

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
Board Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2018 8:30 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met Friday, April 6, 2018 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Livingston, MFT, Chair
Endsley Real, CSW, Vice-Chair
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT
Gerri Ann Robbins, MFT
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Jack Perryman, LPC
Tommy Black, LPC

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ben Marion, CSW/MFT
Karen Warren-Rosas, MSW
(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)

During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for a personal appearance.

Gale Macke, CEO of LPCA
Karen Starks, NASW
Lisa Morris, Metropolitan Counseling Services
Stephen McSweeney, CEU Creations
Sherri Rawsthorn, GSCSW
Eric Rodgers, Guest

Steve Livingston, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the Board Meeting to order at 8:48 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Robbins 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, Real, Klock-Powell, Robbins, Barker, Black and Perryman.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 6, 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. Real motioned, Mr. Black 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.

Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Robbins 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. 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 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:

- K.J.
- C.C.
- J.B.
- J.R.

Recommendation:

Pending receipt of additional information
Pending receipt of additional information
Cancelled
Pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Black motioned, 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.

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.

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

Hearings before the Board: 11:45 a.m. C. Martin, LPC008945 - *Hearing Cancelled*

- Board accepted his signed Public Consent Order

Mr. Perryman motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed public consent order from C. Martin. None opposed; motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- Supervised Internship/Practicums

The Boards professional counselor members held discussion regarding statutory requirements of a supervised internship or practicum being included in degree programs. If no supervised internship or practicum indicated on the transcript, can the application for licensure be denied? In addition, if there is a supervised internship or practicum that the Board does not recognize, approve or accept, then that applicant can be approved, but will need a fourth year of directed work experience under supervision, whereas with an approved or recognized supervised internship or practicum, they need three years.

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to request an "official" memorandum of advice from the Attorney General's office for opinion of the statutory language outlined in O.C.G.A. § 43-10A-11, as it regards to applicants practicum/internship being a requirement of the degree program. None opposed, motion carried.

Professional Practices Committee/Complaints:

Recommend Closure:

COMP170008, COMP170070, COMP170149, COMP170151, COMP170154, COMP180028, COMP180074, COMP180078, COMP180084, COMP180110, COMP180114, COMP180122

Recommend Referral to AG's Office:

COMP180015

Recommend an Investigative Interview:

COMP180081, COMP180106, COMP180123

Recommend Pending Receipt of Additional Information:

COMP170143, COMP180006, COMP180025, COMP180051, COMP180088, COMP180089, COMP180109, COMP180121, COMP180126, COMP180134, COMP180135, COMP180141

Investigative Interviews Conducted:

COMP180086 (04/05/2018)
COMP180058 (04/05/2018) - *No show*
COMP180123 (04/05/2018)
COMP180007 (04/05/2018) - *Cancelled*

Recommendation:

Pending receipt of additional information
Refer to Investigations
Reschedule Investigative Interview
Interview Cancelled by Respondent

Applicant Interviews Conducted:

M.B-D. (04/05/2018)

Recommendation:

Refer to AG's office for Consent Agreement for Reinstatement

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to refer the reinstatement application of M.B-D to the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of COMP180015 and refer the case to the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker 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.

Petition for Termination of Suspended Status:

- D. Rubin

Recommendation:

Refer to AG's Office

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board accept the recommendations made on D. Rubin to refer the matter to the AG's office. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- March 8, 2018 PPC Meeting
- March 9, 2018 Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Accept as Presented
Accept as Presented

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 8, 2018 Executive Session Professional Practices Committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 9, 2018 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- March 9, 2018 Board Meeting
- March 28, 2018 MFT-PSC C.C.

Recommendation:

Accept as Presented
Accept as Presented

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 9, 2018 Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 28, 2018 MFT-PSC Conference Call meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Chair Report: Steve Livingston, MFT

Mr. Livingston announced that the Board has been in the process of reviewing and revising a great deal of Board rules for each of the professions. He expressed his appreciation to all members of the Board for their hard work and diligence throughout the rule changing process.

Full Board Appearances (Open):

- Grable, Vickie
- Register, Denise
- Jones, Jazmin
- Dawes, Alicia
- Harris, Regina

Recommendation:

Denial Stands
Pending receipt of additional information
Denial Stands
Denial Stands
Rescind Denial; Approve

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted that the denial stands for the applications of V. Grable, J. Jones, and A. Dawes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous denial of R. Harris application for licensure and approve the applicant to sit for the national exam and for issuance of a license upon passage of the exam. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- R. Hazlett-Knudsen – RE Rule 135-5-.04
- R. Atkins – SW Bachelor Level Requirements
- S. Lord - Re Supervisor Credential
- R. Dunham – PC Question RE Direct vs. Indirect Work Experience
 - ❖ Applications File Requests for the release of contents to a third party:
 - Suzanne Burton (CSW002111) Release of exam score report
 - Bertrina West (LPC Applicant) Release of transcripts, references and exam score report
 - Jolonda Greene (LPC004482) Release of supervision documents to SC

Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Robbins 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 application requests referenced above as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Petitions for Waiver/Variance:

- Makeba Osayande – Rule 135-5-.04
- Charlotte Warren – Rule 135-9-.01
- Jeanette Jones – Rule 135-3-.01
- Jennifer Little – Rule 135-5-.02

Recommendation:

Deny
Grant
Grant
Deny

Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for M. Osayande due to a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship has not been demonstrated as required by law. None opposed, motion carried

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for C. Warren as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for J. Little due to a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship has not been demonstrated as required by law. None opposed, motion carried

Rules Discussion:

- 135-3-.04 Licensure by Endorsement
- 135-5-.05 Associate Marriage and Family Therapists
- 135-5-.06 Marriage and Family Therapists
- 135-6-.03 Biennial Renewal Cycle
- 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses
- 135-6-.06 Inactive Status
- 135-9-.01 Requirements (CE)
- 135-9-.02 Documentation (CE)
- 135-9-.03 Repealed (CE)
- 135-12-.01 Testing and Assessment Instruments
- 135-12-.02 Diagnosis

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board voted to submit the above proposed amendments as presented to Rule 135-5-.05 Associate Marriage and Family Therapists to the Attorney General's Office for a memo of statutory authority, and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days required for public view and comment with a public rules hearing/adoption to be scheduled during the next available Board meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Board voted to submit the above proposed amendments as presented to Rule 135-5-.06 Marriage and Family Therapists to the Attorney General's Office for a memo of statutory authority, and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days required for public view and comment with a public rules hearing/adoption to be scheduled during the next available Board meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to submit the above proposed amendments as presented to Rule 135-6-.06 Inactive Status to the Attorney General's Office for a memo of statutory authority, and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days required for public view and comment with a public rules hearing/adoption to be scheduled during the next available Board meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to submit the above proposed amendments as presented to Rule 135-9-.03 Repealed (CE) to the Attorney General's Office for a memo of statutory authority, and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days required for public view and comment with a public rules hearing/adoption to be scheduled during the next available Board meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to submit the above proposed amendments as presented to Rule 135-3-.04 Licensure by Endorsement to the Attorney General's Office for a memo of statutory authority, and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days required for public view and comment with a public rules hearing/adoption to be scheduled during the next available Board meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to submit the above proposed amendments as presented to Rule 135-12-.01 Testing and Assessment Instruments to the Attorney General's Office for a memo of statutory authority, and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days required for public view and comment with a public rules hearing/adoption to be scheduled during the next available Board meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to submit the above proposed amendments as presented to Rule 135-12-.02 Diagnosis to the Attorney General's Office for a memo of statutory authority, and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days required for public view and comment with a public rules hearing/adoption to be scheduled during the next available Board meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Proposed amendments presented and discussed to Board rules 135-6-.03, 135-6-.04, 135-9-.01 and 135-9-.02 will be needed if the proposed new rule 135-9-.03 is statutorily approved. Upon receipt of a Memo of Statutory Authority is received from the Attorney General's office regarding 135-9-.03.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 3/7/2018 - 4/3/2018

License No	Licensee
APC006300	Revon Miller
APC006301	Estefania Salinas
APC006302	Tiffany Larayne Alberto
APC006303	Jennifer Allene Blondeau
APC006304	Mariana Brady
APC006305	Frederick Dare Brockington
APC006306	Deondra Attical Curry
APC006307	Vernice Irene Davis
APC006308	Sean Andrew Drop
APC006309	Danielle Monique Emina
APC006310	Charlett Theresa Harris
APC006311	Ashley Elizabeth Jeffries
APC006312	Caitlin Mariah Johnson
APC006313	Maureen Unoma Onyewuenyi
APC006314	Laurie Adams Newcomb
APC006315	Jenise Rivera
APC006316	Melissa Diane Shepherd
APC006317	Kimberly Eun-bierr Song
APC006318	Britland Gove Stefani
APC006319	Jessica Lynn Wiggs
APC006320	Chastity Chavaughne Williams
APC006321	Jessica Leigh Williams
APC006322	Nwandi Williams
APC006323	Kaitlin Mary Byrne
APC006324	Monique T Jones
APC006325	Cary Elizabeth Leatherwood Brock
APC006326	Amina S Long
APC006327	Yvonne Marie McCastle
APC006328	Rainbow Spring Thomas
APC006329	Cristiana Dianne Valenti
APC006330	Haley Hardin West
APC006331	Adrian Denese Wilson
CSW006387	Vicky Belt Bibler
CSW006388	Barbara E Campbell-Antoine
CSW006389	LeeAnn Elizabeth Coffey
CSW006390	Brian Austin Teal
CSW006391	Kristi Nicole Barnes
CSW006392	Melissa Rena Dempsey
CSW006393	Treva Gray Jones
CSW006394	Hilary Morgan Warren
CSW006395	Cason Bledsoe Wilson
CSW006396	Hollis Silverman

CSW006397	Kimberly Miller Parker
CSW006398	Cara Lee Hansen
CSW006399	Lauren Deborah Langford
CSW006400	Kayon Montrice Smith
CSW006401	Lisa Denise Tellier
CSW006402	Danielle A Walker
CSW006403	Megan Suzanne Booth
CSW006404	Shava Cureton-Clark
CSW006405	Tamar Ilana Friedman
CSW006406	Kristina Shunte Joseph
CSW006407	Matthew Ross Raskind
CSW006408	Brent Dillin Temple
CSW006409	Marjorie Virginia Firebaugh
CSW006410	Lisa Sachs Foppa
CSW006411	Jacqueline Gillespie Trammell
LPC010073	Madonna Beth Mezzanotte
LPC010074	Lyvonna Vonshell Simmons
LPC010075	Andrea Leona Butler
LPC010076	Tammy Edwards Cauthen
LPC010077	Carl Thomas Dickerson
LPC010078	Janel Meredith Falvey
LPC010079	Richard Michael John Fryer
LPC010080	Michelle Anne Garbade
LPC010081	Lea P Hunter
LPC010082	Cheryl Elizabeth Rushing
LPC010083	Taundra Thompson Purnell
LPC010084	Meatria L Williams-Tyson
LPC010085	Chandra Nicole Albritton
LPC010086	Ashley Nicole Bagwell
LPC010087	Teresa Denise Bradley
LPC010088	Jennifer Ashley Bryant
LPC010089	Justin Elliott Carson
LPC010090	Toni Auga Botenne Clemons
LPC010091	Bradford Martin Coleman
LPC010092	April Dasher
LPC010093	Brittany Lynn Faircloth
LPC010094	Kristina Lyn Fredericksen
LPC010095	Cassandra Scott Guerrero
LPC010096	Tracy Beth Hall
LPC010097	Sarah Elizabeth Harber
LPC010098	Crystal Harrison
LPC010099	Alysa Elizabeth Hughes

LPC010100	Lee Anna King
LPC010101	Gerianne Clarice Kneeland
LPC010102	Sandra Elaine Mason
LPC010103	Sade D Mierez-Grady
LPC010104	Molly Mishell Moore
LPC010105	Conard Tyron Peacock
LPC010106	Sandra Jeanetta Pugh
LPC010107	Shante Lashunn Shipp
LPC010108	Shannon Thome Stapleton
LPC010109	Laurie Gordon Swope
LPC010110	Theresa Mechelle Thomas
LPC010111	Teresa Faye Walton-Skinner
LPC010112	LaTonia Demetria Watkins
LPC010113	Kasi Ann Williams
LPC010114	Tiffanie Wigstrom Williams
LPC010115	X'Cel Marie Cedeno
LPC010116	Adrienne Stout Warnken
LPC010117	Jennifer M Trawick
LPC010118	LaToya Nekeisha Battle
LPC010119	Dana Vermelle Evans
LPC010120	Helen Jackson
LPC010121	Deborah M Turner
LPC010122	John Benjamin Hixson
LPC010123	Alissa Marie Bell

MFT001618	Alexandria Kay Lawrence
MFT001619	Ann Marie Dillard
MFT001620	Dontea Lynn Mitchell Hunter
MFT001621	Christine Michelle Riley
MSW008291	Shamina Don'Yale Jackson
MSW008292	Jennifer Williams Justice
MSW008293	Heather Ann Osborne
MSW008294	Michele Gwen Saltman
MSW008295	Imani Nicole Byers
MSW008296	Tashina Viola Hopson
MSW008297	Charlotte Moriea Lurch-Winston
MSW008298	Stephanie Lynn Shaukat
MSW008299	Shelby Marie Adams
MSW008300	Annie Woodfin Blount
MSW008301	Jamika Michelle Johnson-Tabb
MSW008302	Assada Sanders
MSW008303	Gaelyn Lockett Soutar
MSW008304	Dianne T Rausher
MSW008305	Kristin Lea Barnett
MSW008306	Stephanie Gentry
MSW008307	Raessha Latrice Stanley
MSW008308	Stephanie Brooke Christian
MSW008309	Kathryn Raileen Fletcher
MSW008310	William Armenger Lane, III

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Real 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 and Karen Starks, NASW.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Barkers 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 deliberating on the applications of the full board appearances conducted earlier in the meeting. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Livingston, Real, Klock-Powell, Robbins, Black, Barker and Perryman.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, March 9, 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.

Committee Meetings:

The Georgia Composite Board’s Professional Standards Committee will continue to meet in person, Executive (Closed) Session, on the Thursday prior to the scheduled Friday full Composite Board Meetings to review complaint cases and conduct investigative interviews through June, 2018. The committee will meet in the Board offices beginning at 10:00 am.

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists General Rules Committee requested to meet via conference call to review and revise various Board rules. The committee will be scheduled to meet via teleconference on Friday, April 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family

Therapists LPC Professional Standards Committee requested to meet via conference call to review and revise Board rules specific to the profession. The committee will be scheduled to meet via teleconference on Thursday, April 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 3:05 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

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Chair

Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: **May 11, 2018**