

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Conference Call

Board Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2019 3:30 PM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference Friday, February 13, 2019 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Endsley Real, CSW, Chair  
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Vice-Chair  
Jacqueline Brown, CSW  
Bonnie Barker, LPC  
Tommy Black, LPC  
Steve Livingston, MFT

**MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT SEATS:**

(Consumer Member-VACANT)  
(MFT Member – VACANT)

**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

Endsley Real, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

**Agenda:** Approved as presented

**Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Brown seconded and the Board 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, discuss prior meetings applicant interviews, review prior meeting executive session meeting minutes, receive reports from the Assistant Attorney General, Professional Practices (Complaints) Committee and the Professional Standards (Applications) Committees. Voting in favor of the motion were Board members present: Real, Klock-Powell, Livingston, Brown, Black, and Barker.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 upon the loss of a voting quorum, 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.

**Mr. Livingston 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 licenses be issued upon 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. Livingston motioned, Mr. Black 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 licenses 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. Livingston motioned, Mr. Black 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 licenses 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. Brown motioned, Mr. Black seconded and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of L.O. and refer the matter to the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**PSC Committee: Applicant Interviews:**

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

**Recommendation:**

Approve for licensure  
Deny  
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information  
Approve for licensure

**Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation for the applicant interviews as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**PSC Interview – Renewal Issue:**

- A.A.

**Recommendation:**

Approve

**Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation for A.A. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ex. Misc. Discussion Items:**

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

**Recommendation:**

Respond as directed  
Table; Pending receipt of additional information  
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Refer to AG office  
Table; Pending receipt of additional information  
Refer to AG office

**Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation for T.B. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation for D.S. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation for A.M. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation for M.F. and refer the matter to the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation for D.M. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to refer B.A. to the AG's office for a Consent Order 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. In addition, the following items of business were presented to the Board during this conference call that were not presented last meeting.

- T.G. – Request to approve signed Consent Order with revisions discussed; for the Executive Director to sign the order by express permission for the Chair upon receipt and submit for docketing.
- W.B. – Approve Request

- Request for the rescission of Board's prior memo to AG's office for advice regarding Petitions for Waivers or Variances filed; Table for now.

**Ms. Brown motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to approve the acceptance of the Board Consent Order of T.G. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to approve the request for W.B. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Brown motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the request for advice on Petitions from the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Full Board Appearances (Open):**

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

**Recommendation:**

Denial Stands  
Denial Stands  
Denial Stands  
Denial Stands

**Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted that the denial stands for the application of T. McCarthy-McDonald as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted that the denial stands for the application of M. Cullins as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted that the denial stands for the application of E. Kislyanov as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted that the denial stands for the application of L. Parks as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

***NOTE: The conference call meetings quorum was lost when one member dropped off the call at this point in the meeting. The following items were discussed briefly, however no votes were taken due to the loss of the voting quorum.***

**Professional Practices Committee/Complaints:**

**Investigative Interview Conducted:**

COMP180025 (02/07/2019)  
COMP190035 (02/07/2019)

**Recommendation:**

Close Case  
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

**Recommend Closure:**

COMP180069, COMP190019 and COMP190055

**Pending – Multiple Cases**

With only one committee member present for the February 7, 2019 professional practices committee meeting, and no quorum available during the February 8, 2019 meeting, multiple cases reviewed by the lone cognizant member and will be discussed further next committee meeting.

**Executive Session Minutes:**

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

**Recommendation:**

*Acceptance Tabled*  
*Acceptance Tabled*  
*Acceptance Tabled*

**Correspondence:**

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

**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

**Petitions for Waiver/Variance:**

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

**Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Recommendation:**

*Acceptance Tabled*  
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**With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Brown seconded and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.**

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

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

**ENDSLEY REAL**

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Chair

Executive Director HC1

Minutes approved **March 8, 2019**