

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**  
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2023 \* 10:00 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference/ZOOM on Friday, September 8, 2023. The Board’s Executive Director hosted the meeting remotely from home.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Angie Smith, LPC, Chair  
Kay Gresham, CSW, Vice-Chair  
Gregory Moffatt, LPC  
Tommy Black, LPC  
Jacqueline Brown-Pinkney, CSW  
Paul “Andy” Carrier, CSW  
Bridget Knowles, MFT  
Jennifer Vann, MFT.  
Brent Herrin, Consumer Member

**ATTORNEY GENERALS’ OFFICE:**

Mary Brannen, AAG

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Alyxandra Paige  
Celia Webb  
Chantel  
Christian Forde  
Christina Wright  
David Markwell, LPCA-GA  
Jan Yates, NASW  
Lisa Morris  
Jennifer Hama  
Michelle Christoforo  
SP

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

William “David” Lane, MFT

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist  
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor  
Kimberly Candler, Licensing Analyst  
Kathy Jones, Licensing Analyst  
Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Analyst  
Deshauna Thorton, Licensing Analyst  
Tricia Clair, Licensing Analyst

Aprille Woodson  
Quen Greer  
Marissa Mundy  
Meagan  
Jamie Lord  
Car Moon  
Andrea  
Neshika Coney-Deune  
Nichole Walker  
Gale Macke, CEO, LPCA-GA  
Call-In User 2

**Angie Smith, LPC, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approved with no additional items

**Meeting Minutes:**

- August 11, 2023 CC Board Meeting
- August 31, 2023 CC LPC-PSC Rules Cmte Meeting

**Recommendation:**

- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented

**Mr. Moffatt motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 11, 2023 C.C. Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Moffatt motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 31, 2023 C.C. LPC-PSC Rules Committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variances:**

- Heads-Up Guidance Services (HUGS) – Rule 135-5-.04
- M. Taylor – Rule 135-3-.01
- T. Normil – Rule 135-3-.01
- T. Jones – Rule 135-5-.02

**Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for M. Taylor and allow a one-time 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for T. Normil and allow a one-time 6-month exam extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Recommendation:**

- Withdraw petition – unnecessary at this time
- Grant 6-month exam extension
- Grant 6-month exam extension
- Tabled – Discuss in executive session

**Application Ratify List: Licenses Issued Between: 8/11/2023 - 9/6/2023**

License No.	Licensee
AMFT000781	Lamees Riad Aisami
AMFT000782	Carisa Lynn Greenfield
APC009228	Lisa Marie Anderson-Akine
APC009229	Whitney Danielle Beeland
APC009230	Eric Nicholas Betsill
APC009231	Classic Noel Brumley
APC009232	Katlyn Elizabeth Chambers
APC009233	Kelly Lynn Crawford
APC009234	Bonny McBride Domoto
APC009235	Carol Echevarria
APC009236	Tiffany Michelle Edwards
APC009237	Sharon S Gilliard
APC009238	Marlaina Elizabeth Ginsberg
APC009239	Amanda Margaret Gulley
APC009240	Autumn Nicole Hutto
APC009241	Eric Brian Irish
APC009242	Elizabeth Sims Lamason
APC009243	Justin Paul Ledford
APC009244	Breanna Renee Manning
APC009245	Angela Christine McPherson
APC009246	Danielle Patrice Nelson
APC009247	Kimberly Loren Parker
APC009248	Abigail Marie Rozeboom
APC009249	Helen-Grace Philpot Scott
APC009250	Meyuna Apriel Shepherd
APC009251	Ashley Nikay Smith
APC009252	Colin Reid Thomas
APC009253	Evelyn Oluwatosin Bolatito Towobola
APC009254	Meredith Cartier Turner
APC009255	Caryn Elizabeth Vandergriff
APC009256	Tiffani Toi'N Walker
APC009257	Sara Regina Wallace Schutz
APC009258	Julia Renee Webb
APC009259	Hannah Elizabeth Weeks

APC009260	Courtney Day Woodworth
APC009261	Hannah Lea Yates
APC009262	Shanasia Danielle Victrum
APC009263	Lillie Katherine Bamberg
APC009264	Courtney Vonnell Briscoe
APC009265	Gabrielle Elizabeth Brumfield
APC009266	Lacey Nicole Burns
APC009267	Mary Elizabeth Catalino
APC009268	Abigail Grace Cherry
APC009269	Steven Forrest Cowan
APC009270	James Anthony Dixon, Jr
APC009271	Lara Mantegna Eddleman
APC009272	Christen Pursell Flowers
APC009273	Marius Jacquell Haynes
APC009274	Alexander Mordecai Hoffman
APC009275	Mary Elisabeth Johnson
APC009276	Mary Anna Maynard
APC009277	Mary Kathryn Francis Minno
APC009278	Anna Jayde Mullis
APC009279	Natalie Hope Sizer
APC009280	Robert Earl Smith
APC009281	Mona Faiza Gordon
APC009282	Karen Hood Clark
APC009283	Brianna J Phillips
CSW008715	Qualiyah Baseemah Arrington
CSW008716	Evelyn Ash Bailey Smith
CSW008717	Tequilla C Brew-Chann
CSW008718	Liljana Kaci
CSW008719	Mary Ashley Langston
CSW008720	Jennifer Lopez-Castro
CSW008721	Althea Ruth Olson Wasilewski
CSW008722	Andrea Ruth Pinnow
CSW008723	Amy Elizabeth Simmons
CSW008724	Jamie Thomas
CSW008725	Kaytreona Laporscha Wright

CSW008726	Brittney Theresa Yun
CSW008727	Allison McClendon Leslie
CSW008728	Tiffany Cheri Scott
CSW008729	Jamie Hill Allen
CSW008730	Kenya T Jones
CSW008731	Kelly Elizabeth Burke-Chirico
CSW008732	Abby Elaine Dickinson
CSW008733	Cynthia Delores Wade
CSW008734	Anna Elizabeth Hiott
CSW008735	Erika Cuffy
CSW008736	Andrea Skaflestad Varughese
CSW008737	Maria Nicole Warner
CSW008738	Deonia Renee Russell
CSW008739	Orisbel Natera Fernandez
CSW008740	Cassie Nicole Carroll
CSW008741	Margaret Ellen Hamm
CSW008742	Tamika LaShonda Wilcox
CSW008743	Norman Wayne Patterson
CSW008744	Yoshika Chiquina Hubbard
CSW008745	Tyler-Leah Constance Jackson
CSW008746	Christopher Allen Brown
CSW008747	Ashley Elizabeth Erkkila
CSW008748	Abigail M Ayers
CSW008749	Lolita Renee' Gilmore
CSW008750	Karen Nichole Cockerham
CSW008751	Angelishea Aronda Ferrell
CSW008752	Melinda Elizabeth Robb
CSW008753	Annthony Michael Duffey
LPC014073	Karina Tenay Bailey
LPC014074	Aldric Demond Browne
LPC014075	Cindy Lou Cole
LPC014076	Nathan Hunter Fuller
LPC014077	Samantha Lindsey Hetchkop
LPC014078	Shannon Kelly McFauls
LPC014079	Brian Dale Musolf
LPC014080	Juliet Angela Robinson
LPC014081	Helen Michele Wallach
LPC014082	Brenda Lynn Banks
LPC014083	Sarah Jane Booth
LPC014084	Eliza Smiddy Boyce
LPC014085	Kellyn Elise Brooks
LPC014086	Karen Denise Charles
LPC014087	Adriauna Nicole Clay-Potts
LPC014088	Stephen Atwood Cumbest
LPC014089	Tai Shanice Dyer
LPC014090	Heather A Engleman
LPC014091	Danielle Nichole Ferguson
LPC014092	Joyce Elizabeth Fortanbary

LPC014093	Charrise Nicole Huston-Arnold
LPC014094	Amy Elizabeth Kenney
LPC014095	Claire Elizabeth LaBriola
LPC014096	Misty-Lee K Martin
LPC014097	Yessica Elizabeth Ross
LPC014098	Malory Kay Sanvidge
LPC014099	Zachary Kyle Sparks
LPC014100	Erika Elaine Stoll
LPC014101	Charmion Lynell Taylor
LPC014102	Sydnei I Turner
LPC014103	William Thomas Goodwin
LPC014104	Katherine Fallon Upton
LPC014105	Monica Renee Van Deventer
LPC014106	Emma Catherine Voss
LPC014107	Synthia Joy-Best Wallace
LPC014108	Gregory Franklin Chapman
LPC014109	Margaret Ellen Davis
LPC014110	April LaThelma Sawyer
LPC014111	Michael Steven Taylor
LPC014112	Jaketa Leena Groves
LPC014113	Nazarell MNM Williams
LPC014114	Rudy S Shrier
MFT002059	Tamika Sylvia Jones
MFT002060	Brody Wesley Lathem
MFT002061	Quiana Aja-Joyner Matthews
MFT002062	Elise Marie Beylund
MFT002063	Jacqueline Kathleen Clarke Jemmott
MSW011479	Gabrielle Amber Allen
MSW011480	Kristy Elaine Banks-Jones
MSW011481	Alison Grace Beale
MSW011483	Emma Catherine Bryant
MSW011484	Shequita Nicole Campbell
MSW011485	Jacquelyn Denise Davis-Dozier
MSW011486	Alisha Shana Jones
MSW011487	Menna Mulugeta Kidane
MSW011488	Ashleigh Mae Marlin
MSW011489	Joshua Hung Luong
MSW011490	Domonique Latrece McGhee
MSW011491	Kami Scott
MSW011492	Caroline Phillips Chappell
MSW011493	Carolyn Kayla Goodman
MSW011494	Destiny Amir Smith
MSW011495	Kaleigh Rae Emerson
MSW011496	RaToya Shinean Carr
MSW011497	Lauren Caroline Smith
MSW011498	Shelby Rae Pluger
MSW011499	Hannah Aaliyah Petty

MSW011500	Kristy Ruth King
MSW011501	Olivia Rhoades Payne
MSW011502	Kelsey Mae Isbecque
MSW011503	Kristal Olivia Henley
MSW011504	Jazmine Renee Murphy
MSW011505	Aliya Grace Maas
MSW011506	Gabriellia Shalaila Boatwright
MSW011507	Justin Fendell Green
MSW011508	Pamela Juanita Hinton
MSW011509	Ashley Yelm Denton

MSW011510	Tameka Evelyn Howard
MSW011511	Elizabeth Ann Aprea
MSW011512	Montisha Montgomery
MSW011513	JunTae Park
MSW011514	Brenda Alicia Narvaez
MSW011515	Samantha Nicole Barnhart
MSW011516	Karena Elizabeth Glaze Barker
MSW011517	Elyssa Norris Bairstow Barrocas
MSW011518	Abigail Hope Leedy
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>183</b>

**Mr. Herrin motioned, Ms. Vann 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 David Markwell, LPCA-GA

**Board Rules Discussion:**

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

**Mr. Moffatt moved, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 135-5-.01 Associate Professional Counselors and 135-5-.02 Professional Counselors back to the AG’s office for a memo of statutory authority and to post for a public rule hearing next scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Herrin motioned, Ms. Vann 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, Gresham, Moffatt, Black, Brown-Pinkney, Carrier, Herrin, Knowles and Vann.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, September 8, 2023, 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:**

- M.R.       LPC   8:00 a.m.
- J.S.       LPC   8:30 a.m.
- C.B.       APC   9:00 a.m.
- L.H.       APC   9:30 a.m.

**Recommendation:**

- Approve to sit for exam
- Approve-Pending receipt of additional information
- Approve for licensure
- Approve for licensure

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

**Professional Practices Committee/Complaints:**

❖ **Investigative Interviews Conducted 09/07/2023:**

**COMP230006 \*T. Black Recused**

Recommendation: Close Case

**COMP230012**

Recommendation: Rescind previous LPC recommendation of application for licensure approval. Refer to AG's office for Consent Agreement for licensure as discussed

**COMP230255**

Recommendation: Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

**COMP230123**

Recommendation: No Show; Reschedule Interview

**COMP230134**

Recommendation: No Show; Reschedule Interview

**COMP230155**

Recommendation: No Show; Reschedule Interview

**COMP230226**

Recommendation: No Show; Reschedule Interview

**COMP240003, 230064, 230065 and 230249 (Companion Cases – Same R)**

Recommendation: Close all Cases with LOC to respondent

**COMP230009**

Recommendation: No Show; Reschedule Interview

❖ **Recommend Closure:** COMP210060, COMP240006, COMP240010, COMP210159/210160/210161 – to remain closed

❖ **Misc. Cases:**

- COMP230142 - *Approve supervisor*
- M.B.-C. – Request for Release from Consent Order - *Tabled – Pending receipt of additional information*
- A.K. – *Approve as discussed*

**Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Mr. Carrier seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the prior LPC-PSC recommendation of approval for the licensure application of respondent in complaint COMP230012. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP230012 to the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Moffatt motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to approve the submitted supervisor request for M.H. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations of the Professional Practices Committee report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Full Board Appearances:**

- A.W-C. 11:15 a.m.
- P.V. 11:30 a.m.
- J.N. 11:45 a.m.
- R.H. 12:00 p.m.

**Recommendation:**

- Rescind previous denial; Approve for licensure
- Denial Stands
- Rescind previous denial; Approve for licensure
- No show; Reschedule

- A.E. 12:15 p.m. Cancelled; Reschedule

**Mr. Moffatt motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous denial for A.W-C. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Moffatt motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to approve A.W-C. for licensure as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

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

**Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Vann seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous denial for J.N. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Carrier motioned, Ms. Gresham seconded, and the Board voted to approve J.N. for licensure as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Assistant Attorney General's Report:**

Ms. Mary Brannan, AAG, 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. Herrin motioned, Ms. Vann seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Applications:**

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

**Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Ms. Vann 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 to 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.**

**PLB Legal Section ADA Accommodations:**

- O.D.

**Recommendation:**

Approve

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

**Executive Session Minutes:**

- August 10, 2023 C.C. PPC Cmte Meeting
- August 11, 2023 CC Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented  
Approve as presented

**Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Ms. Vann seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 10, 2023 C.C. Professional Practices Committee Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Brown-Pinkney motioned, Ms. Vann seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 11, 2023 CC Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:**

- T. Jones – Rule 135-5-.02

**Recommendation:**

Withdraw petition as discussed

**Misc. Discussion Items:**

- R.D. – Release from Private Order – Grant
- C.T. – Completion of Request – Grant

**Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Brown-Pinkney seconded, and the Board voted to grant the request for release from the Private Board Order of R.D. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Carrier motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to grant the request for release from the Private Board Order of C.T. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Please Note:** After discussion of AMFT/MFT endorsement requirements for licensure, a public rules committee meeting of the MFT-PSC was requested by members. Executive Director Zimmerman to schedule the meeting and notify members, post agenda for public access to the virtual meeting.

**With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.**

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

**ANGIE SMITH**

Chair

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Executive Director

Minutes approved: **October 6, 2023**