

The Georgia Lactation Consultant Advisory Group met January 6, 2017 via telephone conference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Leah S. Aldridge
Chrysta B. Andrews
Merrilee Aynes Gober
Teresa McCullen
Arlene Toole

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director

Cleghorn called the meeting to order at 10:00am on Friday, January 6, 2017.

DUTIES OF ADVISORY GROUP

Cleghorn provided an overview of the duties of the advisory group as provided in O.C.G.A. § 43-22A-5

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Members discussed the need to notify and educate individuals regarding the upcoming licensure requirements. Members discussed obtaining a list of certified lactation consultants in Georgia and requesting the Secretary of State's Office to send correspondence regarding the upcoming licensure requirements.

Cleghorn provided an overview of the licensure and investigative process.

FEES

Cleghorn noted that O.C.G.A. § 43-22A-5 provides that the advisory group be consulted prior to setting or changing fees and explained that the Secretary of State's Office was proposing the following fees:

Proposed Lactation Consultant Fees	
Initial Application	\$100.00
Renewal Application	\$50.00
License Verification Fee	\$25.00

Members agreed that the fees were reasonable and appropriate.

LICENSURE RENEWAL DATE

Cleghorn noted that O.C.G.A. § 43-22A-9 provided information regarding the biennial license renewal and explained that licenses would expire March 31 of even numbered years.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Cleghorn explained that the application process should be ready for late 2017 and noted the timeline for promulgation of rules.

Members discussed the terms for advisory group members and expressed interest in members rotating off to ensure continuity for the group.

Members discussed licensure exceptions provided in O.C.G.A. § 43-22A-13 and noted a need to ensure clarity regarding the exceptions to licensure and the licensure requirements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned January 6, 2017 at 11:09am.