

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2021 10:00 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference/ZOOM on Friday, February 12, 2021. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Klock-Powell, MFT, Chair
Lisa Morris, LPC Vice-Chair
Steve Livingston, MFT
Lorien Jordan, MFT
Chip Morris, CSW
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Angie Smith, LPC

MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT SEATS:

(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
Jan Yates, NASW
Kcanada, Visitor
Dr. J., Visitor
Gabrielle Thomas, Visitor
Nancy Acevedo, Visitor
Ann McSweeney,
Gerry, Visitor
Jackie Pray, Visitor
Quen Greer, Visitor
Cha(ke)sha Spencer , Visitor
Juliete Jimenez, Applicant
Stacia King, Visitor

Jacqueline Roberts, Visitor
Valerie Larkin, Visitor
DeShelle Burrowes, Visitors
Chris, Visitor
Crystals Iphone, Visitor
Kimberly Kalpana Bridi, Visitor
Mary Bartlett, Visitor
Sharalynn, Visitor
Emily Harrison, Visitor
Marquita Martin, Visitor
E. Jones, Visitor
Kanika Anglin, Visitor
Rayvene's Iphone, Visitor

Kathryn Klock-Powell, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Oath of Office – New Board Members:

- Jaqueline Brown-Pinkney, CSW – Replaces Endsley Real, CSW
- Paul Carrier, CSW – Replaces Angie Eells, CSW

The Board would like to welcome new Board member appointments, Ms. Jacqueline Brown-Pinkney, Clinical Social Worker and Mr. Andrew “Andy”, P. Carrier Clinical Social Worker. Both members were administered the Oath of Office at the start of today's Board meeting.

The Board would also like to thank Ms. Real and Ms. Eells for their service on the Board and to the licensed and general population of Georgia. Both have served admirably during their tenure as members of this Board and will be missed.

Agenda: Approve as presented

Meeting Minutes:

- January 8, 2021 Board Meeting

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 8, 2021 ZOOM Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- M. Frey – Social Work Requirements – *Refer to Board rules; The Board is currently working on clarifying Board rule 135-5-.04 CSW.*

Ms. Morris 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.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- N. Milfort – Rule 135-3-.01
- A. Richardson – Rule 135-3-.01
- N. Nnaka – Rule 135-3-.01
- N. Brooks – Rule 135-5-.02
- C. Mathis – Rule 135-3-.03
- C. Mathiez – Rule 135-5-.04

Recommendation:

Grant; 6-month extension
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Deny; No proven hardship
Deny; Cannot waive Georgia law

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for N. Milfort and allow a onetime 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Morris motioned, Ms. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for A. Richardson and allow a onetime 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for N. Nnaka and allow a onetime 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for N. Brooks as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms, Barker motioned, Ms. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for C. Mathis as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for C. Mathiez, as the Board does not have the authority to waive/vary the law, as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Public Rules Hearing – Emergency Rule Proposal: 10:40 a.m.

Ms. Klock-Powell called the Public Rules Hearing to Order at: 10:43 a.m.

There were approximately 30 guests present during the discussion and public adoption of the proposed emergency rule, with a few (not identified by names) commenting on their appreciation of the Board's adoption of this emergency provision. One who spoke in support of the emergency rule was the GA Licensed Professional Counselors Association representative. There was no negative feedback heard, and during the time the agenda listing the meeting/emergency rule hearing was publicly posted, no written responses were received.

The Board discussed on the adoption of an emergency rule for the opportunity for out-of-state licensees to conduct TeleMental health services with their current client(s) that are temporarily residing in Georgia due to COVID-19. The rule is only effective for individuals during the current national/state emergency and that are not planning on pursuing full licensure in Georgia, as the current law does not authorize this type of practice otherwise.

Rule 135-14-0.5 Emergency Rule: Authorization for Limited Practice

Pursuant to The Governor of Georgia’s Executive Order 10.30.20.02 (page 31/32), an individual licensed to practice counseling, social work and/or marriage and family therapy at the masters level in another jurisdiction may, without applying for a Georgia license, provide counseling, social work and/or marriage and family therapy services to an existing client(s) who have temporarily relocated to the state of Georgia due to COVID-19. The individual shall notify the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists (the “Board”) of their intent to practice temporarily in the state by electronic means as follows:

- (a) At least 5 days before the intended practice, the individual shall notify the Board of their intent to practice in Georgia with the relevant dates, the clients city where practice is to take place, and the expected duration and nature of intended practice by submission of an e-mail request to: ExamBoards-Healthcare@sos.state.ga.us or by fax to 866-888-7127.
- (b) In addition, the individual shall also submit with their notification, a verification from their state or jurisdiction of licensure verifying the current, unencumbered active status of the license, and indicating no history of disciplinary action.
- (b) The counselor, social worker and/or marriage and family therapist must limit his/her practice in Georgia to a maximum of 30 days per calendar year (a day being defined as any part of a day where counselor, social work and/or marriage and family therapy work is performed)
- (c) This authorization for limited practice only applies to individuals who are currently not seeking licensure in Georgia. Associate level licensees do not qualify for this limited type of practice.
- (d) This emergency rule shall remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency, and for a period of not more than 120 days thereafter.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the 135-14-0.5 Emergency Rule: Authorization for Limited Practice revision above and for the rule to be sent to the Governor’s office. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 1/8/2021 - 2/11/2021

License No	Licensee
AMFT000667	Amanda Christine Bynum
AMFT000668	Hubert Pierce Tankersley, III
CSW007457	D'Netra LaTrice Young-Lawal
CSW007458	Ayesha Aqueelah Thomas
CSW007459	Aquarius Shawnta Card

CSW007460	Tamara Bualoy Hambrick
CSW007461	Kasey Knight Griner
CSW007462	Alexander Weldon Smith
CSW007463	Juliet Chinwengozi Ihedike
CSW007464	Christina Nancy Rijneveld
CSW007465	Sharon LaShon Bruner
CSW007466	Kelsey Bing Sander

CSW007467	Tiarra Michelle Hodges
CSW007468	Lily Elizabeth Wolf
CSW007469	Celena Millians O'Connell
CSW007470	Brandie Ayla Stern
CSW007471	Mysia Izydore Thatcher
CSW007472	Maria Fernanda Londono
CSW007473	Valeria Shanez Gault
CSW007474	Carole Jean Snelgrove
CSW007475	Kelly Ann Davis
CSW007476	Rebecca Hathaway O'Shields
CSW007477	Chinenye Ifeoma Nwizu
CSW007478	Christian Stephanie Brown
CSW007479	Brandon Jamal Haygood
CSW007480	Kenisha Miller Hardy
CSW007481	Regina Roschelle Blaine
CSW007482	Lionel J Smith
LPC011959	Tashua Berry Dennis
LPC011960	Emily Rebecca Foltz-Holland
LPC011961	Sarah Elsa Freeman
LPC011962	Shawnda Latrice Avery
LPC011963	Greta Angstadt Cork
LPC011964	Kellie M. Hinesley
LPC011965	Michelle Sayers Shlafman
LPC011966	Alissa Nicole Northrup
LPC011967	Benjamin Key Thompson
LPC011968	Lauren Kimberly Ramos
LPC011969	Danielle LaShay Brown
LPC011970	Virginia Louise Puckett
LPC011971	Felipe R Howell
LPC011972	Donya Slade Franklin
LPC011973	Heather Anne Elson
LPC011974	Shaily Kaur Singh
LPC011975	Beverly Runa Sargent
LPC011976	Catherine Michelle Adams
LPC011977	Shianna Maria Cruz
LPC011978	Cheryl Daugherty
LPC011979	Bernard Leon Duvivier
LPC011980	Angelika Aloha Johnson
LPC011981	Tammy Wynett Montgomery
LPC011982	Lugenia Laverne Sanders
LPC011983	Zoe Simone Shaw
LPC011984	Jessica Lynn Wiggs
LPC011985	Kimberly Regina Lattimore-Hannah
LPC011986	Talia Sage Auslin
MFT001837	Sarah Katherine Cox
MFT001838	Aaron D Kirkwood
MFT001839	Simara Navelle Blair
MFT001840	Lynda Ilyse Sarkisian
MSW009794	Sylvia Shanae Anderson

MSW009795	Dana Marie Daniel
MSW009796	Karen Lynne Emery
MSW009797	Evelyn Foster Hunt
MSW009798	Joycelyn Michelle Kennedy
MSW009799	Elizabeth Hope J Parks
MSW009800	Kelly Ann Townley
MSW009801	Jazmine Wilson-McMullen
MSW009802	Tori Danielle Huffman
MSW009803	Yolandra Ann Jones
MSW009804	Jasmine Imani Walker
MSW009805	Joan Ellen Bourne
MSW009806	Eva Marilyn Slater
MSW009807	Emily Kristen Smith
MSW009808	Corey Anthony Marshall
MSW009809	Chaya Tzivie Pill
MSW009810	Taylor Breona Shine
MSW009811	Amy Lauren Burris
MSW009812	Fiona Madeline Kaye-Manu
MSW009813	Alissa Nicole Schwindel
MSW009814	Maya Nichelle Shy
MSW009815	Adelle Shemayne Simpson
MSW009816	Cynthia Ruth Edenfield
MSW009817	Rozlynn Horton
MSW009818	Kimberly Pruitt
MSW009819	Tharwah Alzoubi
MSW009820	Shalondria Montise Turk Collard
MSW009821	Christy Ann Holmes
MSW009822	Audrianna Jo McNeil
MSW009823	Kayla Ann Harsch
MSW009824	Nicole Denise Banks
MSW009825	Cameron Arline Sowers
MSW009826	Darren Jerome Guest
MSW009827	Madonna Adelia Owens
MSW009828	LeNieca Venzant
MSW009829	Chrissy Leach Lort
MSW009830	Ewa Maselek
MSW009831	Tammy McGarity Von-Nordheim
MSW009832	Mwangala Kristine Sibetta
MSW009833	Cheyenne Grace Skinner
MSW009834	Danita Renee Campbell-Thomas
MSW009835	James Anthony Roberts
MSW009836	Asheley Nicole Wright
MSW009837	Leroy Bryant II
MSW009838	Kaylee Joy Fisher
MSW009839	Samantha Marie Dunn
MSW009840	Jennie Michelle Pless
MSW009841	Matashia Mashay Collier
MSW009842	Kemoy V-Ann LeBrane
MSW009843	Kimberli Watkins-Taiwo

MSW009844	Rachel Anne Eden
MSW009845	Christina C Ferrari
MSW009846	Cecelia Erin Lay
MSW009847	T'Shauna Renee King
MSW009848	Christine Vanessa Williams
MSW009849	Trastine Lanette Saxby

MSW009850	Amanda Rae Hatfield
MSW009851	Beverly Mombo George
MSW009852	Jane LeAndria Jordan
MSW009853	Cory Alexander Scott
MSW009854	Susan Lisa Kolevsohn
MSW009855	Laquaya Simone Garrett

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Application Ratify List of licenses issued between Board meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- New NCE Online Exam Option - LPCs-For Discussion – *Tabled for further discussion during the LPC Rules committee meeting scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2021.*

Associations – Board Update:

Association updates were provided by Gale Macke, CEO of LPCA and Jan Yates, NASW

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Smith 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: Klock-Powell, Jordan, Smith, Barker, Ms. Morris, Mr. Morris, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Brown-Pinkney and Livingston.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, February 12, 2021, Ms. Klock-Powell, 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.

Denied Appearances Conducted:

- M. C.
- R. F.

Recommendation:

Denial Stands
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Ms. Jordan motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to that the denial stands for the application for licensure of M. C. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Jordan motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to that the denial stands for the application for licensure of R. F. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Applicant Interviews Conducted:

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

- L.D. APC 8:30 a.m. Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
- C.T. APC 8:00 a.m. Approve to sit for exam
- W.A-J CSW 9:00 a.m. Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Applications:

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

Ms. Barker motioned, Mr. Livingston 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.

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.

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

Professional Practices Committee/Complaints:

Recommend Closure: COMP190035, COMP200144, COMP200129, COMP210080, COMP210083, COMP210091 and COMP210106.

Recommend Referral to AG's Office: COMP190107, COMP200044, COMP20091, COMP210037

Recommend Referral to Investigations: COMP120057, COMP210069, COMP210088 & 210098, COMP210100

Recommend Investigative Interview: COMP200061, 200076, 200078 (Same Respondent), COMP210092, COMP200138

Recommend Peer Review: COMP200089

Recommend Pending Receipt of Additional Information: COMP200005, COMP200119, COMP210006, COMP210034, COMP210070, 210071, 210072, 210073, 210074, 210075, 210076, COMP210097

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.

Executive Session Minutes:

- January 7, 2021 PPC C.C. Meeting
- January 8, 2021 Board Meeting

Recommendation:

- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 7, 2021 Executive Session Professional Practices Committee Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 8, 2021 ZOOM Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Correspondence:

- L.H. – RE Supervision – *Submit a new completed Contract Affidavit for Board review*

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

KATHRYN KLOCK-POWELL

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director

Minutes approved on: **March 12, 2021**