

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MFT - PSC Rule Committee Meeting  
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2022 8:00 AM**

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists MFT Professional Standards Committee met via teleconference/ZOOM on Thursday, October 13, 2022. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Lane, MFT  
Bridget Knowles, MFT

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist  
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

**The Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.**

**Discussion: Board Rules:** 135-5-.05 AMFT and 135-5-.06 MFT Licensure Requirements

The Committee discussed the requirements for licensure found in Board rules 135-5-.05 (AMFT) and 135-5-.06 (MFT), specifically regarding changes made to the COAMFTE accreditation standards going into effect July 1, 2022, which effect AMFT and MFT applicants. The new required practicum hours dropped from 500 down to 300. Georgia laws require a 500-hour (reference O.C.G.A. 43-10A-13(a)(1)) practicum.

The committee and the Board will discuss this matter during the next scheduled Board meeting. The final version of the rules once completed will be presented to the full Board for review and a vote during a future scheduled Board Meeting.

**With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 8:22 a.m.**

Minutes recorded by:  
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Linsey Joiner, BSS  
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

**ANGIE SMITH**

Chair

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Executive Director

Minutes approved **November 4, 2022**