

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
Board Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2019 8:30 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met Friday, July 12, 2019 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Endsley Real, CSW, Chair
Steve Livingston, MFT
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Lisa Morris, LPC

MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT SEATS:

(Consumer Member-VACANT)
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Vice-Chair
Lorien Jordan, MFT
Chip Morris, CSW
Tommy Black, LPC
Angie Eells, CSW

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE:

B. Cohen, Esq., AAG

VISITORS PRESENT: (Open Session)

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

Karen Starks, NASW GA
Eric Groh, Ethics Demystified LLC

Endsley Real, Chair, established that a quorum was **not** present and called the sitting committee meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Barker 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, receive reports from the Assistant Attorney General, the Professional Practices (Complaints), the Professional Standards (Applications) Committees and review prior meeting executive session meeting minutes. Voting in favor of the motion were Board members present: Real, Livingston, Barker, and L. Morris.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, July 12, 2019, Ms. Real, declared the committee 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.

Applicant Interviews Conducted:

- L.W.
- M.W.
- C.T.
- B.A.

Recommendation:

Approve to sit for exam
Table; Pending receipt of additional information
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Applications:

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

Assistant Attorney General’s Report:

Ms. 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 Report: *Not Presented*

Executive Session Minutes:

- June 6, 2019 PPC
- June 7, 2019

Recommendation:

Approve
Approve

Full Board Appearances:

- Tamiko Owens
- Connie Moses
- Doris Tongo
- Michael Edwards

Recommendation:

Rescind Denial; Application Pending additional Information
Denial Stands
No Show
No Show

Meeting Minutes:

- June 7, 2019

Recommendation:

Approve

Application File Requests:

- L. Addison (LPC004685) Request for Release of Supervision Documents to SC
- C. Mezza (LPC004731) – Request the Release of Application Contents to MO and MI
- D. Carter (LPC005945) Request for the Release of Supervision Documents to SC

Note: Due to the lack of a voting quorum, the Application File Requests will be presented and recommendations/votes will be obtained during the follow up conference call to be scheduled.

Petitions for Waiver/Variance:

- R. Gorman
- A. Daniel
- F. Yilmaz
- L. Owens

Recommendation:

Grant
Table; Revisit during August Board meeting
Deny
Deny

Note: Due to the lack of a voting quorum, the recommendations made for the Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variance during today's meeting will be presented and recommendations/votes will be obtained during the follow up conference call to be scheduled.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 135-9-.01 Continuing Education

Recommendations made by the committee during today's meeting for the above rule will be presented to the full Board during the August scheduled Board meeting.

Associations - Board Update: Association updates were provided by Karen Starks, NASW

Committee Meetings: The Georgia Composite Board's Professional Practices Committee will continue to meet in person, in 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, closed session, in the Board offices beginning at 10:00 am.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, sitting committee adjourned today's meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Due to no quorum being present, the Board scheduled an additional conference call for Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. to obtain the required votes from today's meeting

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

ENDSLEY REAL

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director HC1

Minutes approved **August 9, 2019**