

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2022 10:00 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference/ZOOM on Friday, April 8, 2022. The Board’s Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angie Smith, LPC Chair
Kay Gresham, CSW, Vice-Chair
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Gregory Moffatt, LPC
Jacqueline Brown-Pinkney, CSW
Paul “Andy” Carrier, CSW
William “David” Lane, MFT
Bridget Knowles, MFT
Brent Herrin, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lorien Jordan, MFT

ATTORNEY GENERALS’ OFFICE:

Mary Brannen, Esq., AA

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

Michelle Frey
Gale Macke, CEO, LPCA GA
Rebecca Kim
T L McCoy
Jan Yates, NASW - GA

Angie Smith, LPC, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional late items.

Meeting Minutes:

- March 11, 2022 C.C. Board Meeting
- April 1, 2022 LPC Rules CC Meeting
- April 4, 2022 SW Rules CC Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as amended
Approve as presented
Approve as presented

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Pinkney-Brown seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 11, 2022 ZOOM Board meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Pinkney-Brown seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 1, 2022 LPC Rules Committee ZOOM meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Pinkney-Brown seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 4, 2022 SW Rules Committee ZOOM meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- K. Hawks – RE APC and AMFT Requirements – *The Georgia Composite Board do not provide pre-approval or pre-review of eligibility for licensure. Refer to Board rule 135-5-.01(b) and 135-5-.05(2). You may also wish to consider contacting the Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (GAMFT) and Georgia Licensed Professional Counselors Association (LPCA) for additional guidance.*
- E. Rogers – LPC Education Question – *The degree program must be accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) or a regionally accredited program recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Any hours obtained after the loss of accreditation of the institution degree program would not be accepted by the Board. You may consider transferring your degree program to an accredited degree program as outlined in Board rules for the hours to be considered for licensure.*
- HB 1483 - Social Workers *Ongoing discussion of proposed legislation. See correspondence to the Senate Committee of Regulated Industries and Utilities below.*

Ms. Gresham 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.

- **Correspondence** - GA Composite Licensure Board – HB1483 – *Board Correspondence to legislative committee in opposition to this proposed bill - The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee of the Board*

March 23, 2022

The Honorable Bill Cowsert
Chairman, Senate Committee of Regulated Industries and Utilities
432 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: HB 1483 Licensure by Endorsement in Social Work

Dear Senator, Committee Members:

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists are adamantly against reducing the current required hours of Directed Work Experience and Clinical Supervision, either by state law or rule.

This not only compromises the values and integrity of the social work profession, it could also very well prove to be a dangerous and reckless move as the result could translate to unqualified applicants receiving full licensure as clinical social workers when they do not have the necessary experience, training, and guidance. Reducing Directed Work Experience also undermines the hard work that social workers currently exhibit as part of their requirement for full licensure.

For example, reducing directed work experience hours from 3,000 to 2,000, reducing supervision hours from 120 to 100, or reducing the time frames to acquire these hours (36 months and 24 months, respectively) would be a mistake. Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) in Georgia have the authority to diagnose mental disorders, commit consumers to hospitals for emergency evaluations, and bill insurance companies for services rendered. With this authority, comes a higher responsibility to the citizens we serve. This higher responsibility would not be conducive to reducing standards.

Reducing standards and/or training for numbers, will almost certainly yield bigger problems in the future. One final note, the Board is in the process of adding social worker licensure by endorsement to its current rules.

Sincerely,

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists

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David Lane, MFT
Bridget Knowles, MFT
Dr. Lorien S. Jordan, MFT
Brent Herrin, Public at Large Member

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- M. Johnson – Rule 135-5-.02
- C. Green – Rule 135-9-.01

Recommendation:

Grant 6-month extension
Grant

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for M. Johnson and allow a onetime 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for C. Green as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 3/9/2022 - 4/6/2022

License No	Licensee
AMFT000732	Fitkeesha Emanuel Beckford
AMFT000733	Angela Brenda Dustin
AMFT000734	Veronica Rachel Hall
AMFT000735	Katie Lynn Ross
APC008400	Kayla Marie Brena
APC008401	Alexandria Paige Ernest
APC008402	Roger Robert Gillis
APC008403	Jessica Lynn S C Mani Tiwari
APC008404	Coryn Cynthia Murphy
APC008405	Darrin D. Payne
APC008406	Chelse Susan Pike
APC008407	Aliah Tamar Rutledge
APC008408	Hakeem Chisholm Shabazz
APC008409	Tashayla Keandra Solomon
APC008410	Jessica Hope Stovall
APC008411	Spencer Gideon Wood
APC008412	Anne B Freitas Prado
APC008413	Brenai Danielle Bell
APC008414	Karly Marie Hartz
APC008415	Monica Lorraine Bryant
APC008416	Cortney Nicole Fountain
APC008417	Kelle Marie Froberg
APC008418	Jaketa Leena Groves

APC008419	Candice Elyse Hall-Bruce
APC008420	Tranae Felicia Harris-Bingham
APC008421	Alisha Santa Mascioli
APC008422	Christy West McWaters
APC008423	Joshua David Moore
APC008424	Kadi Ruth Stapleton
APC008425	Devin Oralea Thompson
APC008426	Nichole Wall
APC008427	Madeline Watford Smith
APC008428	Samaria Janae Witherspoon
APC008429	Arielle Estee Sabina
APC008430	Ismail Raheem
CSW007973	Tanika Evette Barber
CSW007974	Justin Laron Blake
CSW007975	Andrea Lee Burgess
CSW007976	Jhaismen Annette Collins
CSW007977	Danielle N Dorra-Williams
CSW007978	Haley Lynn Edenfield
CSW007979	Amber Sequoyia Edwards
CSW007980	Ellen Howe
CSW007981	Sarah Sevilla King
CSW007982	Melora Lee Moore
CSW007983	Angalnette Michella OQuinn
CSW007984	Rebecca Lynn Rozema

CSW007985	Bridgette Lori Threat
CSW007986	Pamela Alexander Williams
CSW007987	Mary Dabney Bills
CSW007988	Christina Marie Furtick
CSW007989	Reva M Bowers
CSW007990	Michael David Shorter
CSW007991	Emily W Rudd
CSW007992	Gloria Okaewa Asare
CSW007993	Emerson Wells Cook
CSW007994	Jamila Takiyah Hankins
CSW007995	Melanie Stewart Lee
CSW007996	Ashley Elizabeth Bowman
CSW007997	William Edward Alexander-Judd
CSW007998	Brandy Katherine Durham
CSW007999	Kymerly Angelina McPherson
CSW008000	Brittney Diane Denton
CSW008001	Heather Kwan
CSW008002	Melanie Lynn Anderson
CSW008003	Veronda Shakira Ford
CSW008004	Rebecca Lee Toth
CSW008005	Michael Charles Boyd
CSW008006	Ralph Everett Ables, III
CSW008007	Megan Joan Gallagher Roberson
CSW008008	Alicia Brook Marion
CSW008009	Becky Leigh Ryals
CSW008010	Alicia Brandon Coleman Davis
CSW008011	Julianna Marie Robinson
CSW008012	Mary Elizabeth Krusac
CSW008013	Jaclyn Cooper Crow
LPC012786	Kayla Ciliberto Clark
LPC012787	Charmane S Alvares
LPC012788	Susan Margaret Amsdill
LPC012789	Cicely W. Brantley
LPC012790	Chantel Monique Bryant
LPC012791	Vaneka Rochelle Campbell
LPC012792	Dawn Karen Clark
LPC012793	Amanda Jean Cunningham
LPC012794	Ranada Ricquia Marcel Dalton
LPC012795	Christina Michelle Eagle
LPC012796	Ashley Neale Bullard Franklin
LPC012797	Da'mond Omar Gadson
LPC012798	Guadalupe Garcia
LPC012799	Aida M Girod
LPC012800	Nichole Petra Grimes
LPC012801	Corrine Jenae Harris
LPC012802	Polina Kitsis Harris
LPC012803	Ciara Shantrell Howard
LPC012804	Heather Nicole James
LPC012805	April Thigpen Kitchens
LPC012806	Jared Edward Kreisberg
LPC012807	Hannah Latta

LPC012808	Barbara A Leigh
LPC012809	Nadine Marie Lewandowski
LPC012810	Jean Hugues Marcelin
LPC012811	Michelle Anita Martell
LPC012812	Glenda Gina Momrelle
LPC012813	Kristen Marleau Porter
LPC012814	Debra M Reeves
LPC012815	Ann Emily Reim Ifrach
LPC012816	Anita Julieta Ribeiro
LPC012817	Joshonda Rena Robertson
LPC012818	Johnece Marie Smith
LPC012819	Jennifer Scott Sudderth
LPC012820	Tiffany Patrice Taylor
LPC012821	Theresa Elizabeth Teofilak-Wilson
LPC012822	David D Vaughn
LPC012823	Shanthalitta Seals Wallace
LPC012824	Ashley Monique Young
LPC012825	Darnell Lamont Young
LPC012826	Dwayne Joseph Colson
LPC012827	Adam Michael Holladay
LPC012828	Timothy Irving
LPC012829	Enid M Otero Aguilar
LPC012830	Karen Denise Ayers
LPC012831	Alison Threadgil Boddie
LPC012832	Claire Jeanette Davis
LPC012833	Cassidy Tabeal Ferguson
LPC012834	Jylyan Shannon Jones
LPC012835	Wakela Clayton Lytle
LPC012836	Sophie Lake Oswin
LPC012837	Kelly Lynn Pierce
LPC012838	Amber Ellen Price
LPC012839	Sofia Elizabeth Siraj
LPC012840	Kelsey Jeanne Smith
LPC012841	Khaliliah Kendra Smith
LPC012842	Tatiana Cabral Smith
LPC012843	Quinton Floyd Stripling
LPC012844	Stephanie Louise Waller
LPC012845	Nicole Ridley Walter
LPC012846	Paige Marisa Whitten
LPC012847	Amanda Lee Williams
LPC012848	Temilola Josephine Banjoko
LPC012849	Carla Lashaun Carter
LPC012850	Heather Leigh Massey Coker
LPC012851	Joan Michelle Coles
LPC012852	Anna Hope Covington
LPC012853	Marne Heather Day
LPC012854	Sarah Sibley Fleming
LPC012855	Natasha Rain Garland
LPC012856	Rebeca Gibbons
LPC012857	Tameka Deshae Hart
LPC012858	Crystal Denise Huff

LPC012859	Brittany J Ketchup Hall
LPC012860	Susana Marie Solomon
LPC012861	Krystina Noelle Bush
LPC012862	Erika JoAnn Lockette
LPC012863	Denita Denise Dunn
LPC012864	Amanda Francine Mayo
LPC012865	Mary Labrendalyn Locke
LPC012866	Maricarole Mullis
LPC012867	Kathleen Carolyn Murray
LPC012868	Amanda Jean Riddle
LPC012869	Ilana Tova Weeks
LPC012870	Mary Chase Breedlove Mize
LPC012871	Linda Marie Gould
LPC012872	Danielle Cesar
LPC012873	Cieria Denise Swain
LPC012874	Breanna Victoria Stubbs
LPC012875	Patria Venicia Baugh
LPC012876	Nicole Dieguez Sheehan
LPC012877	Melissa Ann Curtis
LPC012878	Meagan Leigh Shorey
LPC012879	Sharon B Bryant
MFT001946	Savanah Julia Kite
MFT001947	Sherilyn Marie Queen
MFT001948	Dekeisha Rose Teasley
MFT001949	Krystal Janelle James
MFT001950	Dustin Smith Ellis
MFT001951	Donya Slade Franklin
MFT001952	Hannah Gandy Fleckenstein
MSW010569	Lorri Michelle Key Barrett
MSW010570	Erika Venee' Coleman
MSW010571	Jamesia Ann Dolph
MSW010572	Lyndsey Kathryn James Edwards
MSW010573	Savannah Brie Higgins
MSW010574	Jessica Hope Howard
MSW010575	Monica Jean Kam
MSW010576	Joy Jiyeon Lee
MSW010577	Lisa Jean McGarrie
MSW010578	Beulah M Moore

MSW010579	Aysia Nicole Mooror
MSW010580	Teresa Moore
MSW010581	Cam Ngoc-Mai Nguyen
MSW010582	Katherine Lynne Noojin
MSW010583	Lindsay Frances Stewart
MSW010584	Stacey Michele Sotomayer
MSW010585	Sharon Kay Sykes
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MSW010591	William Royce Ard
MSW010592	Kenya Chappelle Jones
MSW010593	Tasmin Avay Munro
MSW010594	Linda Sherie Tatum
MSW010595	Jasmine Cavell Davis
MSW010596	Abigail Delana Wood
MSW010597	Alexis Nyelah Beckford
MSW010598	Afolake Olabisi Lawoyin
MSW010599	Kimberly Renae Cromartie-Windhom
MSW010600	Chidinma Jennifer Okonkwo
MSW010601	Chandre Tranece Pryor
MSW010602	Shantria Loushawn Martin
MSW010603	Bridget Clare Donnelly
MSW010604	Jennifer Heath Moody
MSW010605	Cynthia M Kersee
MSW010606	Emily Daniele Schuler
MSW010607	Kimberly Danielle Denson
MSW010608	Anne E Levine
MSW010609	Terran Caitlyn Dillhyon
MSW010610	Sabeen S Bhimani
MSW010611	Jasmine Denise Holt
MSW010612	Katlin Brooke Boykin
MSW010613	Josephine C Adams
MSW010614	Sugel Cruz
MSW010615	Naomie Josephs
MSW010616	Brittany Yvonne Ford
MSW010617	Christopher Lawrence Morgan

Ms. Barker motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Application Ratify List of licenses issued between Board meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Associations – Board Update:

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

Mr. Herrin 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 interviews, 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 Smith, Barker, Brown-Pinkney, Carrier, Gresham, Lane, Knowles, Herrin and Moffatt.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 8, 2022 Ms. Smith, 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.

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| • H.B. | APC | 8:30 a.m. | Approve to sit for exam |
| • M.M. | APC | 9:00 a.m. | No Show; Reschedule Interview for May 13, 2022 |
| • C.G. | LPC | 9:30 a.m. | Approve for licensure |
| • L.L. | MFT | 8:30 a.m. | Tabled – Pending receipt of additional information |

Mr. Carrier motioned, Ms. Jordan seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations for the above applicant interviews as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

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

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Maddox seconded, and the Board voted to refer L.N. to the AG’s office as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Mr. Carrier 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 for 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:

Investigative Interviews held 04/07/2022:

- COMP220090
Recommendation: Close Case
- COMP210166, 210167, 220094, 210128, 210130 & 210144 (Companion Cases – Same R)
Recommendation: Refer to Investigations

Recommend Closure: COMP210100, COMP220036, COMP220137 and COMP220138

Recommend Investigative Interview: COMP210145/210146 (Companion Cases), COMP210164, COMP220056 and 220124

Recommend Referral to AG’s Office: COMP210058, COMP220146

Pending Receipt of Additional Information: COMP200140, COMP210040, COMP210089, COMP210121, COMP220002, COMP220042, COMP220043, COMP220108, COMP220116, COMP220127

PPC/Complaints – MISC:

- COMP220067 – Revisit/Closed

Recommendation:

Decision stands for closure

Mr. Carrier motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP210058 to the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Carrier motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP220146 to the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Full Board Denied Appearances:

<u>Full Board Denied Appearances:</u>			<u>Recommendation:</u>
• L.E.	MFT	11:15 a.m.	Denial Stands
• R.N.	LPC	11:30 a.m.	Rescind Denial, Pending receipt of additional information
• S.H.	LPC	11:45 a.m.	Cancelled; Denial Stands
• O.M W.	LPC	12:00 p.m.	Rescind Denial, Pending receipt of additional information

Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to that the denial stands for the application for licensure of L.E. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Maddox motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the denial for R.N. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to table the decision for R.N. pending receipt of additional information as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to that the denial stands for the application for licensure of S.H. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Maddox motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the denial for O.M W. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Barker motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to table the decision for O.W.M. pending receipt of additional information and to extend the expiration of the application for 6 months as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

PLB Legal Section ADA Accommodations

- Memo of ADA Accommodations granted between meetings by the PLB Legal Section

Recommendation:

Approve

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

ASWB NON-ADA Accommodations

Recommendation:

- T.M.

Ratify Approval

Mr. Herrin motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the ASWB NON-ADA accommodations for T.M. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Misc. Discussion Items:

- S-M.W.

Recommendation:

Board Information Only

Board Rules Discussion:

- 135-6-.03 Biennial Renewal Cycle
- 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses
- 135-14-0.5 Emergency Rule - Authorization for Limited Practice

Mr. Herrin moved, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to post the proposed rule amendments for 135-6-.03 Biennial Renewal Cycle for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herrin moved, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to post the proposed rule amendments for 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Brown-Pinkney moved, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted for their emergency rule to remain in place for the full 120 days following the Governors declaration that the State of Emergency for Continued COVID-19 Economic Recovery shall terminate on Friday, April 15, 2022 at 11:59 p.m., unless it is renewed by the Governor . None opposed, motion carried.

If not renewed by midnight, April 15, 2022, then the Boards Emergency Rule 135-14-0.5 Authorization for Limited Practice will remain in place and active until 11:59 p.m. on August 13, 2022

Executive Session Minutes:

- March 10, 2022 PPC Meeting
- March 11, 2022 Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented
Approve as presented

Mr. Maddox motioned, Ms. Barker seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 10, 2022 ZOOM Profession Practices Committee Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 11, 2022 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 1:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

ANGIE SMITH

Chair

Minutes approved: **May 13, 2022**

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director