

GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
Board Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2020 8:30 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met Friday, March 6, 2020 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Endsley Real, CSW, Chair
Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Vice-Chair
Lorien Jordan, MFT
Steve Livingston, MFT (via teleconference)
Chip Morris, CSW
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Tommy Black, LPC

MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT SEATS:

Angie Eells, CSW
Lisa Morris, LPC
(Consumer Member-VACANT)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE:

Elizabeth Simpson, AAG
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 GA
Bowden Templeton, GAMFT
Karen Starks, Stark Speech, LLC
Eric Groh, Ethics Demystified, LLC
Jan Yates, GA Chapter, NASW

Endsley Real, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Agenda: Approve as presented

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Morris 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, Black, Mr. Morris, Jordan and Livingston.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, March 6, 2020, 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.

Applicant Interviews Conducted:

- S.B.
- S.T.

Recommendation:

Approve to sit for exam
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Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Morris 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.

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Morris 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:

❖ **Investigative Interview Conducted:** (03/05/2020)

- COMP190042 11:00 a.m.
- COMP190169 11:45 a.m.
- COMP200016 & 200055 12:30 p.m.

❖ **Recommend Closure:**

COMP190100, COMP190127, COMP190161, COMP190169, COMP200052, COMP200085, COMP200090, COMP200105, COMP200106, COMP2000107, COMP200117

❖ **Refer to AG's Office:**

COMP190147

❖ **Refer to Investigations:**

COMP190042, COMP200061, 200076, & 200078

❖ **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:**

COMP200104

Ms. Jordan motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Professional Practices Committee report, accept the recommendations as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Jordan motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to close COMP190169, and to deny the application for licensure. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to table a final decision on COMP200016 and COMP200055 pending receipt of additional information. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP190147 to the AG's office for a public Board order with the terms and conditions as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to deny the request to lift suspension for COMP190058 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. Morris motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted accept the Board Order for COMP190038 and COMP190039 upon receipt and in addition for the Boards Executive Director to

sign the signed Board Order received between meetings by express permission and to submit for docketing. None opposed; motion carried.

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

Executive Session Minutes:

- February 6, 2020 PPC
- February 7, 2020

Recommendation:

- Approve as Presented
- Approve as Presented

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 6, 2020 executive session professional practices committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 7, 2020 executive session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- February 7, 2020

Recommendation:

- Accept as Presented

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 7, 2020 Board meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Daniel Rubin – *Approve request to accept a partnership in the private firm he is currently employed by.*
- CEU Creations – *RE COVID 19 and CE Trainings – Board Information Only*
- Jonathan Orr - *The Board will review the issue on a case by case basis; File Petitions for a Variance of a Board rule.*
- Brighter Tomorrows Counseling Institute, Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (GNPEC) – *Board does not approve educational programs; Refer to Board Rules; Educational programs must be CHEA accredited University*
- T. Averette-Smith – *Cannot obtain more than 6 CE hours and must be in person; Check with provider to determine which category it was approved for.*
- Ohio State University – *Refer to Board Rules*
- Sandra Pugh – *The Board cannot provide legal advice; seek your own legal counsel*
- Lauren Gregory – *Refer to Board Rules*
- Thomas Query - *Respond as discussed; Supervisor Approved*

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

Full Board Appearances Conducted:

- Jena Thomas 1:15 a.m.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- R. Austin
- Y Sailor

Recommendation:

- Deny; No Hardship
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Mr. Black motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for R. Austin due to a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship not being demonstrated. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for Y. Sailor due to a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship not being demonstrated. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 2/5/2020 - 3/3/2020

License No	Licensee		
AMFT000617	Adrienne Lynn Hearn	CSW007072	Katherine M Blair
AMFT000618	Rheena Lynne Acidera Campbell	CSW007073	Aaron Blake Evans-Jackson
AMFT000619	Michael Caputo	CSW007074	Rebecca Lynn Galbreath
AMFT000620	Abigail Jane Culin	CSW007075	Kanetra Scott Stramaglia
AMFT000621	Sarah Elizabeth Daniels	CSW007076	Shanelle LaQuita Brown-Best
AMFT000622	Sherilyn Marie Queen	CSW007077	Isabel Cristina Bolanos
AMFT000623	David Chapman Blanchard	CSW007078	Kara Elizabeth Kirz
		CSW007079	Alison Margaret Hernandez
		CSW007080	Comfort Nna Attaochu
APC007333	Rastassia Nicole Armstrong	CSW007081	Sarah Carolyn Morrison
APC007334	Bridgette Alexis Beatty	CSW007082	Hannah Brooke Evors
APC007335	Tuesdey Anita Brown	CSW007083	Aimee Elise Copeland
APC007336	Elizabeth Ann Bryant	CSW007084	Anushka Christine Johnpulle
APC007337	Elizabeth Hope Corbett	CSW007085	Robert Sherrod Collins
APC007338	Kyuanne Nicole Jenkins	CSW007086	Kelly Nicole Dickerson
APC007339	Sasha Mercedes Johnson	CSW007087	LaKiesha Hampton Mitchell
APC007340	Angelica Shanta Jordan	CSW007088	Katherine Elizabeth Murphy
APC007341	David Justin Letren	CSW007089	Erica Parker Dyal
APC007342	Vesna Maile Lipkovic	CSW007090	Robert Steven Carr
APC007343	Mary Labrendalyn Locke	CSW007091	Glenn Howard Ritchie
APC007344	Bernadette Ann Moore	CSW007092	Christina Ivy Poole
APC007345	Tatiana Nicole Pelt		
APC007346	Alena Grace Porter	LPC011394	Jennifer Lisa Acord
APC007347	Jeff Nicholas White	LPC011395	Judy Ann Bruce
APC007348	Tracy Lashon McLean	LPC011396	AnnaRene' Morris Blackshear
APC007349	Valerie Dean Belew	LPC011397	Tonia P Campobenedetto
APC007350	Adriane Danelle Tucker	LPC011398	Deandra Nichole Evans
APC007351	Daniele Marie Gentry	LPC011399	Erin Marie Gossage
APC007352	NeChelle Ava Claudier Gordon	LPC011400	Deborah Lynn Grant-James
APC007353	Kasey Sharnice Holyfield	LPC011401	Jessica Lynn Greathouse
APC007354	Montana Elise Keig	LPC011402	Lewis A. Hatcher
APC007355	Marci Suzanne Leinonen	LPC011403	Randi Konikoff
APC007356	Andrew Todd Rugg	LPC011404	Taylor Renee Krulac
APC007357	Matthew Bryan Sampson	LPC011405	Leah Andree Jermarv Lloyd
APC007358	Tracy Faye Waters	LPC011406	Charlene Annette Moore-Peterson
APC007359	Alexis Taylor Rinehart	LPC011407	Vicki Kay Morgan
APC007360	William Jordan Luke	LPC011408	Gretchen Marie Mullin
APC007361	Sue Ellen Dayan Hollowell	LPC011409	Amanda Leigh Routten
APC007362	Iyea Brandy	LPC011410	Heidi Lynn Sawyer
APC007363	Crystal Shunae Holt	LPC011411	Tina Adrianna Scannell
APC007364	Evelyn Cowan Strozier	LPC011412	Ashley Sherisse Watson
		LPC011413	Kathryn Caracappa Boulet
CSW007066	Shelly Lynn Edwards	LPC011414	Chyna Rena Brown
CSW007067	Rebekah Sharon Elliott	LPC011415	Lynette Kay Conner
CSW007068	Joyce Shelby Katherine Smyre	LPC011416	Allison Faith Couch
CSW007069	Cheryl Newton Thomas	LPC011417	Carly Wright Davidson
CSW007070	Nakeisha Lattoia Whitfield	LPC011418	Katherine Anne Grabowski
CSW007071	Rebecca Catherine Whittle	LPC011419	Lynda Ruth Green

LPC011420	Rachel Suzanne Harris
LPC011421	Theresa Anne Harris
LPC011422	Mary Ann Hensley
LPC011423	Maranda Lynn Holmes
LPC011424	Anna Cunningham Ingram
LPC011425	Cecile Maria Dunkley Layne
LPC011426	Belinda Sanders Lee
LPC011427	Pamela Yvonne Little
LPC011428	Joseph Danso Manu
LPC011429	Annie B McFadden
LPC011430	Shaunda Louise Mejeur
LPC011431	Christina McClain Miller
LPC011432	Lauren Marie Natale
LPC011433	Sylvain Mbwebwe Panu
LPC011434	Rochelle Martha Petermann
LPC011435	Sandra Jo Schoepke
LPC011436	Kimberly Ann Hill Slape
LPC011437	Ana Maria Antunes Storino
LPC011438	Bianca Lewis Walker
LPC011439	Zandra Walker
LPC011440	Lindsay Wiggins
LPC011441	Alicia Sue Yee Wong
LPC011442	Kaitlin Reed Yeilding
LPC011443	Dennis Robert Bell
LPC011444	Tedra Dorothy Lucille Shriner
LPC011445	Stephen Dewain Rogers
LPC011446	Lynn Doris Goodwin
LPC011447	Melissa Lynn Forster
LPC011448	Christina Bramlette Pettit
MFT001754	Hollis Hamilton Floyd
MFT001755	Jenny Mead Reed
MFT001756	Rozetia Maxvon Richardson
MFT001757	Noreen Legare

MSW009295	Ryan Elizabeth Staray
MSW009296	Mollie Anne Crosser
MSW009297	Tobey Lynn Johnson
MSW009298	Ramelle Aziza Liverpool
MSW009299	Lindsay Dyan Mantin
MSW009300	Gina Marie McArdle
MSW009301	Alcira Osayi
MSW009302	Sasha Jo Rich
MSW009303	Shaynel Letreese Roberts
MSW009304	Jennifer Suzanne Shapiro
MSW009305	Lindsay Campbell Swany
MSW009306	Willesia Le'Shanda Crawley
MSW009307	Thurston Lamar Robertson
MSW009308	Paulina Niki Demetriou
MSW009309	Mackenzie Rachel Mann
MSW009310	Kimberly Renay Mayes
MSW009311	Laura Jo Lindsey Bedingfield
MSW009312	Johntavious Lyntez Jones
MSW009313	Meagan Joyce McLeod
MSW009314	Rachael Hope Kurtz
MSW009315	April Elizabeth Cline
MSW009316	Kristen E LaBella
MSW009317	Amira Shandee Greene
MSW009318	Gina Vanessa Hastings
MSW009319	Jayne Marie Stefanic
MSW009320	Jill Bredahl McDonald
MSW009321	Sidonna Bright McDougal
MSW009322	Marguerite Kathleen Landford
MSW009323	Yimin Liang
MSW009324	Kelli Charon Conerly
MSW009325	Jenna Marie Moon
MSW009326	Kathleen Cleary Forrest
MSW009327	Natalya Esther Bryant

Ms. Jordan motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell 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 Mackey of GA LPCA and Jan Yates, GA Chapter, NASW

Board Rules Discussion:

- 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses
- Fee Schedule

Mr. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Black seconded and the Board voted to refer the proposed rule of 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses to AG’s Office for a memo of statutory authority and to post the following 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.

Ms. Jordan motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded and the Board voted to approve the revisions of the Fee Schedule as presented. None opposed, motion scheduled.

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

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Full Board Appearances Discussion:

- Jena Thomas

Recommendation:

Denial Stands

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted that the denial stands for the application of J. Thomas 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 1:27 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

Minutes approved on: **April 3, 2020**