

The Georgia Lactation Consultant Advisory Group met May 28, 2019 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Teresa McCullen

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

Cleghorn called the meeting to order at 10:00am on Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

Cleghorn provided information regarding the number of applications and complaints received and the number of licenses issued.

	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>FY2019 To Date</b>
<b>Applications Received</b>	150	30
<b>Licenses Issued</b>	103	57
<b>Complaints Received</b>	0	0

Cleghorn noted that there were currently 160 active licensees and that no applications for licensure had been denied.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

Tracy provided information regarding the April 24, 2019 decision in the matter of Jackson v. Raffensperger. The state's motion to dismiss the case was granted and the Attorney General's Office is awaiting receipt of the written order to dismiss the case. Tracy noted that the plaintiff has indicated that she will appeal the case to the Georgia Supreme Court.

Tracy provided information noting that the Secretary of State's Office had agreed to continue to stay the enforcement provisions of the statute pending the resolution of all appeals.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Gober sought an update regarding the advisory group's request for a rule defining the role of a perinatal educator. Cleghorn explained that he would contact the Attorney General's Office and provide follow up to the group.

Gober questioned if graduates of the lactation consultant education program at Georgia Northwestern Technical College could use some form of the title "Lactation Consultant" while awaiting certification and licensure. Tracy noted that, based on the language in the statute, individuals should not use the title "Lactation Consultant" unless licensed as provided in O.C.G.A. § 43-22A.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned May 28, 2019 at 10:26am.