# GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2021 10:00 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference/ZOOM on Friday, April 9, 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 Bonnie Barker, LPC Angie Smith, LPC Jacqueline Brown-Pinkney, CSW

# **MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT SEATS:**

(Consumer Member Seat -VACANT) (SW Seat - VACANT) Paul "Andy" Carrier, CSW

# **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 Michele Frey, Visitor Michael McAlister, Visitor Arielle Marshall, Visitor Essence Jackson, Visitor Scarlet Chancey, Visitor, Tambria, Visitor William Lane, Visitor Natalie Milom, Visitor Hayley King, Visitor Yolanda Fountain, Visitor Meagan Ross, Visitor Lisa Hedden, Visitor

Kathryn Klock-Powell, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**Agenda:** Approve as presented

# **Meeting Minutes:**

- March 12, 2021 Board Meeting
- March 23, 2021 LPC-PSC Rules Cmte
- April 7, 2021 General Rules Cmte

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Mach 12, 2021 ZOOM Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 23, 2021 LPC-PSC Rules Committee ZOOM Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 7, 2021 Composite Board General Rules Committee ZOOM Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

# **Correspondence:**

- ASWB 2020 Pass Rates and Other News Board Information Only
- Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact Board Information Only

# **Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:**

J. Allen – Rule 135-5-.06

J. Singleteary – Rule 135-3-.01

V. Ford – Rule 135-5-.04

L. Cheathon - Rule 135-5-.01

C. Thomas – Rule 135-3-.01

# **Recommendation:**

Withdraw Petition, No Application, No Clear Standing

Grant; 6-month extension

Deny; No substantial hardship proven Deny; No substantial hardship proven

Grant; 6-month extension

Ms. Brown-Pickney motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to request the withdrawal of the petition request for J. Allen as no application for licensure has been submitted, no clear standing for the Board to determine a response. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for V. Ford for failure to demonstrate a substantial hardship as required. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Jordan motioned, Ms. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for L. Cheathon for failure to demonstrate a substantial hardship as required as required. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 3/12/2021 - 4/6/2021

License No	Licensee	
AMFT000675	Curnesia Smith Bogans	
AMFT000676	Aylesha Janae Gurley	
AMFT000677	Laura Elizabeth Hamilton	
AMFT000678	Deneé Esther Hand	
AMFT000679	Jessica Hope Millican	
AMFT000680	Kayla Ann Waters	
APC007818	Veronica Leana Bentley	
APC007819	Crystal Araba Brown-Thompson	
APC007820	Caitlyn Loray Broyles	
APC007821	Deana Joseph Dabit	
APC007822	Evelyn Nicole Ellington	
APC007823	Catherine L Fendig	
APC007824	Tracy Denise Fields	
APC007825	Talaina Misha Floyd	
APC007826	Kiana M Gandy	
APC007827	Lisa Gayle Giebelhaus	
APC007828	Marissa Charlett Grace	
APC007829	Katherine Evans Hevesi	
APC007830	Taylar Renee' Jackson	

APC007831	Lindsay Neeley Luttrell
APC007832	Devin Roger Mathews
APC007833	Ivy Marisa Mitchell
APC007834	Eyrika Diane Pak
APC007835	Lacey Mignon Rhodes
APC007836	Erika Elaine Stoll
APC007837	Stephanie Camille Thom
APC007838	Lauren Miller Tison
APC007839	Shawn David Wilding
APC007840	Alissa Dean Bottoms
APC007841	Christine Marie Bunyan
APC007842	Emily Suzanne Cade
APC007843	Kellie Anissa Dix
APC007844	Suzanne Walraven Hattaway
APC007845	Michelle Nadina Thompson
APC007846	Melissa Cervantes-Oporta
APC007847	Felix Daniel Cruz
APC007848	Latesha Machell Dixon
APC007849	Tiffany Renae Dorton
APC007850	Dana Kipland Duke

APC007851	Jennifer Lynn Fedderick	
APC007852	Sophie Monigatti Lake	
APC007853	Alicia Marie Jennings	
APC007854	Daniel Hiram Pagan	
APC007855	Tracy Lee Stevens	
APC007856	Holly Ann Tufan	
APC007857	Marquita Adrianne Ward	
APC007858	Aaron Matthew Wondrasek	
APC007859	Cecilia Isabel Perez-Zamora	
APC007860	Alison Danielle Dillon	
APC007861	Eleanor Bingham Mallory	
CSW007524	Sara Dochterman	
CSW007525	Emily R Greenberger	
CSW007526	Anasuya Kim Gutierrez	
CSW007527	Kristen Peele Jones	
CSW007528	Rosalinda Morales	
CSW007529	Claire C Oglander	
CSW007530	Teresa Louise Bishop	
CSW007531	Anna Kate Crumbliss	
CSW007532	Quinstar Valiant Coleman	
CSW007533	Kacy Kristiana Brown	
CSW007534	Audrey Anjema Makokha	
CSW007535	Mia Yvonne Thurman	
CSW007536	Bill Falwell Carter	
CSW007537	Damien W Pettway	
CSW007538	Christopher Rane Faustin	
CSW007539	Cassandre Elena Dujour	
CSW007540	Mercedes Alise Hickman	
CSW007541	William Mansfield Keyser	
CSW007542	Jasmine Rosina Tucker	
CSW007543	Eric Michael Watts	
CSW007544	Donnise Halla Powell	
CSW007545	Favor Ekumu Geraldyne	
CSW007546	Maddie Melissa Oden	
CSW007547	Erin Michele Walls McFall	
CSW007548	Robin Weiner O'Donnell	
CSW007549	Stacie Renee Dewolfe	
CSW007550	Yolanda Clair Dunn	
LPC012040	John Charles Barnett	
LPC012041	Tonja A Batt	
LPC012042	Terri Brown	
LPC012043	Melissa Leigh Craven	
LPC012044	Barry Earlsworth Daly	
LPC012045	Juvania S Dumas	
LPC012046	Nineveh Lynn Haysbert	
LPC012047	Georgette Geraldine Hughes	
LPC012048	Petrice Alana Leben-Martin	
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LPC012049	Angela Michelle Lee
LPC012050	Lanier Meeks Yi
LPC012051	Amber Renae Hickok
LPC012052	Sierra Patrice Hillsman
LPC012053	Melissa Joy Keane
LPC012054	Debbie S Middlebrook
LPC012055	Lucy Riley Miller
LPC012056	Bianca Naomi Poindexter
LPC012057	Beverley Veronica Theodore
LPC012058	Cornelia Lee Williams
LPC012059	Frederick Antonio Saddler
LPC012060	Cassidy Lee Short Hafley
LPC012061	Cari Nicole Wainio
LPC012062	Amanda Michelle Culverhouse
LPC012063	Beverly A. Lambert Frazier
LPC012064	Nancy Workosky Brooks
LPC012065	Robert Lawrence Willis
LPC012066	Patricia Marie Jones
LPC012067	Jamarri M Rollocks
LPC012068	Angelica Shanta Jordan
LPC012069	John B Ward
LPC012070	Malkema T Martin
LPC012071	Amanda Shiri Hill
LPC012072	Amy Rebekah Pico
LPC012073	Stephanie Denise Smith-Daniel
LPC012074	Elaine Katherine Wolf
LPC012075	Aphroditise Corelle Edge
LPC012076	Ta'teaona Dawnsha Jacobs
MFT001845	Peter Raymond Attridge
MFT001846	Joy L. Mitchell
MFT001847	Kimberly Ann Mulkey
MFT001848	Arielle Alexus Saunders
MFT001849	Samantha Anni Skurja
MFT001850	David L Nutter
MFT001851	Jason Adam Wasser
MFT001852	Alicia Ines De Olano
MFT001853	Sakina Denise Huffman
MFT001854	Jordanos Dawit Tela
MFT001855	Travis Allen Webster
MFT001856	Esther Yeo-Jin Ellison
MSW009917	Arvell Jose Alexander
MSW009918	Kaitlin Brianne Bales
MSW009919	Karen Elizabeth Blanchette
MSW009920	Ronmonique Sherelle Carter
MSW009921	Carla Cisneros
MSW009922	Margaret Jean Clark
MSW009923	Dashia Damitra Drayton
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MSW009924	Jerthys Elena Espinal
MSW009925	Diana Frances Funches
MSW009926	Jefria Lagwen Jones
MSW009927	Courtney Lashe' Landers
MSW009928	Tamara Danielle Luster
MSW009929	Elizabeth Jill Milowe
MSW009930	Caroline Saunders Russe
MSW009931	Mariann Torrence
MSW009932	Alexandra Maye Turconi
MSW009933	Nsima Aniefiok Umana
MSW009934	Geraldine Elizabeth Lee
MSW009935	Sabrina Oakley
MSW009936	Brittany Dianne Smith
MSW009937	Renae Adeluisa Fernandes
MSW009938	Shanta Denise Noel
MSW009939	Kenya Breana Smith
MSW009940	Brianna Alexis Howard
MSW009941	Sydnee Lee Mata
MSW009942	Veronica Denise Christian
MSW009943	Simone Sharlotte Davis
MSW009944	Sonya Monique Williams

MSW009945	Erica Nicole Dix
MSW009946	Aisha Nyoka Ware
MSW009947	Marissa Fay Burgess
MSW009948	Jaclyn Nicole Barnum
MSW009949	Lori Beth Parris
MSW009950	Molly Porr Wilson
MSW009951	LeAnna Mashae Bonner
MSW009952	Jariva Regina King
MSW009953	Bryant Edward Harris
MSW009954	Elyse Fernandez
MSW009955	Emily Michele Mittelman
MSW009956	Yolande Daphne Scholler
MSW009957	Zhane' Breanna Rucker
MSW009958	Hannah Nicole George
MSW009959	Leah Michelle Kelley
MSW009960	Courtney Nicole Lamb
MSW009961	Melody Renae Johnson
MSW009962	Jazmine Denise Johnson
MSW009963	Mary Rose Petner
MSW009964	Abigail Orin Danns
MSW009965	Lucy Watkins

Ms. Pinkney-Brown 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.

#### **Board Rules Discussion:**

- Rule 135-5-.01 APC
- Rule 135-5-.02 LPC
- Rule 135-3 Application for Licensure Tabled for further review and discussion
- Rule 135-7 Code of Ethics Tabled for further review and discussion

Ms. Barker moved, Ms. Smith seconded and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 135-5-.01 APC to the AG's for a Memo of Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rules hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker moved, Ms. Smith seconded and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 135-5-.02 LPC to the AG's for a Memo of Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rules hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty day public posting. None opposed, motion carried

#### **Next Rule Committee Meetings:**

• Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – General Rules Committee – 8:30 a.m.

#### **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 conduct the denied applicant interview, 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, Brown-Pinkney and Livingston.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 9, 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.

# **Full Board Appearance:**

M.M.

**Recommendation:** 

• S.A.

Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

**Denial Stands** 

Ms. Morris motioned, Ms. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous denial for S.A. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Morris motioned, Ms. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to table the decision of the application for S.A. for 3 months pending receipt of additional information as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Smith motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to that the denial stands for the application for licensure of M.M. 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.

•	C.W.	APC	8:00 a.m.	Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
•	D.G.	LPC	8:30 a.m.	Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
•	R.O.	MSW	8:00 a.m.	Approve for reinstatement
•	K.D.	CSW	8:30 a.m.	Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
•	S.P.	MFT	8:30 a.m.	Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
•	C.N.	MFT	9:00 a.m.	Denied; Does not meet licensure requirements as
				outlined in Board rule 135-5- 05 AMFT

# **Applications:**

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

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. 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:**

**Recommend Closure**: COMP180142, COMP190024, COMP190111, COMP190121, COMP200128, COMP210021, COMP210024, COMP210025, COMP210067, COMP210082, COMP210105, COMP210112 and COMP210114

Recommend Investigative Interview: COMP190104, COMP200131, COMP210107 and COMP210116

<u>Recommend Referral to Investigations</u>: COMP200037, COMP200132, COMP210102, COMP210103 and COMP210104

Recommend Pending Receipt of Additional Information: COMP190064, COMP200066, COMP200080, COMP200082, COMP200089, COMP200136, COMP210015, COMP210031, COMP210038, COMP210043, COMP210046, COMP210060, COMP210066, COMP210079, COMP210085, COMP210097, COMP210111, COMP210113, COMP210115, COMP210117, COMP210120 and COMP210121

Ms. Smith motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to accept the approval request of the respondent of COMP200138 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Jones 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.

Ms. Morris motioned, Ms. Pinkney-Brown seconded, and the Board voted to accept the inactive status request for R.C. report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

#### **Renewal Issues:**

Failure to meet the requirements of a Continuing Education Audit for the renewal of licensure.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to proceed as directed with the referral to the AG's office of the 20 licensee's that failed to meet the CE audit requirements as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

# **Exec. Misc. Discussion Items:**

- T.L. Approve Request
- J.A. Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to approve the request of T.L. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

#### **Executive Session Minutes:**

#### **Recommendation:**

• March 11, 2021 PPC C.C. Meeting

Approve as presented Approve as presented

• March 12, 2021 Board Meeting

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 11, 2021 Executive Session Professional Practices Committee Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Livingston motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 12, 2021 ZOOM Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

KATHRYN KLOCK-POWELL
Chair
Executive Director

Minutes approved May 7, 2021