open Records Request from Maryland Board of Social Workers:

- Maria Bejacmar-Didier, CSW003742

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to release to the Maryland Board any documents or materials, and to release any application file contents, that are responsive to the request and not otherwise confidential and and/or not subject to release under the law including the open records act for M. Bejacmar-Didier as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's conference call meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

STEVE LIVINGSTON

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Chair

Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: **July 14, 2017**