

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
Board Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2018 8:30 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met Friday, January 5, 2018 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Livingston, MFT, Chair
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT
Ben Marion, CSW/MFT
Tommy Black, LPC
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Gerri Ann Robbins, MFT (via teleconference at 1:07 pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Karen Warren-Rosas, MSW
Jack Perryman, LPC
Endsley Real, CSW, Vice-Chair
(Consumer Member-VACANT)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1
Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor
Hope Harrison, Licensing Analyst

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG

VISITORS PRESENT: (Open Session)

Gale Macke, CEO of LPCA
Karen Starks, NASW GA
Sherri Rawsthorn, GSCSW
Barbara Lewison, GSCSW
Lisa Morris, Metropolitan Counseling Services
Holli Kelley, GAMFT
Bowden Templeton, GAMFT

Steve Livingston, Chair established that a quorum was **not** present and called the sitting committee of the Board to order at 8:39 a.m. * Board member, Gerri Ann, MFT, joined the meeting by telephone later in the day and a quorum was established.

Agenda: Approve as presented

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and 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 receive and review information pertaining to applications, conduct applicant interviews, review prior meeting executive session meeting minutes, 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, Marion, Barker and Black.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, January 05, 2018, Mr. Livingston of the Board declared the meeting in “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Applications:

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

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 an official exam score

report of passage of the exam if all other requirements for licensure have been met. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell 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 an official exam score report of passage of the exam if all other requirements for licensure have been met. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell 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 an official exam score report of passage of the exam if all other requirements for licensure have been met. None opposed, motion carried.

PSC Committee: Applicant Interviews:

- S.A.
- K.A.
- M.G.
- S.P.

Recommendation:

Cancelled
Refer to AG's office
Pending receipt of additional information
Approve

Mr. Black moved, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to refer K.A. to AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Professional Practices Committee/Complaints:

Recommend Closure:

COMP180035, COMP180071

Recommend an Investigative Interview:

COMP180044, COMP180046

Pending Receipt of Additional Information:

COMP180006, COMP180015, COMP180050, COMP180064, COMP180080

Investigative Interviews Conducted:

COMP170070 - (01/04/2018)
COMP180007 - (01/04/2018)
COMP180014 - (01/04/2018)
COMP180070 - (01/04/2018)

Recommendation:

Pending receipt of additional information
Refer to AG's office OMPE
No Show; Rescheduled
Pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Marion motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP180007 to AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Black 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:

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General provided a status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

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

Exec. Session Misc. Discussion Items:

- S.G.
- D.M.
- J.W.

Recommendation:

Deny Request
Deny Request
Board Information Only

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to deny the request for reconsideration for S.G. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to deny the request of D.M. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- December 7, 2017 PPC Meeting - *Tabled for Review and Acceptance*
- December 8, 2017 Board Meeting - *Tabled for Review and Acceptance*

Meeting Minutes:

- December 8, 2017 Board Meeting - *Tabled for Review and Acceptance*

Board Chair Report: Steve Livingston, MFT

Mr. Livingston had no report to present to the Board during today's meeting.

Full Board Appearances (Open):

- Bowen, Karen
- Williams, Mercedes
- Brown, Joyce
- Walsh, Sarah
- Long, Nancy

Recommendation:

No Show
Denial Stands
Denial Stands
Pending receipt of additional information
Rescind Denial; Approve

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted that the denial stands for the applications of M. Williams and J. Brown as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to consider rescinding the denial of S. Walsh upon receipt of additional information. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous denial of N. Long, and approve for licensure as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- L. Albert – Rule 135-5-.04(5)(e)
- Application File Requests – Documents requesting to be released
 - J. Carmichael – Release of Exam Scores
 - S. Dykes – Release of entire application file contents

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

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the release of the file contents for all requests referenced above as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Petitions for Waiver/Variance:

- Fowler, Richard – Rule 135-3-.01(3)

Recommendation:

Deny

- Leatherwood-Brock, Cary – RE Examination Deny
- Weimar, Robert – Rule 135-6-.06 Deny
- Williams, Mary – Rule 135-3-.01(3) Grant

Mr. Marion motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition requests of R. Fowler, C. Leatherwood-Brock, and R. Weimer due to a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship has not been demonstrated. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Marion motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for M. Williams as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 12/5/2017 - 1/3/2018

License No	Licensee		
		APC006213	James Thomas Giordanella
APC006171	Elise Morgan Miller	APC006214	Sara Anne Hong
APC006172	Mary Grace D Anderson	APC006215	Jacqueline Laverne Jones
APC006173	Jasmaine Efe Ataga	APC006216	Kori Renee Lee
APC006174	Lori Elizabeth Benedict	APC006217	Wanda Sue Merritt
APC006175	Allison Bienenfeld	APC006218	Syreeta Renee Nalls
APC006176	DeShelle Reshun Burrowes	APC006219	Jonathan Paul Nash
APC006177	Christian Javier Carmona-Carlo	APC006220	Amanda Culverhouse Oglesbee
APC006178	Elizabeth Gray Carter	APC006221	Lindsey Ashlin Pollard
APC006179	Erica Rae Chesser	APC006222	Clyde William Sandford
APC006180	Susie Tharpe Click	APC006223	Yoon Jung Song
APC006181	Denise Coffee	APC006224	Robert Moses Spaulding, II
APC006182	Sarah Danielle Cohen	APC006225	Yolanda Natalie Thompson
APC006183	Lynn Raleigh Cross Dunham	APC006226	Laura Mae Williams
APC006184	Darlene Fletcher	APC006227	Cherie Celeste Adams-Ndlovu
APC006185	Winter Charnae Foddrell	APC006228	Kristen Jeanette Macias
APC006186	Ashley Campbell House	APC006229	Olivia Jean Nickens
APC006187	Felipe R Howell	APC006230	Bathsheba Carrie Cherry
APC006188	Lori Gaddis Johnson	APC006231	Elimelech Lob
APC006189	Katherine Hider Keese	CSW006288	Patricia A Blackbarn
APC006190	Zaynah Khan	CSW006289	Kay L.H. Butler
APC006191	Polina Kitsis	CSW006290	Janie M Calhoun
APC006192	Mabinty Koroma	CSW006291	Linda Gale Cartwright
APC006193	Vickie Mallory Marks	CSW006292	Jana Drake Dunkley
APC006194	Marytere Mateo	CSW006293	Dangtoy Fitzgerald Lewis
APC006195	Ashlee Nicole Mayberry-Marshall	CSW006294	Keya Mecola Johnson
APC006196	Robyn Nicole Minefee	CSW006295	Pamala Tatoya Love
APC006197	Ashley Nichelle Morgan	CSW006296	Anamaria Cordero Mafnas
APC006198	Vanessa Erin Outlaw	CSW006297	Candance Marie-Nicole Morley
APC006199	Kewashah Naomi Peterkin	CSW006298	Jennifer Pickett Packer
APC006200	Catherine Jane Powers	CSW006299	Cristin Marie Picciano
APC006201	Darya Denise Reed	CSW006300	Jamie Esther Scott
APC006202	Natasha Chentille Riley	CSW006301	Kristin Gail Simmon-Lowman
APC006203	Zoe Simone Shaw	CSW006302	Leah Gisele Usery
APC006204	Keishla Marie Suazo-Padilla	CSW006303	Shondra Shantel Holmes
APC006205	Traci Long Westin	CSW006304	Kalie Jane Lounds
APC006206	Patricia Jackson Whalen	CSW006305	Rochelle Jordana Schube
APC006207	Taylor Nicole Whelchel	CSW006306	Jesica Matthews Eames
APC006208	Rhonda Scott Foxworthy	CSW006307	Dwayne Javon Taylor
APC006209	Allyson Renee Moffatt	CSW006308	Kelly Michelle Collier
APC006210	Brittany Nicole Currans	CSW006309	Diana Kaye Hensley

APC006211	Jeffrey Stroud Brannan	CSW006310	Tanesha Elaine Richards
APC006212	Tyeisha Middleton Crumsey	CSW006311	Sheri Kathleen Heid
CSW006312	Delores DeAnne Liston	LPC009950	Tony L Jenkins
CSW006313	Costella Herring McIntosh	LPC009951	Pamela Jane Landreth
CSW006314	Jeanelle Michelle Mercadel-	LPC009952	Herbert Kokernot Lea
CSW006315	Sunny Marie Figura	LPC009953	Sven Lailer Legg-Grady
CSW006316	Summer Taleb Al-Majed	LPC009954	Maya A Lemberg
CSW006317	Shundra Summers Burnes	LPC009955	Sarah Elizabeth Meng
CSW006318	Christine Steadman Mujica	LPC009956	Shannon Taylor O'Brien
CSW006319	Jessica Leigh Zipperer	LPC009957	Cherronica Chene Ormond
CSW006320	Keryn Johnson Benasuly	LPC009958	Jon Anderson Parker
CSW006321	Allison Deanna Hardy	LPC009959	Jennifer McConnell Poore
CSW006322	Kalene Denise McSwain-Faulkner	LPC009960	Amanda Overcash Reeding
CSW006323	Adriane LeShay Alexander	LPC009961	Kristen Gaylor Scarber
CSW006324	Kasheena Monque Griner	LPC009962	Aarolyn Yazmin Slates
CSW006325	Katherine L Norrod	LPC009963	Erika Malaisha Sledge
CSW006326	Jimill Re'Niece Scott	LPC009964	Maegan Yvonne Stuart
CSW006327	Karen Lynn Wolfgang	LPC009965	Crystal Frazier Toombs
CSW006328	Heather Renee MacGregor	LPC009966	Nora Ann Uriegas
CSW006329	Tracie Nicole Seng	LPC009967	Tracey Jean Van Dyke
CSW006330	Kristen Elizabeth Dye	LPC009968	Andriea Washington
CSW006331	Veronica Lockridge	LPC009969	Kristen Michelle Wedge
CSW006332	Danielle Jolan Maybury	LPC009970	Marion Lynne Chapman
CSW006333	Shanice Danielle Smith	LPC009971	Lisa Elaine Gentry
		LPC009972	Bethany Ashton Lanier
LPC009919	Kelli Luverne Vickers	LPC009973	Dixie Funderburk Powers
LPC009920	Shamshad Ahmed	LPC009974	Desirea Renee Russell
LPC009921	James Wesley Coleman	LPC009975	Karen Ann Abato
LPC009922	Amber Crigger Davis	LPC009976	Del Marsha Bennett
LPC009923	Amber Renee' Hightower	LPC009977	William Daniel Bird
LPC009924	James Dale Lovett	LPC009978	Brentia Jade Caldwell
LPC009925	Adrienne L Webb-Markopolos	LPC009979	Monica Odessa Hayman
LPC009926	Sharon R McMillan	LPC009980	Lisette Maria Infante
LPC009927	Anna Christina Miller	LPC009981	Carolyn Massengale Moreland
LPC009928	Stephen Whitefield Mitchell	LPC009982	Joanne Kinney
LPC009929	Reisha E Moxley	LPC009983	Eunice Mingo Blakely
LPC009930	Marquita Shalaine Myrick	LPC009984	Whitney Nevins Justice
LPC009931	Cassandra JoAnne Von Gerds	MFT001600	Aron Marisa Lewis
LPC009932	Amy Deann Young	MFT001601	Claudia Larteley Lartey
LPC009933	Pamela Allen Ambler	MFT001602	Praysha Renee' Malone
LPC009934	Rebecca Sue Amburn	MFT001603	Daniel Brian Peeks
LPC009935	LaDonna Catherine Barnes	MFT001604	Dawn Monique Swiney
LPC009936	Catherine Leigh Barton	MFT001605	Oprah DeKontee Zeon
LPC009937	Mary Elizabeth Steketee Battle	MFT001606	Sharai Rakel Bradshaw
LPC009938	Michele DuPuis Bouchard	MFT001607	Kevon Jabarr Goodrum
LPC009939	Christy Sue Campbell	MSW008166	Mary Kesewaa Benn
LPC009940	Christadora Clymer	MSW008167	Amy G Bradley
LPC009941	Camille Antoinett Colson	MSW008168	Jessica Merrianna Bryant
LPC009942	Angelica Nicole Connell	MSW008169	Elyse Bridget Casher
LPC009943	Alice Susan Cornejo	MSW008170	Tammy Cox Cagle
LPC009944	Michael Cyril Daniel	MSW008171	Nicolette Marie Charboneau
LPC009945	Melissa Beth Coats	MSW008172	Jordan Martin Hendrix
LPC009946	Letrice Lenette Deloach	MSW008173	Quentin Ramon Jiles
LPC009947	Jervon Derrick Hamilton	MSW008174	Natalie Amparito Jones

LPC009948	Jennifer R Rose Heflin	MSW008175	Kristin Anne Martell
LPC009949	Dionne Taylor Houston	MSW008201	Shannon Elaine Davidson
MSW008178	Erica Lane Owens	MSW008202	Ashley Noel Chiles
MSW008179	Katherine Marie Strickland	MSW008203	Sheba Mae Phillips
MSW008180	Cassandre Elena Dujour	MSW008204	Karen Elizabeth Cleveland-Ward
MSW008181	Elizabeth Jean Wicks	MSW008205	Kanisha Latrece Johnson
MSW008182	Jordan Alexandria Abernathy-	MSW008206	Jaime Ann Stepansky
MSW008183	Dominique Jade Antal	MSW008207	Mya Nealie Walsh
MSW008184	Deirdre Michelle Bowens	MSW008208	Kares M Clarke
MSW008185	Corinthia Bell	MSW008209	Melanie Sharai Cunningham
MSW008186	Connie Marie Godfrey Ellerbee	MSW008210	Megan Jean Lowry
MSW008187	Vena Kim Cain	MSW008211	Margaret Rose Malone
MSW008188	Taneesha Mershell Terry	MSW008212	Marlea Carol Mazzyck
MSW008189	Kasey Ann Vermilya	MSW008213	Jonathan Edward Walker
MSW008190	Stephen Eugene Knight	MSW008214	Jewel Elizabeth Wakefield
MSW008191	Katrishia Raylani Bratton	MSW008215	Rebecca Lee Wilson
MSW008192	Anita Raquel Iniguez-Bouziane	MSW008216	Loretta Hill-Adams
MSW008193	Michelle Lane Kane	MSW008217	Tasheika Vinson
MSW008194	Djenaba Cashenique Mathis	MSW008218	Alfton Lynn Turner
MSW008195	Ngozi Ofoedu	MSW008219	Ashley Nicole Jackson
MSW008196	Emily Frances Rider	MSW008220	Amanda Neoami Grant
MSW008197	Ariel Hannah Rothenberg	MSW008221	Crystal Shawana Harris
MSW008198	Eliza Segell	MSW008222	Gloria Gail Kearney
MSW008199	Jessica Thompson	MSW008223	Heather Kwan
MSW008200	Ashley Rockell Woodbridge	MSW008224	Jessica Katrina Williams

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Barker 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 Gale Macke, CEO of LPCA, Karen Starks, NASW GA, Sherri Rawsthorn, GSCSW, and Holly Kelley, GAMFT.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Marion seconded, and the Board voted to re-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) for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the applications of the applicant appearance’s conducted before the Board. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Livingston, Klock-Powell, Marion, Robbins, Barker and Black.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, January 5, 2018, Mr. Livingston of the Board declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Hearings before the Board:

B. Cohen, Esq., AAG represented the Board for the following hearings scheduled before the Board. Maximus Changus, Esq., AAG, participating via teleconference, provided legal counsel to the Board during their deliberations. Steve Livingston, Chair, called the hearings to order at 3:09 p.m.

- Frederick A. Thrasher – LPC004599 Docket # 2017-1846 3:00 p.m.
Evidence of the Board’s hand delivered Notice of Hearing, Matters Asserted to Mr. Thrasher was presented to the Board. Mr. Thrasher did not attend the hearing in person, nor requested to participate via telephone.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the motion carried 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 deliberate on the hearing conducted and seek advice of legal counsel from Maximus Changes, AAG.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, 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. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

Board's Recommendation: Revocation of license; written final decision to follow; to be signed by Board Executive Director by express permission, and submitted for the Division Directors signature and docketing. Revocation to be effective upon verification of proof of service of docketed decision to Mr. Frederick Thrasher.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to revoke the license of Mr. Frederick Thrasher as recommended, for final decision to be signed by the Executive Director, and the revocation to become effective upon proof of service of docketed copy of final decision to Mr. Thrasher. None opposed, motion carried.

- Antoine C. Johnson – LPC007051 Docket # 2017-1845 3:30 p.m.
Motion for Continuance filed by Mr. Johnson's legal counsel; presented to Board by AAG Cohen

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to grant the Motion for Continuance for the scheduled hearing of Antoine Johnson as presented by the Assistant Attorney General, B. Cohen. Hearing to be rescheduled. None opposed, motion carried.

Committee Meetings:

The Georgia Composite Board's Professional Standards Committee requested to meet in person in Executive Session on Thursday prior to the February 9, 2018 scheduled Board meeting to review complaint cases and conduct investigative interviews. The committee will be scheduled to meet in the Board offices, in executive session, on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 10:00 am.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist, HC-1

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 9, 2018**