

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

Conference Call/Webex Board Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2024 * 10:00 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference/Webex on Friday, November 8, 2024.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angie Smith, LPC, Chair
Gregory Moffatt, LPC
Tommy Black, LPC
Deborah Sills, CSW
William “David” Lane, MFT
Jennifer Vann, MFT
Bridget Knowles, MFT
Brent Herrin, Consumer Member

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Thomas McNulty, AAG

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Endsley Real, CSW
Sandra Mullings, CSW

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director
Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Kathy Jones, Licensing Analyst
Kimberly Candler, Licensing Analyst
Carmen Beecher, Licensing Analyst

VISITORS PRESENT:

Becca Hallum
Call-In User 1
Carolyn Ramp
Chantel
David Markwell
Andrea Meyer-Stinson
Jan Yates, NASW
Jennifer
Jennifer Hama
Jilian
Joy Cronauer
Lekisha Glenn

Lexi
Michaela
MK
Nick Marzo
Theodore Allen
Victoria EB
Aaliya
Rachel
Sho
T. Davis
Ellie
Deven D. Chambers

Angie Smith, LPC, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional late items:

Meeting Minutes:

- October 11, 2024 CC Board Meeting
- October 30, 2024 CC Called Meeting
- November 5, 2024 CC LPC Rules Cmte

Recommendation:

Approve as presented
Approve as amended
Approve as presented

Mr. Herrin motioned, Ms. Vann seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 11, 2024 CC Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herrin motioned, Ms. Vann seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 30, 2024 CC Board Meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herrin motioned, Ms. Vann seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 11, 2024 CC LPC Rules Committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- Samantha Torch (CSW005411) - Rule 135-9-.01

Recommendation:

Grant one-time 6 month CE extension

Mr. Lane motioned, Mr. Black seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for S. Torch and allow a one-time 6-month CE extension as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Licenses Issued Between: 10/10/2024 - 11/5/2024

License No	Licensee
AMFT000842	Kimberly Danielle Black
APC009978	Rebecca Faith Abernathy
APC009979	Carrie LaVonne Black
APC009980	Monesha L Carter
APC009981	Sara Rachel Cook
APC009982	Andrea C Dailey
APC009983	Jody R Dodson
APC009984	Madison Lee Drake
APC009985	Nettie Moore Floyd
APC009986	Alexis Brianne Gilmer
APC009987	Ayswarya Thampi Girijadevi Rajeswaran
APC009988	Michaela Lightholder Hilburn
APC009989	Michelle Leigh Laden
APC009990	Rachel Leigh Lewis
APC009991	Alice Ward Limehouse
APC009992	Molly Anne Martin
APC009993	Jeannette Ann Meaden
APC009994	Mary Rogers Merrell
APC009995	Diane Marie Mitchell
APC009996	Brooke Anne Pere
APC009997	Ellayah Antonique Persons
APC009998	Kayla C Phillips
APC009999	George T Rebing
APC010000	Holly Torrence Roberts
APC010001	Ellen Fallon Rocha
APC010002	Marleen Rena Salters
APC010003	Kayla Marie Watkins
APC010004	Kashanna Kenyell Whitfield
APC010005	Sarah Ann Woolson
APC010006	Katherine Hummel Hayes
APC010007	Saisha Arnay Belt
APC010008	Cassandra Laura Wilbert
APC010009	Eshika Alagala

APC010010	Steven Michael Andrews
APC010011	Melissa Dawn Chapman
APC010012	Ashaki Zania Felix
APC010013	Nachman Friedman
APC010014	Taylor Jane Hawley
APC010015	Sidney Marie Joines
APC010016	Meryl Shanta' Larkins
APC010017	Michaelene S McGinnis
APC010018	Stefanie Sharise Poole
APC010019	Lauren Malone Keel Shinn
APC010020	Hannah Morgan Shiver
APC010021	Destyny Nychole Sparks
APC010022	Nhi Thanh Le Tran
APC010023	Simone D Wilson
APC010024	Kaleigh Alexa Camp
CSW009331	Schuyler Handy Lei
CSW009332	Berinda Hollis Sapp
CSW009333	Sapheallah Natoyia Harris
CSW009334	Nicole Lieberman Foxe
CSW009335	Sheika Ramese Cox-Bey
CSW009336	Christine Collier
CSW009337	Sherrie M Berry
CSW009338	Angelica Danielle Parker Yourgules
CSW009339	Azaia Wallace
CSW009340	Tawana Antonia Trammell
CSW009341	Patricia Kolonahe Tortora
CSW009342	Beth Marie Miller
CSW009343	Katherine Alison McKee
CSW009344	Kortney T'Keyah Clinton
CSW009345	Jordan Elizabeth Loftin
CSW009346	Monica Arlene Barney
CSW009347	Donna Marie Bauer
CSW009348	Amber Ellen Arce
CSW009349	Joann Lee Anderson
CSW009350	Yael Bernstein

CSW009351	Mikayla Mae Dittman
CSW009352	Brandi Long Hackett
CSW009353	Amira Jane Johnson
CSW009354	Cory Steven Lowe
CSW009355	Jacob Tyler Smith
CSW009356	Jessica Lindsey Stouffer
CSW009357	Tequila Olynthia Womack
CSW009358	Theodore Joseph Dickens, Jr.
CSW009359	Tracy Leatrice Gordon
CSW009360	Patricia Ann Ford
CSW009361	Michelle Kimberly Bakay
CSW009362	Chastidy Mareya Boutin
CSW009363	Lindsey Paige Clark
CSW009364	Karim George Lowers
CSW009365	Lindsey Marie Resnick
CSW009366	Raven Shonice Traylor
CSW009367	Jeanne Delores Williams
CSW009368	Ayanna Campbell Garlick
CSW009369	Venice Andrea Geiger
CSW009370	Taylor Nicole Loggins
CSW009371	Leigh Kathryn Serroka
CSW009372	Destiny Amber Silich
CSW009373	Adelle Shemayne Simpson
CSW009374	Ashley Nichole Skinner
CSW009375	Rachael Kerry Briones
CSW009376	Kathleen Marie Day
CSW009377	Marquita Latavous Garnes
CSW009378	Kesha Panika Green
CSW009379	Adam Miller Jaffe
CSW009380	Venita Ann Torres DeLeon
CSW009381	Nakia Shante' Wilder
LPC015151	Emily Davis Ashmore
LPC015152	Lena Jennial Chapman
LPC015153	Kaila Shae Christman
LPC015154	Soni Nadine Fitzhugh
LPC015155	Shelina Marie Green
LPC015156	Synthia Dawn Hansen
LPC015157	Sherry Hightower-Sidney
LPC015158	Michelle Lucia Hunt
LPC015159	Jung Hee Hyun
LPC015160	Timothy Wayne Langerholc
LPC015161	Y'Londa Mitchell

LPC015162	Erin Carrie Morgan
LPC015163	Shakiema Schae Fabianna Raphael
LPC015164	Larry Scott
LPC015165	Valerie Nicole Stout
LPC015166	Beth Marie Traveria
LPC015167	Stacy Lynn Witzki-Trout
LPC015168	Alleyna Raylyn Alleyne
LPC015169	Ezekiel Omari Khalaf Andrews
LPC015170	Taylor Symone Avery
LPC015171	Iiesha Latonya Black
LPC015172	Alexis Z Bosse
LPC015173	Courtney Vonnell Briscoe
LPC015174	Lauren Allison Buice
LPC015175	Michele Carmichael
LPC015176	Cierra Nicole Chaney
LPC015177	Martha Chatlen
LPC015178	Andrea Laughridge Cole
LPC015179	Shelley Christine Collier
LPC015180	Brittany Demetria Davis
LPC015181	Shannon Weiss Dohn
LPC015182	Amber Christine Finnegan
LPC015183	Margaret Claire Gardner
LPC015184	Kelseigh Erin Garrett
LPC015185	Aubrey Elizabeth Gold
LPC015186	Benita Annysse Green
LPC015187	Leah LaChele Howard
LPC015188	Juliette Jade Jimenez
LPC015189	Rebecca Ann Johnson
LPC015190	Brittney Alice-Marie Jones
LPC015191	Suzanna Wilcox Jordan
LPC015192	Wendy Marie Klimbal
LPC015193	Macy Houghtlin Landis
LPC015194	Virginia Marie Michele Leeks
LPC015195	Amelia Marie Lively
LPC015196	Ugonna June Love
LPC015197	Laura Lozano
LPC015198	Adrienne Anastashia Lyles
LPC015199	Donnaline Morgan Mack
LPC015200	Padmini Mangray
LPC015201	Taylor Lauren McDowell

LPC015202	Rochelle Lynn Peet
LPC015203	Lindsay Bishop Pittman
LPC015204	Amy C Quick
LPC015205	Malia Nicole Reese
LPC015206	Matthew Barton Robb
LPC015207	Marshaya Antionette Rountree
LPC015208	Taylor Alexandria Shelton
LPC015209	Whitney Elizabeth Tarver
LPC015210	Joshua T Thames
LPC015211	Toni Aliya Thomas
LPC015212	Caroline Nicole Thurman
LPC015213	Alisha Uppal
LPC015214	Linda Thompson Whidby
LPC015215	Elizabeth Anne Whitney
LPC015216	Mirrie A Williams
LPC015217	Tenica Lashay Williams
LPC015218	Terryn Powell Williams
LPC015219	Nathaniel Garnell Flowers
LPC015220	Jace Anthony Johns-Cooper
LPC015221	Gregory William Rogers
LPC015222	Alexi Nicole Johnson
LPC015223	Elizabeth Diane Stager
LPC015224	Asha Nitia Dorissa Griffin
MFT002141	Carisa Lynn Greenfield
MFT002142	Timothy Clark Gross
MFT002143	Millini Johnette Johnson
MFT002144	Angelia Portia Nalls
MFT002145	Nattan Hollander
MFT002146	Janelle Andrews McGlamery
MFT002147	Lauren Williams
MFT002148	Marley Peyton Fiveash
MSW012130	Anna Baker
MSW012131	Mary Joanne Kraus
MSW012132	Trudy-Ann Alexandria Brown
MSW012133	Allison Devine Evans
MSW012134	Katelyn Fox
MSW012135	Sarah Louise Smith
MSW012136	Shauntrell Smith

MSW012137	Cherchaela Olive Spellen
MSW012138	Kendra Pearl Truitt
MSW012139	Keturah Xenobia Williams
MSW012140	Amber Monique Barnes
MSW012141	Toni Kay Berry
MSW012142	Samantha Rochelle Burgess
MSW012143	Crystal Alysia Chaney
MSW012144	Elaina Noel Bristol Hinton
MSW012145	Kylee Killian
MSW012146	Darcy Elizabeth Olsen
MSW012147	Jessica Megan Phillips
MSW012148	Ravon Samone Taylor
MSW012149	Lisa Hernandez
MSW012150	Osmayra Yorgelys Chipana Francia
MSW012151	Alexis Mone' Clagon
MSW012152	Najee Cheyenne Martin
MSW012153	Johanna Fuguet Hopkinson
MSW012154	Jaime Kelly
MSW012155	Christa Catherine Mullins
MSW012156	Latrecia Takaia New
MSW012157	Cassie Ann Silvanima
MSW012158	Alexis Olivia Wilkerson
MSW012159	Lizbeth Arreguin
MSW012160	Gabrielle Mae Breiten
MSW012161	Ja'Sharee Tiara Bush
MSW012162	Chloe Mariah Hunt
MSW012163	Keshia Lavonsha Johnson
MSW012164	Heather Nicole Lucius
MSW012165	Laura Lee Mika
MSW012166	Ellie Moody
MSW012167	Sarah Simpson
MSW012168	Chelsea Nichole Wooden
MSW012169	Eduardo Javier Argueta Flores
MSW012170	Traci La'Sha Bromell
MSW012171	Amber Rebecca Henderson
MSW012172	Julia Mathis
MSW012173	Alexa Rae Reininger
TOTAL:	225

Ms. Vann motioned, Mr. Black 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 Updates: Association updates were provided by Gale Macke, LPCA-GA, Jan Yates, NASW-GA and Andrea Meyer-Stinson, GA-MFT.

Board Rules Discussion:

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

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rules 135-5-.01 APC and 135-5-.02 LPC to the AG’s office for a MOA and to post upon receipt 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. 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, Moffatt, Black, Herrin, Lane, Vann, Knowles, and Sills.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, November 8, 2024, 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.

Applications:

The separate Professional Standards Committees reviewed and made recommendations on all applications presented by the administrative staff. A total of 430 applications were presented for Board review this month.

Ms. Vann motioned, Mr. Herrin 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.

2022-2024 Renewal Issues:

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| • A.M. | Approve as discussed |
| • C.N. | Schedule for Interview |
| • S.R. | Approve as discussed |
| • S.W. | Approve as discussed |
| • K.D. | Approve as discussed |
| • S.C. | Approve as discussed |
| • Z.T. | Approve as discussed |
| • C.E. | Schedule for Interview |

Recommendation:

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the 2022-2024 renewal issues as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General’s Report:

Mr. Thomas McNulty, 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, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Professional Practices Committee/Complaints Report:

❖ **Investigative Interviews Conducted:**

COMP240066/COMP250057

Recommendations: Rescind previous denial for inactive status; Grant inactive status request; Close Case
COMP240120

Recommendations: Table final decision for 6 months to allow Respondent to complete 6 synchronous board-approved CE hours in the area of boundaries and ethics. CE hours cannot count towards next renewal.

COMP240187

Recommendations: Close Case

COMP240205

Recommendations: Close Case

COMP250060

Recommendations: Tabled; Keep open 90 days for R to submit proof that counseling/therapy language has been removed from website, including business name.

COMP240189

Recommendations: Table final decision for 6 months to allow Respondent to complete 5 synchronous CE hours in Advanced Supervision. CE hours cannot count towards next renewal.

COMP240147

Recommendations: Reschedule Interview for December PPC Meeting

COMP240126

Recommendations: Close Case

COMP250044

Recommendations: Close Case

COMP230108

Recommendations: Close Case

❖ **Recommend Closure:** COMP220058, COMP230061, COMP230163, COMP240142, COMP240188, COMP240195, COMP250005, COMP250026, COMP250047, COMP250057, COMP250071, COMP250087

❖ **Schedule for Investigative Interview:** COMP230181, COMP230190, COMP240092/240091/240202 (Companion Cases), COMP240102, COMP240199, COMP240200, COMP250031

❖ **Tabled - Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** COMP230071, COMP230143, COMP230146, COMP230189, COMP230235, COMP230239, COMP230260, COMP230272, COMP240005, COMP240063, COMP240068, COMP240085, COMP240117, COMP240118, COMP240138, COMP240146, COMP240170

Misc Discussion Cases:

- **COMP250057** –Rescind previous denial; Approve request for Inactive Status

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous denial of the Inactive Status Request for COMP250057 as presented. One abstained, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to grant the Inactive Status Request for COMP250057 as presented. One abstained, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Vann seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Professional Counselor Professional Practices Committee report, accept the recommendations as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Vann motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Social Work Professional Practices Committee report, accept the recommendations as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- October 10, 2024 PPC Meeting
- October 11, 2024 CC Board Meeting
- October 30, 2024 CC Called Meeting

Recommendation:

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

Ms. Vann motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 10, 2024 C.C. Professional Practices Committee Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Vann motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 11, 2024 C.C. Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Vann motioned, Mr. Herrin seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 30, 2024 C.C. Executive Session Called Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Announcements:

- Board Rules 135-5-.05 AMFT & 135-5-.06 MFT will be scheduled for a Public Rules Hearing after the first of the year.

2025 Board Meeting Dates: *Start Time: 10:00 a.m.*

- January 10, 2025
- February 07, 2025
- March 07, 2025
- April 04, 2025
- May 09, 2025
- June 06, 2025
- July 11, 2025
- August 08, 2025
- September 12, 2025
- October 10, 2025
- November 07, 2025
- December 05, 2025

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director, HC-1

ANNJEANEN “ANGIE” SMITH

Chair

AMANDA M. ALLEN

Executive Director

Minutes approved: **December 6, 2024**

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BIBB

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A.50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meetings to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A.50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question:

Comes now **AnnJeanen "Angie" Smith**, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On November 6, 2024, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h).

4. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

SUBJECT DISCUSSED:	LEGAL AUTHORITY
Investigations including reports and deliberations	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(h)(2)&(4)
Applications	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2-(k)(1)(2)
Exams (including questions, materials and deliberations)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(3)(4)
Attorney General's Report (certain matters of attorney/client privilege)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-14-2(1)
Investigative Interviews if part of disciplinary	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(4)
Probation Report (employer and self report)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-18-72(G)(2)
Probation Reports (medical information)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-18-72(G)(2)
Executive Session Minutes	O.C.G.A. Sect 50-14-4
Cognizant Member's Report	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(4)
Voting	None (must be in open session)

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

PRESIDING OFFICER Angie Smith

with Express Permission
Amanda Allen, Executive Director

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 8 day of November, 2024

Linsey Joiner
Notary Public
My commission expires:

