

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
Board Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2019 8:30 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met Friday, February 8, 2019 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Endsley Real, CSW, Chair
Jacqueline Brown, CSW
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Tommy Black, LPC

MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT SEATS:

(Consumer Member-VACANT)
(MFT Member – VACANT)
Steve Livingston, MFT
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Vice-Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
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
Stephen McSweeney, CEU Creations
Rebecca Anne, GCSW
Sherri Rawsthorn, GSCSW
Joseph Wolsteucroft, LPCA of GA
Michele Frey, LPC
Richard Fowler, Truett McConnell Univ.
Natalie Ford, Truett McConnell Univ.
Holli Kelly, GAMFT

Endsley Real, Chair established that a quorum was **not** present and called the committee meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Ms. Barker motioned, Mr. Black seconded and the sitting committee voted 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 receive and review information pertaining to applications, conduct applicant interviews, review prior meeting executive session meeting minutes, receive reports from the Assistant Attorney General, the Professional Practices (Complaints) and the Professional Standards (Applications) Committees. Voting in favor of the motion were Board members present: Real, Brown, Black, and Barker.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, February 8, 2019, Ms. Real, Chair, 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.

PSC Committee: Applicant Interviews:

- B.B.

Recommendation:

Approve for licensure

- L.L
- J.G
- X.S.

Deny
 Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
 Approve for licensure

PSC Interview – Renewal Issue:

- A.A.

Recommendation:

Approve

Ex. Misc. Discussion Items:

- T.B.
- D.S.
- A.M.
- M.F.
- D.M.
- B.A.

Recommendation:

The Board is not authorized to waive the law
 Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
 Refer to AG office
 Refer to AG office
 Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
 Refer to AG office

Full Board Appearances (Open):

- Takeya McCarthy-McDonald
- Mya Cullins
- Erika Kislyanov
- London Parks

Recommendation:

Denial Stands
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 Denial Stands

Correspondence:

- D. Brathwaite – Request for Release from Probation
- NASW – RE CE Approval Question
- H. Whitley – RE LPC Requirements
- M. Bonnett – Re LPC Meeting Request

Note: Due to no quorum being present during today's meeting, Correspondences will be presented and recommendations/votes will be obtained during an additional scheduled conference call

Application File Requests:

- A. Wellons (CSW002679) – Release of application file including supervision documents to NC
- C. Mezza (LPC004731) – Release of entire application file to VA
- M. Long (LPC005127) – Release of entire application file to LA

Note: Due to no quorum being present during today's meeting, Application File Requests will be presented and recommendations/votes will be obtained during an additional scheduled conference call

Petitions for Waiver/Variance:

- M. Sims – Rule 135-3-.03
- G. Macino – 135-9-.01
- V. Vaughn – 135-9-.01

Note: Due to no quorum being present during today's meeting, Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variance will be presented and recommendations/votes will be obtained during an additional scheduled conference call

Meeting Minutes:

- January 4, 2019 Board Meeting
- January 11, 2019 Conf. Call

Recommendation:

Acceptance Tabled
Acceptance Tabled

Executive Session Minutes:-

- January 3, 2019 PPC Meeting
- January 4, 2019 Board Meeting
- January 11, 2019 Conf. Call

Recommendation:-

Acceptance Tabled
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Associations – Board Update: Association updates were provided by Gale Macke, LPCA, Holly Kelly, GAMFT, Karen Starks, NASW and Sherri Rawsthorn, GSCSW

Board Chair Report:

Ms. Real had no chair report to present to the Board during today’s meeting.

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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.

Professional Practices Committee/Complaints:

Investigative Interview Conducted:

COMP180025 (02/07/2019)

COMP190035 (02/07/2019)

Recommendation:

Close Case

Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

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. The committee will meet in the Board offices beginning at 10:00 am.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the sitting committee adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

****Due to no quorum being present, there will be an additional conference call scheduled to obtain all required votes****

Minutes recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

ENDSLEY REAL

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director HC1

Minutes approved **March 8, 2019**