

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2020 10:00 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference/ZOOM on Friday, September 4, 2020. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT SEATS:

Angie Eells, CSW
(Consumer Member-VACANT)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE:

Mary Brannen, Esq., AAG

VISITORS PRESENT: (Open Session)

Gale Macke, LPCA, Executive Director
Nancy Acevedo, Visitor
Dr. J., Visitor
Sista' Christian, Visitor
Becky Beaton-York, Ph.D., Visitor
Brenda Keller, Applicant
Carol, Visitor
Cheryl Pelphrey-Weigand, Visitor
Chrys Dawkins, Applicant
Essence Cohen Fields, Applicant
Kcanada, Visitor
Kristen Hendrix, Applicant
Melinda Daugherty, Applicant
Monique, Visitor
Sista' Christian, Visitor
1-678-360-5912, Visitor
Deiona Carter, Applicant
Steve Linowes, Visitor
Tiffany George, Visitor

Endsley Real, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Agenda: Approve as presented

Meeting Minutes:

- August 7, 2020 ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented

- August 25, 2020 ZOOM LPC PSC Meeting Approve as Presented

Ms. Barker motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 7, 2020 ZOOM Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 25, 2020 ZOOM LPC Professional Standards Committee Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Full Board Appearance Conducted:

- Garrett Testi

Recommendation:

Denial Stands; does not meet licensure requirements

Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted that the denial stands for the CSW application of G. Testi as applicant does not meet licensure requirements as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- D. Brown – RE: Insurance Panels - *This is not Board matter; refer to your insurance provider and Board rules.*
- LPCA GA – RE Emergency Rule – *Board Discussion*
- L. Silverman – RE Professional Wills – *This is not a Board matter; refer to your own legal counsel for further guidance.*

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

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- Connie Moses
- Rachel Huffman
- Omolola Winfunke
- Shandra Shepherd
- Fatina Holloway
- Crystal Roberson
- Annette Donovan-Hughes
- Christina Furtick
- Sharia Wynn
- Heather McGinty
- Thomas Hightower
- Leisa Stafford
- Lindsey Troupe

Recommendation:

Deny; no authority to waive/vary Board laws
 Grant; 6-month extension
 Grant; 6-month extension
 Deny; no hardship demonstrated
 Deny; no hardship demonstrated
 Grant; 6-month extension
 Deny; no hardship demonstrated
 Deny; no hardship demonstrated
 Grant; 6-month extension
 Withdrawn; no longer necessary
 Deny; no hardship demonstrated
 Grant; 6-month extension
 Grant; 6-month extension

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for C. Moses as practicum/internship requirements are outlined in the law and the Board does not have the authority to waive or vary the law. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for R. Huffman and allow a onetime 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for O. Winfunke based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for S. Shepherd based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for F. Holloway based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for C. Roberson and allow a onetime 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for A. Donavan-Hughes based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for C. Furtick based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship. None opposed, motion carried

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for S. Wynn and allow a onetime 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for T. Hightower based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a unique, substantial and verifiable hardship. None opposed, motion carried

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for L. Stafford and allow a onetime 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for L. Troupe and allow a onetime 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 8/6/2020 - 9/1/2020

license No	Licensee
AMFT000637	Lauren Ashley Ender
AMFT000638	Lauren Arielle Evans
AMFT000639	Cora Lee Flowers
AMFT000640	Joy L. Mitchell
AMFT000641	Kevin Lee Morton
AMFT000642	Elizabeth Irene Nelson-Cahill
AMFT000643	Tiana Bria Teague
AMFT000644	Ashley Damon Thwaites
AMFT000645	Abby Leigh Wesselman
APC007541	Salina Tuwanda Baaith

APC007542	Regina S Clyburne-Owens
APC007543	Jessica Lynn Conklin
APC007544	Byron Bernard Doomes
APC007545	Jessica Renee Durbin
APC007546	Jessica Robin Finley
APC007547	Austin Loy Gleaton
APC007548	Michael Henry Mackinnon
APC007549	Laura Wynn Mallard
APC007550	Sonya Booker Mentz
APC007551	LaBrea Charmaine O'Neal
APC007552	Sheherezade Ashante Robinson
APC007553	Jasmin Natasha Rockemore
APC007554	Victoria Beverly Viola

APC007555	Maria Acosta Munoz
APC007556	Samantha Paige Hodges
APC007557	Ally Marshall Renfroe
APC007558	Pamela Kathleen Carr
APC007559	Taylor Leigh Clapp
APC007560	Lila LaShay Ewin
APC007561	Natalie Ann Casey
APC007562	Jose Antonio Cordero
APC007563	Shawanda Lenete Geter
APC007564	Morgan Clemones Green
APC007565	Cletema Atrice Howard
APC007566	Fontella Wright Jones
APC007567	Erin Elizabeth Moore
APC007568	Sean Longshore Rahner
APC007569	Shawnquita L Shedrick
APC007570	Justine Rose Vadini
APC007571	Moriah White Pender
APC007572	Julia Clark Van Horn-Jones
CSW007244	Madison Leigh Brunswick
CSW007245	Nyia Asia Charest
CSW007246	Stacy Marie Diliberto
CSW007247	Candice Joy Craig Happach
CSW007248	Erica Lynn McLaughlin
CSW007249	Jamia L. Poole
CSW007250	Shannon Elise Ommaha
CSW007251	Jennifer Thomas Outlaw
CSW007252	Nicole Alexandra Pagano
CSW007253	Michelle Pintado
CSW007254	Faith Lynn Skodmin
CSW007255	Jennifer Nicole Smith
CSW007256	Catherine Vreatt Upshaw
CSW007257	Allena Jonez Perez
CSW007258	Anna Elisabeth Ramminger
CSW007259	Paige Alison Lewis
CSW007260	Catecia Montae Godbee
CSW007261	Dominique Simone Hutchinson
CSW007262	Anyea Afrika Anderson
CSW007263	Netta Cohen
CSW007264	Louisa Josephine Peluso
CSW007265	Erin Michelle Jones
CSW007266	Caroline Elizabeth Lozen Bufalini
CSW007267	Holly Denise Stuckey
CSW007268	Josefina Bates
CSW007269	Jenny Adcock Allison
CSW007270	Eduvigis Evette Woods
CSW007271	Robert Joseph Kashey, Jr.
CSW007272	Allison Collins Nicolais
CSW007273	Elaine Sage Kovacs
CSW007274	Loretta Patrice Jackson

CSW007275	Lauren Marie Drake
CSW007276	Allison Leigh Thurschwell
CSW007277	Patrice Laray Hightower-Quarrels
CSW007278	Anna K. Davis
CSW007279	Jasmine Lachelle Cohen
CSW007280	Madison Smith Carr
CSW007281	Kelsey Jayce Stone
CSW007282	Brooke Elana Hill
CSW007283	Kimberly Denise Chinn
CSW007284	Elizabeth Paxton Franchot
LPC011658	Tiffanie Loreen Brantley-Wright
LPC011659	Jennifer Elaine Burton
LPC011660	Ericka D. Clemmons
LPC011661	Denise Jean Finney
LPC011662	Latrica Yvonne Henegar
LPC011663	Andrieah Zelina Johnson
LPC011664	Whitney Chrisanne Kaupke
LPC011665	Tamara Mae Leininger
LPC011666	Phyllis A Leverett
LPC011667	Shelle Mathis
LPC011668	Donna Kay Morgan
LPC011669	Tivona Larae Perry
LPC011670	Laura Grace Porter
LPC011671	Lynda Cameron Price
LPC011672	Melissa Lauren Webb
LPC011673	Quinsana Lashawn Beaty
LPC011674	Melissa C Bosch
LPC011675	Lei Ann Bridges
LPC011676	Michael Terrel Britt
LPC011677	Shakeia Laranda Brodie
LPC011678	Tashauna Marie Castle
LPC011679	Miranda L Fallen BoBo
LPC011680	Camille Hope Hankins
LPC011681	Linda Maria Harmon
LPC011682	Takelia Valtreon Hughey
LPC011683	Lori G. Johnson
LPC011684	Denniesha Andrene Knight
LPC011685	Kimberly Brooke Markwell
LPC011686	Rebecca Leigh Morris
LPC011687	Jane Carter Phillips
LPC011688	Angela Elizabeth Rubenacker
LPC011689	Richard John Thaxton, III
LPC011690	Rachel Helen Willis
LPC011691	Erik Taylor Woodruff
LPC011692	Leah Rae Cormany
LPC011693	Monica Denise Chambers
LPC011694	Crystal Yolanda Allen-Joyner

MFT001784	Emily Kristine Vahle
MFT001785	LaTasha Nicole Billingslea
MFT001786	Rheena Lynne Acidera Campbell
MFT001787	Joshua Dale Gebhardt
MFT001788	Felicia Thomas
MFT001789	Jennifer Diane Birner
MFT001790	Megan Louise Miller
MFT001791	Melissa Jennifer Robinson
MSW009498	Casey Lea Barnett
MSW009499	Erin Sullivan Cicero
MSW009500	Jermiah Jonoah Jones
MSW009501	Taylor Mackenzie Mays
MSW009502	Jessica Sierra Porter
MSW009503	Ashley Hugh Stewart
MSW009504	Emily Louise Ulrich
MSW009505	Jennifer Elise Wright
MSW009506	David Andre Cuna
MSW009507	Julia Ann Nailor
MSW009508	Dawn Lee Soriano
MSW009509	TeNille Lynn Carrington
MSW009510	Dorothy Alice Holloway
MSW009511	Natasha Sarah Aronson
MSW009512	Morgan Lynn Griffin
MSW009513	Berinda Hollis Nwakamma
MSW009514	Amanda Spence Taylor
MSW009515	Nikita Deshannon Horton
MSW009516	Kimari Shaleigh Collier
MSW009517	Sheanette Shuron Drake
MSW009518	Megan Maria Castiglione Kraner
MSW009519	Erica Jonell Roberson

MSW009520	Carlen Danielle Franklin
MSW009521	Emily April Cesar
MSW009522	Mary Elizabeth Borkowski
MSW009523	Sharlil Darsha Jackson
MSW009524	Branka Gajic
MSW009525	LaDavia Tiara Shontrell Prescott
MSW009526	Jessica Lynn Lewis
MSW009527	Marcella St. Omer
MSW009528	Roja Goverdhana
MSW009529	JaCinta Latonya Oglesbee
MSW009530	Emily Elizabeth Mumford
MSW009531	Elizabeth Ann Bradley
MSW009532	Vicki Holland Schulte
MSW009533	Marilyn Ashleigh Trudeau-Walls
MSW009534	Lauren Ane Magana
MSW009535	Emily Rose Jenkins
MSW009536	Chelsea Leann Meeker
MSW009537	Shannon Sidney Broom
MSW009538	Nycole A Patterson
MSW009539	Rachel Danielle Pritchett
MSW009540	Felicia Annette Cooley
MSW009541	Tiffany Simone Leonard
MSW009542	Iriss Conelle Mickens
MSW009543	Erin Nicole Davis
MSW009544	Tasha LaVine Fortenberry
MSW009545	Cassandra Elise Register
MSW009546	Olivia Ann Hamilton
MSW009547	Tammie L Taylor Campbell
MSW009548	Lydia Marie Hawkins
MSW009549	Jalecia Yvette Askin
MSW009550	Kayleigh Steadman White

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Barker 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 Macke, CEO of LPCA

Mr. Black 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, 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, Jordan, Black, Barker, Mr. Morris, Ms. Morris and Livingston.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, September 4, 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:

The following applicant interviews were conducted by the committees prior to the start of today’s Board meeting beginning.

- L.H. (8:30 a.m.) APC Approve to sit for exam
- V.Q. (9:00 a.m.) LPC Approve
- I.L. (9:30 a.m.) MFT Approve

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Klock-Powell seconded, and the Board voted approve L.H. to sit for exam and once passed, issue license with consent order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Black motioned, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the applications of V.Q. and I.L. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

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

Mr. Livingston 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 Interviews Conducted 09/03/2020:**

COMP190058, COMP190064, COMP200091, COMP200121

❖ **Recommend Closure:**

COMP200002
COMP200053
COMP190125
COMP210019
COMP200092
COMP200067
COMP200068
COMP200083
COMP200112
COMP200114
COMP190158
COMP190159
COMP210032
COMP180088
COMP190131

❖ **Recommend Investigative Interview:**

COMP190107

❖ **Refer to AG's office:**

COMP200121

❖ **Recommend Referral to AG's Office:**

COMP200129, COMP210010, COMP210001

❖ **Recommend Pending Receipt of Additional Information:**

COMP190041, COMP210009, COMP190149, COMP210022, COMP210014, COMP210020, COMP200069, COMP200075, COMP200128, COMP200128, COMP190035, COMP210029, COMP210003, COMP210006, COMP210013, COMP210013, COMP210016, COMP210023, COMP200125

Ms. Jordan motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP200121 to the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker 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. Mary Brannen, 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.

- M.P. – Accept signed Board order
- D.M. Refer to AG's office for new Private Board Order

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed consent order of M.P and in addition for the Boards Executive Director to sign the signed Consent Order received between meetings by express permission and to submit for docketing. None opposed; motion carried.

Ms. Morris motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to accept the referral of D.M. to the AG's office for a new Private Consent Order as presented. None opposed; motion carried.

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

Ex. Correspondence:

- C.C.
- M.W.

Recommendation:

Grant request; lift probation

Rescind prior denial; Refer to AG's office for Public Board Order

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted grant the request for the lifting of probationary status for C.C. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous motion of denial of the application for M.W. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Jordan r seconded, and the Board voted refer M.W. to the AG's office for a Public Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- August 6, 2020 ZOOM PPC
- August 7, 2020 ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented
Approve as Presented

Ms. Klock-Powell motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 6, 2020 Executive Session Professional Practices Committee Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Morris motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 7, 2020 ZOOM Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Renewal Issues:

- F.B.

Recommendation:

Refer to AG's office for public reprimand

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to refer F.B. to the AG's office for a public reprimand as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 2:00 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: **October 9, 2020**