

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2022 * 8:15 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference/ZOOM on Tuesday, June 21, 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
Gregory Moffatt, LPC
Bonnie Barker, LPC
Jacqueline Brown-Pinkney, CSW
Bridget Knowles, MFT
Brent Herrin, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul "Andy" Carrier, CSW
MFT Member (VACANT)
William "David" Lane, MFT

ATTORNEY GENERALS' OFFICE:

Mary Brannen, Esq., AA

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

VISITORS PRESENT:

Ruby Blow	Haleigh Baker
Joe Johnson	Brentia Caldwell
Meredith Rapasky	Dazzmen Davis
D.H.	April Miller

Angie Smith, LPC, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional late items.

Ms. Barker motioned, Moffett seconded, and the Board voted to enter 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 obtain advice and guidance from the Assistant Attorney General on the matter at hand. Voting in favor of the motion were Board members present Smith, Barker, Gresham, Knowles, Herrin, Brown-Pinkney and Moffatt.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, June 21, 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.

House Bill 972/Act 813 – O.C.G.A. 43-10A, Article 1 - relating to licensure provisions

HB972 was signed into law by Governor Kemp, becoming effective July 1, 2022 (SFY 2023). Certain licensure provisions changed as related to counselor license, including the number of required years of directed work experience under supervision and the educational semester/quarter hour degree requirements. These changes are effective July 1, 2022 and cannot be waived or varied by applicants. Therefore, the Board voted to approve the following statement. Board rules where required will be updated in accordance with the rule promulgation procedures. The Board reserves the right to make changes to this public guidance statement.

All new applications for licensure received in the Board office and date stamped July 1, 2022 or after will be reviewed and processed by the Board members under the new statutory provisions.

Ms. Barker motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to approve the above statement as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Minutes recorded, reviewed, and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1
Amanda Allen, Licensing Tech Supervisor

ANGIE SMITH
Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director

Minutes approved: **June 10, 2022**