

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes – July 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, July 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
Gregory Moffatt, LPC
Paul “Andy” Carrier, CSW
Jacqueline Brown-Pinkney, CSW
William “David” Lane, MFT
Bridget Knowles, MFT
Brent Herrin, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bonnie Barker, LPC
MFT Member (VACANT)

ATTORNEY GENERALS’ OFFICE:

Mary Brannen, Esq., AAG

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:

Jan Yates, NASW – GA
Arty Allen
Lisa Morris
Gale Macke, LPCA GA
Dr. J.
Dazzmen Davis
Steven O.
Mrs. Bell
Alarsson

Labrian Drummond
Rebecca Pollock
Glenda Carter
Olivia Buckner
A. Shugart
Crystal Hardy
Adrianna Hooker
Sutton Audio

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:

- June 10, 2022 CC Board Meeting
- June 21, 2022 CC Board Meeting
- June 29, 2022 CC LPC-PSC Rules Cmte

Recommendation:

Approve as presented
Approve as presented
Approve as presented

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 10, 2022 ZOOM Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 21, 2022 ZOOM Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 29, 2022 LPC Rules Committee ZOOM meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- PESI CE Provider - RE CE Certificates - Follow Up Questions – *Please refer back to Board Rule 135-9-.01 CE Requirements. The Board itself does not “pre-approve”, “approve”, or “endorse” any provider, entity, or specific course. All CE providers must seek approval through the associations (ASWB; NASW, GAMFT, LPCA, etc.) or other acceptable providers as notated in the rules.*

Mr. Herrin motioned, Ms. Gresham seconded, and the Board voted to approve for Board Staff to respond as directed to correspondence listed above. None opposed, motion carried.

Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variiances:

- J. Johnson – Rule 135-5-.01

Recommendation:

Deny, No proven substantial hardship

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for J. Johnson for failure to demonstrate a substantial hardship as required. None opposed, motion carried

Application Ratify List: Licenses Issued Between: 6/10/2022 - 7/6/2022

license No	Licensee
AMFT000740	Mark Loyd Jones
AMFT000741	Tamika Sylvia Jones
AMFT000742	December T Session
AMFT000743	Hannah Christine Simmons
APC008535	Bryce Lynne Barrett
APC008536	DeeAnn Unsworth Clarington
APC008537	Sonja Denise Poole
APC008538	Camille Christine Ridgley
APC008539	Helen Elizabeth Wingate
APC008540	Candi Renee' Arthur
APC008541	Hunter Austin Bickers
APC008542	Samira Rakia Bland
APC008543	Kwatoria LeKishia Bryant
APC008544	Kathryn Christine Burke
APC008545	Isadora Dossey Burnham
APC008546	Nikah Chevalier-Amy
APC008547	Janelle A Clark
APC008548	Marianne Driver Cole
APC008549	Cayla Lane Doolittle
APC008550	Tiffany Machelle Glover
APC008551	Catherine Willingham Hawkins
APC008552	Lashaunta Michelle Hogan
APC008553	Shemika Shanta Hubbard
APC008554	Taeleab Chatee Johnson
APC008555	Dominique Infiniti Jones
APC008556	Roshanda Camille May
APC008557	Astrid Prudent
APC008558	Denetra Kashon Stewart
APC008559	Ashley Janelle Williamson
APC008560	Mark Stephen Wise
APC008561	Sherry Lynn Aaker
APC008562	Francine Marie Bouyett

APC008563	Marcus Lee Campbell
APC008564	Jennifer Kelsie Fussell
APC008565	Scott Anthony Mills
APC008566	Robin Wilson Gordon
CSW008108	Kierra Sade Allen
CSW008109	Andjie Nneka Cherichel
CSW008110	Diane Theresa Christian
CSW008111	Eve Ruby Evens
CSW008112	Melissa Anne Estenson
CSW008113	Susan Alix Horen
CSW008114	Bethany A. Imbriale-Brown
CSW008115	Jeremy Scott Lynn
CSW008116	Ann Nichole McLemore
CSW008117	Jennifer Lynn Mead
CSW008118	Angela Marie Monette
CSW008119	Monica Gregg Schiffman
CSW008120	Dominique Candis Dew
CSW008121	Mary Candace Gladney
CSW008122	Jordan Kristine Brewer
CSW008123	Stephanie Dawn Gentry
CSW008124	Phebee Vun Sims
CSW008125	Rachel Joan Harwell
CSW008126	Sabrina Monique Shields
CSW008127	Roberta Russo
CSW008128	Elizabeth L Segars
CSW008129	Cheryl Denise Kirby
CSW008130	Sarah Emily Parker
CSW008131	Kamilah Dolora Fonza
CSW008132	Michele Denise Bethune
CSW008133	Tiffany Monique Davis
CSW008134	Dania Debbie-Ann Ebanks
CSW008135	Robyn Merrick Hall
CSW008136	Jewel Elizabeth Wakefield

CSW008137	Ann Elizabeth Gillman
CSW008138	Suelan Ioana Battiste
CSW008139	Valrie McDowell-Gunn
CSW008140	Andrea Leonie Duncanson
CSW008141	Marlea Carol Mazyck
CSW008142	Shanta Lani- Enice Hayes
CSW008143	Sheanette Shuron Drake
CSW008144	Elizabeth Jo Pelaccio
CSW008145	Kyrsten Leigh Sprewell
CSW008146	Katharine Elaine Bickley
LPC013007	Tina Yolanda Bruce
LPC013008	Amy E Dows
LPC013009	Timothy Lee Heath
LPC013010	Kieran Trey Pierre
LPC013011	Julie L Reardon
LPC013012	Barbara Michelle Saunders
LPC013013	Laura Ann Thomas
LPC013014	Patrick Van Middeltem
LPC013015	Holli LeeAnna Abernathy
LPC013016	Rikeisha Rena Austin
LPC013017	Kristine Elizabeth Berard-Whitfield
LPC013018	Samantha H Bryant
LPC013019	Natalie Ann Casey
LPC013020	Anne-Marie Yokimcus Clark
LPC013021	Jennifer Leah Cox
LPC013022	Meagan Renee Davies
LPC013023	Chacana L Gaulden
LPC013024	Jessica Rae Hathorn
LPC013025	Dominque Latesha Hodges
LPC013026	Michael David Kanner
LPC013027	Michelle Yvette Leyden
LPC013028	Kaitlyn Jade McLaughlin
LPC013029	Ava C Mimbs
LPC013030	Margaret Amelia Minis
LPC013031	Rebecca Anne Pendrick
LPC013032	Carolina De Sa' Ribeiro
LPC013033	Eric Jonqua Rodgers
LPC013034	Carlton A. Stewart
LPC013035	Robert Brennan Vore
LPC013036	Myngnon Denise Walton
LPC013037	Rachel Renee Warren
LPC013038	Phillissa Johnson Green
LPC013039	Karmen Janice Hunter
LPC013040	Rhonda Ann Jobe
LPC013041	Nicolas Cameron Williams
LPC013042	Francesca Nicole Altieri-Synan
LPC013043	Elizabeth Ann Thomas
LPC013044	Stacy Candace Sheffler
LPC013045	Roshell Alisia Hanse

LPC013046	Jessica Lynn Singleton
LPC013047	Joshua Terrill Johnson
LPC013048	Tamekia Andrell Parker
LPC013049	Tameika Leshelle' Williams
LPC013050	Mindy Lynn McCarty
MFT001969	Robert Daniel Ellis
MFT001970	David Jackson Johnson
MFT001971	Anna Lindsey Helton
MFT001972	Adrienne Hart Spell
MFT001973	Cassia Novella Capers
MFT001974	Shantel Lynette Smythe
MSW010714	Amber Ellen Arce
MSW010715	Jennifer Marie Briggs
MSW010716	Erica VanShander Buckner
MSW010717	Corissa Jean Claar
MSW010718	Whitley Laquisha Frazier
MSW010719	Amanda Althea Hershberger
MSW010720	Charles Marshall Sellars
MSW010721	Adwoa Ulzen Setrakian
MSW010722	Sarah Catherine Thomas
MSW010723	Patricia Kolonahe Tortora
MSW010724	Mariesha Danika Spears
MSW010725	Ashley Marie Roberts
MSW010726	Ria Brazil Jones
MSW010727	Marnika Shunae Brown Whiteside
MSW010728	Ava Cotliar
MSW010729	Imasha Rukhti Adisa
MSW010730	Whitney Tiesha Drayton
MSW010731	Shanterria Lashea Nesmith
MSW010732	Letoria Danielle Bell
MSW010733	Kara Leigh Reeves
MSW010734	Jasmine Zhana Frazier
MSW010735	Meagan Cecilia Holland
MSW010736	Sara L Green
MSW010737	Olivia Kendall Baggett
MSW010738	Barbara Nicole Cooper
MSW010739	Eboni Shantae Woodson
MSW010740	Avais Lavone Arkwright-Jones
MSW010741	Ahvee-Rahavah Chailahyah
MSW010742	Sarah Ashley Magee
MSW010743	Katelyn Ashlee Fox-Fuller
MSW010744	Genesis Lewis
MSW010745	Kelsey Margaret McCarty
MSW010746	Kaitlyn Marie Clower
MSW010747	Rasheeda L Alford
MSW010748	Sherry Vanessa McMillan
MSW010749	Susan Kelley Delaine
MSW010750	Amber Charisse Jointer
MSW010751	Melissa Mae Gutierrez Punzalan

MSW010752	Sarita Persaud
MSW010753	Tara Necole Taylor
MSW010754	Lauren Resha' Fraser

MSW010755	Misti Ellen Bryan
TOTAL:	167

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Moffatt 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 Gale Macke, LPCA GA and Jan Yates, NASW

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, Carrier, Gresham, Brown-Pinkney, Lane, Knowles, Herrin and Moffatt.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, July 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.

- M.M. APC 8:30 a.m. No Show
- M.M. APC 9:00 a.m. No Show
- S.C. APC 9:30 a.m. Tabled, Pending Receipt of Additional Information
- V.M-F. CSW 8:30 a.m. Tabled, Pending Receipt of Additional Information

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

Full Board Denied Appearances:

- S.C. LPC 11:15 a.m.
- C.E. LPC 11:30 a.m.

Recommendation:

- Rescind Denial, Pending receipt of additional information
- Denial Stands

Mr. Herrin motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous denial for S.C. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herrin motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to table the decision of S.C. upon 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 C.E. 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. Moffatt motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to refer the application of L.N. to the AG's office for a Public Consent Order for Reinstatement of license 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 07/07/2022:

- **COMP220162**
Allegation: Substandard Work
Recommendation: Table final decision for 6 months upon receipt of additional information
- **COMP220151**
Allegation: Sexual Misconduct
Recommendation: Refer to AG's office for Public Consent Order of Reinstatement; 12-month suspension, 12 CE hours, Re-enter into probation
- **COMP220076**
Allegation: Patient abandonment
Recommendation: Close with LOC
- **COMP210102/220023**
Allegation: Unethical Conduct
Recommendation: Reschedule Interview due to committee members scheduling conflicts

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP220151 to the AG's office for a Public Consent Order of Reinstatement as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Recommend Investigative Interview: COMP210088, , COMP220034, COMP220061, COMP220073, COMP220106, COMP220117, COMP220126,

Recommend Referral to AG's Office: COMP210166, 210167, 220094, 220128, 220130, 220144 (Companion Cases – Same Respondent)

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP210166, 210167, 220094, 220128, 220130, 220144 to the AG's office for a NOH for revocation of license as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Mr. Herrin 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.

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

Exec. Session Misc. Items:

- J.H. – Attorney request for File Contents – *Refer to PLB Legal Section to respond accordingly pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k)*

Executive Session Minutes:

- June 9, 2022 CC PPC Cmte Meeting
- June 10, 2022 CC Board Meeting
- June 21, 2022 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented

Mr. Lane motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 9, 2022 ZOOM Profession Practices Committee Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Lane motioned, Ms. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 10, 2022 ZOOM Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Lane motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 21, 2022 ZOOM Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Act 813 (HB 972) – New Law effective July 1, 2022 - Specifically Counselors licensure requirement changes:

HB972 (Act 813) was signed into law by Governor Kemp with an effective date of July 1, 2022. O.C.G.A. § 43-10A-11 contained two major changes - the requirement of the master's degree program being a minimum of 60 Semester or 80 Quarter hours, and a two-year post-masters directed work experience under supervision. There are numerous APC license holders in various stages of completion of a three-year DWE under Supervision, and who may or may not have a degree program consisting of the now minimum 60/80 hours as notated above.

Executive Director Zimmerman, with the Board's legal counsel's assistance, will prepare a policy for the Board to consider adopting to resolve this matter the best way possible. Subsequent meetings will be convened until something is in place.

Also contained within the new statutory language is a reference to the required course related to diagnosis. It is the position of the Board that effective July 1, 2022, all licenses issued after April 26, 2006 must have completed a graduate level course or equivalent related to diagnosing to renew or apply for licensure.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 135-5-.01 APC
- 135-5-.02 LPC

Mr. Moffatt moved, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 135-5-.01 Associate Professional Counselors and 135-5-.02 Licensed Professional Counselors to the AG's for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments 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.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

ANGIE SMITH

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Chair

Executive Director

Minutes approved: August 12, 2022