

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
Board Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2019 8:30 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met Friday, December 6, 2019, 2019 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Endsley Real, CSW, Chair
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Vice-Chair
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Lisa Morris, LPC
Steve Livingston, MFT
Chip Morris, CSW

MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT SEATS:

Lorien Jordan, MFT
Angie Eells, CSW
Tommy Black, LPC
(Consumer Member-VACANT)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE:

Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG

VISITORS PRESENT: (Open Session)

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

Gale Macke, GA LPCA
Jan Yates, GA Chapter, NASW
Karen Starks

Endsley Real, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Agenda: Approve as presented

Mr. Morris motioned, Mr. Livingston 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, conduct applicant interviews, 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, Klock-Powell, Barker, Ms. Morris, Mr. Morris, and Livingston.

Applicant Interviews Conducted:

- A.G.
- T.E.
- W.B.
- L.H.
- D.B.

Recommendation:

Approve to sit for exam
Approve to sit for exam
Cancelled
Pending Additional Information
Approve to sit for exam

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations made regarding the applicant interviews as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

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

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the committees made for the Associate and Professional Counselor

applications, the Clinical and Master Social Worker applications and the Associate and Marriage and Family Therapy 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.

Professional Practices Committee/Complaints:

❖ **Recommend Closure:**

COMP190065, COMP190068, COMP190073, COMP190077, COMP190093, COMP190094, COMP190096, COMP190109, COMP190116, COMP190122, COMP190148, COMP190166, COMP200003, COMP200015, COMP200019, COMP200035, COMP200059, COMP200060, COMP200064 and COMP200070

❖ **Schedule Investigative Interview:**

COMP190042 (Reschedule) and COMP190178

❖ **Refer to AG's Office:**

COMP200058

❖ **Refer to Investigations:**

COMP190064, COMP200044 and COMP200056

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Professional Practices Committee report, accept the recommendations as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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.

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

Executive Session Misc. Discussion Items:

- R.O.
- M.U.O.
- C.P.

Recommendation:

Tabled; pending additional PPC review
Approve accommodation request
Approve request

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the accommodation request from M.U.O. as presented as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker motioned, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the request for C.P. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

PLB Legal Section – Ratification of ADA Accommodation Granted Memo

- M.C.
- V.J.

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the PLB Legal section Memo of ADA accommodations granted between meetings as presented as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, December 6, 2019, Ms. Real, declared the meeting into “open” session pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Board Appearance Conducted:**Release from Suspension Status – Public Board Order**

- Cortim Martin

Full Board Appearances:

- Shannon Caraway
- Adrienne Peterson

Recommendation:

Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
No Show

Executive Session Minutes:

- October 31, 2019 PPC
- November 1, 2019 Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Accept as Presented
Accept as Presented

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 31, 2019 executive session professional practices committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 1, 2019 executive session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- November 1, 2019 Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Accept as amended

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 1, 2019 Board meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Petitions for Waiver/Variance:

- C. DeLuca-Johnson
- H. Sowell

Recommendation:

Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Morris seconded and the Board voted to table the request pending and for staff to grant the petition request for C. DeLuca-Johnson upon receipt of the additional information. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Morris seconded and the Board voted to table the request pending and for staff to grant the petition request for H. Sowell upon receipt of the additional information. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- O. Smiley – RE Psychological Testing: *Refer to Psychology Board Testing Rule and Seek Own Legal Advice*
- S. Caraway – RE Deaf Community: *The required examination is outlined in the law; the Board cannot waive/vary the law.*
- S. Asberry – Extension Request: *Approve for a six (6) month extension to meet licensure requirements*
- S. Fortson – RE Transition of client to Ga licensee: *There is no mechanism or procedure (statutory or by Board rule) in place to assist another states licensed therapist in transitioning a client/patient to a Georgia licensed therapist. Suggest contacting GA LPC Association for referral of licensed individuals?*

Ms. Morris motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to approve to grant S. Asberry a sixth (6) month extension to meet the requirements for licensure as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Application File Requests:

- K. Gill – Request from LA Board to release applicants file contents - *Approve*
- A. Whitfield – Request from MS Board to release applicants file contents - *Approve*

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the release of application file contents for K. Gill to the Louisiana Board as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the release of application file contents for A. Whitfield to the Mississippi Board as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 10/31/2019 - 12/3/2019

License No	Licensee
AMFT000603	Andrea Lynn Reganato
AMFT000604	Kylie Ann O'Driscoll
AMFT000605	Elizabeth Michelle Ngo
AMFT000606	Sarah Katherine Cox
APC007194	Monique LaShae Overstreet
APC007195	Carmen Charnette Allison
APC007196	Steven Reed Armstrong
APC007197	Bethany A Barcomb
APC007198	D'Alma Diane Bradley
APC007199	Katherine Lee Burden
APC007200	Kendall Miles Cantey
APC007201	Jennifer Lauren Dickey
APC007202	Emily Rose Flynn
APC007203	Benjamin Hancock Heath
APC007204	Melanie Cheron Kenner
APC007205	Thomas Berry Latson, III
APC007206	Jeffrey Brett Lewis
APC007207	Stephanie Michelle Looper
APC007208	Caitlyn Victoria Malone
APC007209	Stefanie Nicole Martin
APC007210	Robert Matthew McDaniel
APC007211	Theresa Christine McKeel
APC007212	Mark Andrew Oakley
APC007213	Poonam Atul Patel
APC007214	Frederick Post
APC007215	Amanda Jean Riddle
APC007216	Paige Marie Head
APC007217	Peyton Lathem Waggener
APC007218	Cheryl Dynell Walker
APC007219	Chelsea Patrice Ward
APC007220	Brooke Camden Widder
APC007221	Dakota Jack Fidram
APC007222	Taylor Renee McClendon
APC007223	Madeline Deslonde Smith
APC007224	Valerie Spain Daniel
APC007225	Bianca Courtenay Johnson
APC007226	Kaitlyn Jade McLaughlin

APC007227	Natalie McCurdy Pitchford
APC007228	Lauren Denise Trammell
APC007229	Adrienne Nichole Walker
APC007230	Iolanda Lopes' Daluz
APC007231	Athena Kylee Fountain-Rogers
APC007232	Lei Ann Raines
APC007233	Akela Antonia Christopher
APC007234	Shannon Theresa Trombley
APC007235	Melanie Kesha Smith
APC007236	Annabelle Corinne Moore
APC007237	Kayla Nichole McKissick
APC007238	Andrea Jane Kromminga
CSW006957	Linda Murray Brooks
CSW006958	August Blase Leach Jones
CSW006959	Natasha Conquelas Lamb
CSW006960	MorRondao Jamaz Roberts
CSW006961	Lauren Elizabeth Manning
CSW006962	Nadine Warder Wright
CSW006963	Sophia Philogene
CSW006964	Ansley Rowe Maurer
CSW006965	Jessica Aquilla Baker
CSW006966	Aaron Maximo Perez
CSW006967	Carolyn Megahee Olsen
CSW006968	Catherine A. DeJesus
CSW006969	Katrishia Raylani Bratton
CSW006970	Rafa'El Zayin Hakiym-Bey
CSW006971	Olivia Nicole Roberts
CSW006972	Elizabeth Eiland Figueroa
CSW006973	Yvonne Ashlee Davis
CSW006974	Taylor Elyse Foerst
CSW006975	John Steven Kahle
CSW006976	Lisa Nnenna Ibekwe
CSW006977	Caylin Louise Broome
CSW006978	Emily Kate Aston
CSW006979	Hannah Riley Wineburg
CSW006980	Stephanie Michelle Dansky
CSW006981	Amy Braun McWilliams

LPC011215	Hanifa A Akpe
LPC011216	Germaine Maria Alderson
LPC011217	Alton Lee Barrow
LPC011218	Ophelia Marlene Blackwell
LPC011219	Zaigham Abbas Bokhari
LPC011220	Laverne Celeste Brown
LPC011221	Iain Douglas Burguet
LPC011222	Linda Jeanette Eaton
LPC011223	Jamie Suzanne Friedman
LPC011224	Giovanna Burgess Geathers
LPC011225	Vallarie Jones
LPC011226	Kathleen JoAnn Lifferth
LPC011227	Heather White McClane
LPC011228	Keith Alan Nilsen
LPC011229	Jaw-Lin Ong
LPC011230	Matthew J Paylo
LPC011231	Wendy Kay Pollock
LPC011232	Leslie K Pruyn
LPC011233	Adhanet M Zereabruk
LPC011234	Rachel Lynette Boodram
LPC011235	Maya Altonette Butler
LPC011236	Melody Tressia Carter
LPC011237	Angela Sherrill Davis
LPC011238	Erica Ashley Dell
LPC011239	Matthew T Dooley
LPC011240	Berenice Flores-Arriaga
LPC011241	Edwina Taylor Flowers
LPC011242	Lorraine Latoya Gabbidon
LPC011243	Lisa Ann Harwell
LPC011244	John Glenn Helmly
LPC011245	Erika Ashley Hill
LPC011246	Jasmine Shaun'na Hurst
LPC011247	LaShonda Meredith Martin
LPC011248	Jessica Elise Middlebrooks
LPC011249	Allyson Renee Moffatt
LPC011250	Megan Marie Mooney
LPC011251	Syreeta Renee Nalls
LPC011252	Jenna Rose Nurik
LPC011253	Nicole Mari Rubin
LPC011254	Linda Yeager Scott
LPC011255	Lisa Michelle Stephans
LPC011256	Lauren Long Stinson
LPC011257	Tarah Jo Tracy
LPC011258	Ami B. Waller- Ivanecky
LPC011259	Kristen D West
LPC011260	Lakeah Nichole White
LPC011261	Christina Maria Wolverton
LPC011262	Andrea Tyece Douglas
LPC011263	Ramona Ioana Grad
LPC011264	Shatevia Shannell Stone
LPC011265	Sarah Elizabeth Young
LPC011266	Juliana Renee' Carter
LPC011267	Lynda Marie Carpenter

LPC011268	Rowan Blackmon
LPC011269	Sharon Price Lightstone
LPC011270	Vanisha Patel
LPC011271	Anthony Lloyd Potter
LPC011272	Vershonda Patrice Scott
LPC011273	Larris KaShawn Boston
LPC011274	Nija Danielle Johnson
MFT001731	Emily Grace Guynn
MFT001732	Sneha Vinod Mistry
MFT001733	LeNaya K Smith
MFT001734	Lindsey Whitley Eason
MFT001735	Leslie McKee Sessley
MFT001736	Fatima Tomas Mann
MSW009167	Hannah Nicole Green
MSW009168	Breauna Alise Carter
MSW009169	Carol Cameron Cready-Pyle
MSW009170	Emily Marie Cisneros Lechler
MSW009171	Lydia Rose-Tenette Dorgan
MSW009172	Charmia A. Martin
MSW009173	Netelege Michelle Richards
MSW009174	LeAnda Janae Roney
MSW009175	Crystal Rena Thomas
MSW009176	Kristy Michelle Watkins
MSW009177	Emily Louise Luce
MSW009178	Mariah Roshawnda Nuckles
MSW009179	Reno James Roberts
MSW009180	Abigail M Ayers
MSW009181	Kaila Sean Tang
MSW009182	Afsoon Sanei
MSW009183	Leighann Renee' Blackwood
MSW009184	Sarah Elizabeth Novak
MSW009185	Lauren Elizabeth Joiner Paul
MSW009186	Simona Elena Denes
MSW009187	Pamela D H Woods
MSW009188	Joanna Renee Byrd
MSW009189	Mecca Johnson
MSW009190	Kara Ann Wickman
MSW009191	Bethany Joy Verbrugge
MSW009192	Janay Sade Keel
MSW009193	Rena Brasseaux Dumas
MSW009194	Haley Taylor Thomas
MSW009195	Erica Laura Sanchez
MSW009196	Valerie Lauren Hard
MSW009197	Hannah Grace Berk
MSW009198	Shannon Elise Ommaha
MSW009199	Natasha Marie LaBalle
MSW009200	Britnee Marie Young
MSW009201	Kierika Ahkila McFarlin
MSW009202	Aryn Jean Hulslander
MSW009203	Fayola Louise Autry
MSW009204	Lauren Sandwich Greer
MSW009205	Chelsea N Franklin
MSW009206	Andrew Nathan Wallace

MSW009207	Demoya Shamoya Boozer
MSW009208	Natashia Simone Davis

MSW009209	Emily Nicole Taylor
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Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Application Ratify List of licenses issued between Board meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 135-9-.01 Continuing Education – Final Review

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to refer the proposed amendments to Board Rule 135-9-.01 to AG’s Office for a memo of statutory authority and to post the proposed rule amendments upon receipt for the required minimum of thirty days for public view and comment, with a rule hearing to be conducted the next available meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Associations – Board Update:

- Association updates were provided by Gale Mackey of GA LPCA and Jan Yates of GAMSW.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell 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 and the Board appearance conducted. Voting in favor of the motion were Board members present: Real, Klock-Powell, Barker, Ms. Morris, Mr. Morris, and Livingston.

Full Board Appearance Discussion Cont’d:

- Shannon Caraway

Recommendation:

Upon further review, approve for licensure

Board Appearance Discussion Cont’d:

- Cortim Martin

Recommendation:

Approve to lift suspension

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, December 6, 2019, Ms. Real, declared the meeting into “open” session pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken in Executive Session

Ms. Morris motioned, Ms. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted table the recommendation of S. Caraway upon receipt of additional information requested by the Board as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Morris motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to accept the request for C. Martin for the lifting of his suspension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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, the Board meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

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 on: **January 10, 2020**