

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes – July 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, July 9, 2021. The Board’s Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Morris, LPC Vice-Chair
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Angie Smith, LPC
Paul “Andy” Carrier, CSW
Jacqueline Brown-Pinkney, CSW
Steve Livingston, MFT
William “David” Lane, MFT

MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT SEATS

(Consumer Member Seat -VACANT)
(SW Seat - VACANT)
Lorien Jordan, MFT

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Kathy Jones, Licensing Analyst
Kimberly Candler, Licensing Analyst

ATTORNEY GENERALS’ OFFICE:

Mary Brannen, Esq., AAG

VISITORS PRESENT:

Meredith McGowen, Applicant
Afiya Yabuku, Visitor
Anne McSweeney, Visitor
Dr. J., Visitor,
Cha’Ke’Sha Spencer, Visitor
David Blanchard Visitor
Dr. April Walker, Visitor
Heather, Visitor
Jan Yates, NASW
Karen Starks, Visitor
Gale Macke, LPCA-GA, CEO
Mary Burns, Visitor
Michelle Frey, Visitor

Mildred Howard, Visitor
Nancy Acevedo, Visitor
Nickesha Douglas, Visitor
Pamela, Visitor
Osheha Shakoor-Rivera, Applicant
Rayvene Whatley, Visitor
Rhian Ray, Visitor
Stephanie Franklin, Visitor
Tara Taylor, Visitor
Harley S. Visitor
Aliceia Lyles Edward, Visitor
Angelique Hill, Visitor
VHAAUGNelsoT, Visitor

Lisa Morris, LPC, Vice-Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

Agenda: Approve as presented

Meeting Minutes:

- June 4, 2021 Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Accept as Presented

Mr. Livingston motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 4, 2021 ZOOM Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- **Gov. Kemp - Exec Order - State of Emergency 06.22.21.01 & .02 - Emergency Rule-Statement – Board Information Only.** Governor Kemp signed a new executive order to continue to allow out-of-state

practitioners to continue services in Georgia due to COVID-19, pursuant to the current Board Rule 135-14-.05 Emergency Rule: Authorization for Limited Practice.

- **A Lasher – Re Board Rule 135-5-.04 - The Board does not have a current policy/rule in regard to the limit of groups that supervisors are able to supervise.**

Ms. Morris motioned, Ms. Barker 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:

- T. Stepp-Allen – Rule 135-3-.01
- N. Mirreh – Rule 135-3-.01
- L. Jones – Rule 135-3-.01
- J. Charles – Rules 135-5-.02
- S. Stritt – Rule 135-5-.04
- J. Murphy – Rule 135-9-.01
- J. Wilkerson – Rule 135-5-.02
- M. McGowan – Rule 135-5-.02

Recommendation:

Grant; 6-month extension
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Deny – No proven hardship
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Grant
Deny - No proven hardship
Grant

Ms. Smith motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for T. Stepp-Allen and allow a onetime 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for J. Murphy as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Ms. Smith motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for M. McGowan as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Associations – Board Update:

Association updates were provided by Jan Yates, NASW. The update included that the NASW annual meeting has been delayed and rescheduled to September 24-26, 2021 due to technical issues.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 6/3/2021 - 7/7/2021

| License No | Licensee |
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| APC007940 | Phillip Matthew Atkinson |
| APC007941 | Catherine Bryant Avery |
| APC007942 | Jazzmin Warner Bailey |
| APC007943 | Brandon Anthony Bogues |
| APC007944 | Phylicia Renee Michelle Cash |
| APC007945 | Denise Monique Clark |
| APC007946 | Ja'Kita Tai-Yahna Crawford |
| APC007947 | Jasmine Sabrena Culberson |
| APC007948 | Alexander Louis DiVergilio |
| APC007949 | Emily Grace Harrison |
| APC007950 | David Grant Haskell |
| APC007951 | Madison Elise Hester |
| APC007952 | Carly Melissa Horton |
| APC007953 | Kimberly Marie Jones-Anthony |
| APC007954 | Shivani Bhavini Laloo |
| APC007955 | Lea Chanel McQueen |
| APC007956 | Ashley Brianna Moore |
| APC007957 | Tera Nicole Murchinson |
| APC007958 | Kenneth G Myers |
| APC007959 | Keisha Leah Nagai |
| APC007960 | Christopher Gerald Neylon |
| APC007961 | Kimberly Windsor Rodriguez |
| APC007962 | Monica Nicole Roper |
| APC007963 | Megan Moore Scoggins |
| APC007964 | Melissa Dawn Sharp |
| APC007965 | Dianna Singleton |
| APC007966 | LaTronja Tranae Sockwell |
| APC007967 | Shambria Simone Stoll |
| APC007968 | Alisha Uppal |
| APC007969 | Deborah Dionne Culpepper |
| APC007970 | Kelley Ivey Brown |
| APC007971 | Tayha Genet Smith |
| APC007972 | Shana Natalie Campbell |
| APC007973 | Joseph Hugh Etheredge |
| APC007974 | Jennifer Musu Philips |
| APC007975 | Richard Todd Smith |
| APC007976 | Sarah Jane Booth |
| APC007977 | Felicia Alei' Burnett |
| APC007978 | Alexandra Elizabeth Denault |
| APC007979 | Richard Austin Hunter |
| APC007980 | Michael Timothy McAleer |
| APC007981 | Maria Cristina Moncayo Gilstrap |
| APC007982 | Leslie Eunice Myles |
| APC007983 | Rolonda Renae Taylor |
| APC007984 | Rachel Eremchuk Whiten |
| APC007985 | Dominique Michelle Woods |

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| APC007986 | Andilyn Nicole Horak |
| APC007987 | Kelsey Carrasquillo Stout |
| APC007988 | Ebony Latrese Morish |
| APC007989 | Carolyn O Moore |
| APC007990 | Calvin Darnell Ponds |
| APC007991 | Glenn Nolan Gray |
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| CSW007619 | Adetoun O Adeyemo |
| CSW007620 | Bridget Colleen Beres |
| CSW007621 | Steve Michael Bowland |
| CSW007622 | Corri Lyn Burton |
| CSW007623 | Anasia Lanvi Coates |
| CSW007624 | Michelle Amanda Grant Tate |
| CSW007625 | Anh V Lai-O'Connell |
| CSW007626 | Ann M Mumm |
| CSW007627 | Lauryn Ellen Wittenbrook |
| CSW007628 | Elsa Claire Connally |
| CSW007629 | Alysabeth Morgan Carter |
| CSW007630 | Rhea Caroline Mascoll |
| CSW007631 | Erica La'Chelle Evans |
| CSW007632 | Mindi Dawson Gardner |
| CSW007633 | Sheryl Zeger |
| CSW007634 | Paul Edward Henfield |
| CSW007635 | Christina Gentile Potter |
| CSW007636 | Kirsten Amilou Thornante |
| CSW007637 | Kelsey Grace Layman |
| CSW007638 | Reneisha Denae Campbell |
| CSW007639 | Celena Monique Allen |
| CSW007640 | Kelly Sheree Hodge |
| CSW007641 | LaShawna Danielle Scott |
| CSW007642 | Tosha Cawanna Johnson |
| CSW007643 | Heather Nicole Forward |
| CSW007644 | Nikita Joy Williams |
| CSW007645 | Katerina Danielle Marroquin |
| CSW007646 | Amelia Abril Mccroy |
| CSW007647 | Sarah Katherine Smith |
| CSW007648 | Brandy Louise Dykes |
| CSW007649 | Latoya Andrea McLeod-Carpenter |
| CSW007650 | Karren Beth Johnson |
| CSW007651 | Tera Rashawn Reid |
| CSW007652 | Samuel Boardman Ross |
| CSW007653 | Sheneki Clark Brown |
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| LPC012206 | Simone Elise Allmon |
| LPC012207 | Sandy Frye Boone |
| LPC012208 | Tameka Wade Brewington |
| LPC012209 | Cleophas L Browder |

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| LPC012210 | Ashlei Monet Cole |
| LPC012211 | Helena Marcell Collins |
| LPC012212 | Sherese Danielle Ezelle |
| LPC012213 | Heidi Kathleen Graber |
| LPC012214 | Callie Anne Gruenwald |
| LPC012215 | Lynne Marie Guenther |
| LPC012216 | Jehan Kerisha Knight |
| LPC012217 | Ember Marie Leipter |
| LPC012218 | William Patrick Meyers |
| LPC012219 | Rosalynn Frances Terry |
| LPC012220 | Alicia Marie Woodworth |
| LPC012221 | Samantha Amanda Adams |
| LPC012222 | Tiffany Bass-Jackson |
| LPC012223 | Elizabeth Gray Carter |
| LPC012224 | Jade Leighann Colwell |
| LPC012225 | Jeanette Guanita Cook |
| LPC012226 | Tamara Marie Hines |
| LPC012227 | Tatianna Shanna Jones |
| LPC012228 | McKenzie V Hobbs |
| LPC012229 | Seth Jeffrey Klinehoffer |
| LPC012230 | Maxwell Kirkland Merritt, IV |
| LPC012231 | Shameia Nicole Mixon |
| LPC012232 | Michelle Clarke Peteet |
| LPC012233 | Alicia Allison Porter |
| LPC012234 | Amber Denise Grafton Reganato |
| LPC012235 | Conchata Shinette Richards Jones |
| LPC012236 | Marguerite Bonnet |
| LPC012237 | Shronna Rajahee Latimore |
| LPC012238 | Dia Yv'Nae Harden |
| LPC012240 | Lakisha Mark McConnell |
| LPC012241 | Jacob Henry Meyers |
| LPC012242 | Kimberly Michelle Grace |
| LPC012243 | Tyeisha Middleton Crumsey |
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| MFT001875 | Karen Starook Barnes |
| MFT001876 | Allison Marie Mangone |
| MFT001877 | Kelly Grant Stephens |
| MFT001878 | Wesley Thornhill Winkler |
| MFT001879 | Chaya M Kagan |
| MFT001880 | Kimberly Ruth Sims |
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| MSW010052 | Elizabeth Alexandria Cozanitis |
| MSW010053 | Xinia Marisol Arana |
| MSW010054 | Bertina Beaubrun |
| MSW010055 | Sharla Noel Burrell-Stroud |
| MSW010056 | Kayla Tonya Hendricks |
| MSW010057 | Bianca Latoya Harold |
| MSW010058 | Raveen Symone Lewis |
| MSW010059 | Amanda Gail Murphy |

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| MSW010060 | Olympia Victoria O'Neale-White |
| MSW010061 | Elizabeth Pittman |
| MSW010062 | Katie Rebecca Polanco |
| MSW010063 | Rebecca Lynn Rozema |
| MSW010064 | Kemba Rachelle Small |
| MSW010065 | Gerard Vincent Tate |
| MSW010066 | Pamela D. Treadwell |
| MSW010067 | Regina L Wilson |
| MSW010068 | Amy Elizabeth Gier |
| MSW010069 | Jennifer Marie Ball |
| MSW010070 | Jennifer Grace Corkle |
| MSW010071 | Shaniqua Monique Barron |
| MSW010072 | Tanisha Nicole Corporal |
| MSW010073 | Christy L Lopez |
| MSW010074 | Agatha P Rodriguez |
| MSW010075 | Shonteila Jannell West Gregoire |
| MSW010076 | Kayla Nicole Garnigan |
| MSW010077 | Lauren Ashleigh Street |
| MSW010078 | Elinor Ritchie Slater |
| MSW010079 | Phinesse Lavia-Shanice Livingston |
| MSW010080 | Debra Chervenka Orozco |
| MSW010081 | Jessica A Sanford |
| MSW010082 | Alaura LeGrace Bryant |
| MSW010083 | Lela Margaret Nickens |
| MSW010084 | Tessa Jane Roland |
| MSW010085 | LaSonja Evans Hagans |
| MSW010086 | Rachel Noelle Wright |
| MSW010087 | Tanisha Nicole Stewart |
| MSW010088 | Tressie Hall Mitchell |
| MSW010089 | Elizabeth C Shortland |
| MSW010090 | Takeita Latrease Lewis |
| MSW010091 | Sophia Felicia Thomas |
| MSW010092 | Sharon Denise Kellam |
| MSW010093 | Wesiona Donyavetta Walker |
| MSW010094 | Lindsey Kelly Troupe |
| MSW010095 | Sierra Stabler Kihlstadius |
| MSW010096 | RaeAnitia Dawn Stewart |
| MSW010097 | Chelsea Williams Howard |
| MSW010098 | Sharilee Nastasia Benjamin |
| MSW010099 | Andrea E. Russo |
| MSW010100 | Stephanie Ann Bethel |
| MSW010101 | Alessandra Malese Ellis-Lodmell |
| MSW010102 | Alivia Rose Moore Heath |
| MSW010103 | Tori Bennett Pitts |
| MSW010104 | Cristina Tanase |
| MSW010105 | Joy Nicole Whitmore |
| MSW010106 | Mollie Grace Jewett |
| MSW010107 | Erica Shonta Womack |
| MSW010108 | Lasharra Audrianna Jenkins |

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

Ms. Smith motioned, Mr. Carrier 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 Morris, Smith, Barker, Brown-Pinkney, Carrier, Livingston and Lane.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, July 9, 2021, Ms. Morris, 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.

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| • D.H. | APC | 8:00 a.m. | Tabled; Pending Board review |
| • K.H. | LPC | 8:30 a.m. | Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information |
| • C.L. | LPC | 9:00 a.m. | Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information |
| • C.C. | LPC (Supv. K.H) | 9:30 a.m. | Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information |
| • M.L-S. | LPC (Supv. K.H) | 9:30 a.m. | No further information necessary |
| • M.B. | CSW | 8:30 a.m. | Refer to AG’s office |
| • K.A. | MSW | 9:00 a.m. | Tabled; Pending Board review |
| • J.G. | CSW | 9:30 a.m. | Denied – does not meet licensure requirements as outlined in Board rule 135-5-.04 CSW |

Ms. Morris motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations for M.B. with referral to the AG’s office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Smith motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to deny the application of J.G. for failure to meet licensure requirements as outlined in Board rule 135-5-.04 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Full Board Denial Appearance:

- S.R. 11:15 a.m.
- C.S. 11:45 a.m.
- D.S. 12:15 a.m.

Recommendation:

Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
Rescind Denial; Approve
Denial Stands

Ms. Smith motioned, Ms. Pinkney-Brown seconded, and the Board voted to table the decision of the application for S.R. pending receipt of additional information. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for C.S. and issue licensure as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Pinkney-Brown motioned, Ms. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to that the denial stands for the application for licensure of D.S. 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. Smith 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.

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. Smith motioned, Ms. Pinkney-Brown seconded, and the Board voted to accept the revisions to the original referral of the Board Order for L.H. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Professional Practices Committee/Complaints:

Investigative Interviews Conducted (07/08/2021):

COMP210116

Refer to AG's office

Recommend Closure: COMP200080, COMP200126, COMP210058, COMP210097, COMP210111, COMP210120, COMP210126, COMP210127, COMP210168 AND COMP220001

Recommend Investigative Interview: COMP200140, COMP210001, COMP210034, COMP210040, COMP210049, COMP210100

Recommend Referral to AG's Office: COMP200061, 200076, 200078, COMP210031, COMP210062, COMP210119, 210125, 210152 and 210169

Recommend Pending Receipt of Additional Information: COMP190064, COMP200005, COMP200037, COMP200131, COMP210027, COMP210038, COMP210039, COMP210043, COMP210059, COMP210079, COMP210102, COMP210117, COMP210121, COMP210123, COMP210135, COMP210139, COMP210140, COMP210141, COMP210142, COMP210145, COMP210146, COMP210148, COMP210150, COMP210151, COMP210153, COMP210166, COMP210167

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to refer case COMP210116 to the AG's office as for a Private Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Smith motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to refer case COMP210062 to the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Pinkney-Brown motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to refer case COMP210031 to the AG's office as for a Public Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to refer the companion cases of COMP200061, COMP200076 and COMP200078 to the AG's office as for a Public Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Pinkney-Brown motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to refer case COMP210119 and COMP210152 to the AG's office as for a Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Smith motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to refer case COMP210125 and COMP210169 to the AG's office as for a Voluntary Cease & Desist Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Exec. Misc. Discussion Items:

- K.C.

Recommendation:

Approve Supervisor

Mr. Lane motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to refer the reinstatement application of K.G. to the AG's office for a Public Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Smith motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to approve the supervisor provided by K.C. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

PLB Legal Section ADA Accommodations Granted:

- M.B.
- J.C.
- J.R.
- L.C.
- V.S.
- C.E.

Recommendation:

Ratify Approval

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Mr. Lane motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the ADA accommodations granted by the PLB Legal Section between meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- June 4, 2021 Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Ms. Pinkney-Brown motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 4, 2021 ZOOM Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

2021-2023 Board Officer Elections

Chair: Lisa Morris, LPC

Vice-Chair: Angie Smith, LPC

Ms. Pinkney-Brown motioned, Mr. Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the 2021-2023 Board Officers as presented above. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

LISA MORRIS

Vice-Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director

Minutes approved: **August 13, 2021**