

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**
Conference Call/Webex Board Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2025 * 10:00 AM

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference/Webex on Friday, February 7, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angie Smith, LPC, Chair
William “David” Lane, MFT, Vice-Chair
Gregory Moffatt, LPC
Endsley Real, CSW
Deborah Sills, CSW
Sandra Mullings, CSW
Jennifer Vann, MFT
Bridget Knowles, MFT
Brent Herrin, Consumer Member

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Shiela Guider, AAG

VISITORS PRESENT:

David Markwell
Andrea Meyer-Stinson
Jan Yates, NASW
Gale Macke, LPCA-GA
Lisa Morris
Ana C.
Cara
Jeff Hughes
Jennifer
John B.
KaNecian Hope
Nichelle Gause
Rebecca
T.L.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tommy Black, LPC

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

Sabina Widner
Call In User 1
Call In User 2
Shanda Bolden
Amelia S.
Jennifer Hama
Keith Thomas
Kera
Precious
Cristina Marquez
Maya
Michael
Veronica Bentley
Ronique Zimmerman

Angie Smith, LPC, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional late items

Meeting Minutes:

- January 10, 2025 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Vann seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 10, 2025 CC Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Licenses Issued Between: 1/9/2025 - 2/6/2025

License No	Licensee
AMFT000851	Julia Amy Bondeson
AMFT000852	Tonya Michelle Clemons-Gilmore
AMFT000853	Javhan Sterling Cosby
AMFT000854	Eric Alan Dakake
AMFT000855	Kassie Lee Love
APC010140	Amanuel Haile Asfaw
APC010141	Tainise Sierra-Quai Brannon
APC010142	Sarah Frances Carter-Sweatte
APC010143	Annah Elisabeth Coker
APC010144	LaShonica LaShay Giles
APC010145	Christina S Henggeler
APC010146	Kylie Danielle Jenkins
APC010147	Angela Jiang
APC010148	Anna Yangyang Jin
APC010149	Connie DeLane Mitchell
APC010150	Adreias Shaniah Morgan
APC010151	Rebecca Leigh Nalley
APC010152	Jasmine Chantel Parker
APC010153	Melissa Portell Berrios
APC010154	Alyanna Christel Reick-Mitrisin
APC010155	Robert Alan Richardson
APC010156	Laura Branch Roche
APC010157	Hannah-Elizabeth Sanford
APC010158	Rebecca Marie Serbu
APC010159	Carly Elizabeth Shaw
APC010160	Justice Racquel Stegall
APC010161	Mikayla Renee Stovall
APC010162	Margaret Mary Testani
APC010163	Hope Elizabeth Tuttle
APC010164	Jackson Cobb Van Meter
APC010165	Julia Katherine Warren
APC010166	DeAndrea Emerald White
APC010167	Stephanie Leigh Wilder
APC010168	Taylor Nicole Williams
APC010169	Lori Winston
APC010170	Stephanie Lauren Wooden
APC010171	Alisha Jane Brown
APC010172	Bethany Gabrielle Guider
APC010173	Gideon Dell Hendrix
APC010174	Nicole T. Jenkins
APC010175	Amber Nicole Jones
APC010176	Serye Kim

APC010177	Kara Elise Laschober
APC010178	Cooper Jared Morgan
APC010179	Gabrielle Denise Pointer
APC010180	Shari Fleming Ponder
APC010181	Natan Chaim Sabbag
APC010182	Sarah Holmes Smallwood
APC010183	Mikki Purcell Thomas
APC010184	Latitia Butler
CSW009460	Erika Jeanette Atkinson
CSW009461	Haylee Smith Dixon
CSW009462	Katelyn Ellen Gray-Salman
CSW009463	Sharell Narae Sellers
CSW009464	Robin Allee Revell
CSW009465	Rebecca Williams
CSW009466	Deonia Shivers Young
CSW009467	Kayla Tonya Hendricks
CSW009468	Whitney Christina Walker
CSW009469	William Jessie Walker
CSW009470	Hannah Boston Ryan
CSW009471	Jennifer Paige Barnes
CSW009472	Toni Burks Price
CSW009473	Trisha Kent Weaver
CSW009474	Breanna Natasha Darnell
CSW009475	Jemila Kandia Yates
CSW009476	Kara Duke Coleman
CSW009477	Bobby Bryan King, III
CSW009478	Arlesia Hannah Malone
CSW009479	Sara Lopez-Viquez
CSW009480	Keisha Nicole Ray
CSW009481	Kayla G Reagh
CSW009482	Meg Eagan Fitz Sheldon
CSW009483	Julie Suttles Tate
CSW009484	Mallory Evelyn Whitaker
LPC015378	Chevette Scott Alston
LPC015379	Yolanda Michelle Artis
LPC015380	Ashley Rose Beck
LPC015381	Barbara Drew Brown
LPC015382	Carleen Michelle Bryant
LPC015383	Gerardo A Casteleiro
LPC015384	Amanda Marie Chilleme
LPC015385	James Walter Clifton
LPC015386	Cecily Rose Davis
LPC015387	Abishag Israel Douglas

LPC015388	Trelease Dawnyeil Hartfield
LPC015389	Arthur Howard
LPC015390	Corey Phillip Love
LPC015391	Ayana Tene Mbonu
LPC015392	Matthew Taylor Morris
LPC015393	Jerry Wayne Pounds
LPC015394	Alicia Quayson
LPC015395	Tiffini Brianica Taylor
LPC015396	Courtney Danielle Parker Tiner
LPC015397	Martha Caroline Veazey
LPC015398	Amanda Catherine Watkins
LPC015399	Shandria Renee Woodall
LPC015400	Mary Oluwatosin Adefalu
LPC015401	Theodore Crittendon Allen
LPC015402	Camellia Aminzadeh
LPC015403	Breanna Day Bradley
LPC015404	Margaret Anne Bujold
LPC015405	Mary Elizabeth Catalino
LPC015406	Jessica Benet Coleman
LPC015407	Brittany Renay Coles
LPC015408	Ja'Kita Tai-Yahna Crawford
LPC015409	Camira Nichole Ferguson
LPC015410	Constance Chenelle Fields
LPC015411	Dakota Jack Fidram
LPC015412	Alexandra Dianne Flippen
LPC015413	Jasmine Marie Gholston
LPC015414	Caroline Capers Graves
LPC015415	Joyce Nedree Greaves
LPC015416	Daja' Brianna Hardwick
LPC015417	John Hubert Heil
LPC015418	Rachel Scarlet Skinner Hopkins
LPC015419	Margaret Delores Ivey
LPC015420	Cliff Francis Jackson
LPC015421	Kamilah Ilesha Jones
LPC015422	Kellie Marie Jordan
LPC015423	Brittany Alexis Jourdan
LPC015424	Adam Levinthal
LPC015425	Jenan Tasha McNealey
LPC015426	Nicole Watson Nimmo
LPC015427	Timothy Michael Pierce-Tomlin
LPC015428	Lauren Blake Smith Pifer
LPC015429	Edith Loraine Pitts

LPC015430	Kaylee Ann Rydberg
LPC015431	Lena Joyce Scafe
LPC015432	Meghan Hunter Skiba
LPC015433	Candice Latrese Stanley
LPC015434	Melissa Ann Trickey
LPC015435	Hazel Jeanette Vaughn
LPC015436	David Michael Ellis
LPC015437	Breon D Gaines
LPC015438	Timothy Britton Hughes
LPC015439	Mark N Hutton
LPC015440	Janelle Lynn Jones
LPC015441	Alicia Christine Porras
LPC015442	Sarah Jessica Spann
LPC015443	Reagan Gabrielle Washington
LPC015444	Stacey Rae Brown
LPC015445	Keesha Simone Shine
LPC015446	Josephanie Velshee Smith
LPC015447	Candice Marie McDonald
LPC015448	Odia Janelle Hinds
MFT002166	Viorel Stefan Ispas
MFT002167	Danielle R. Veney
MFT002168	Amari Celisse Leaphart
MFT002169	Susanne Karenina Fux-Cortes
MFT002170	Mekala Danyel Love
MSW012294	Samantha Maria Valeriano
MSW012295	Raven Marie Newton
MSW012296	Tyneisha Taylor
MSW012297	Ebony Adontist Valeriano
MSW012298	Brittany Nicole Adams
MSW012299	Joanna Alyssa Candanedo
MSW012300	Deshante Antoinette Chisholm
MSW012301	Kelli Hanna Edwards
MSW012302	Terry Bernard Edwards
MSW012303	Terry Jerome Felton
MSW012304	Charlotte Amanda Hatton
MSW012305	Charlee Lakay James
MSW012306	Michelle Marin
MSW012307	Miosha Jonel McFadden
MSW012308	Kara Medforth Norred
MSW012309	Robert Staaf
MSW012310	Fawaz Hassan Syed
MSW012311	Jasmin Denise Vaughan

MSW012312	Gabrielle Marie Cecere
MSW012313	Courtney Elise Jones
MSW012314	Lindsey Stewart Neel
MSW012315	Rachel Radfard
MSW012316	Rachel Katrina Williams
MSW012317	Eric Ross Ballinger
MSW012318	Jean Ones Jr Isidor
MSW012319	Jessica Easler Moton
MSW012320	Kivonna J'che Taylor
MSW012321	Rachael Dannell Burns
MSW012322	Simone Venissa Ferguson
MSW012323	Tulani Cyan Yasmeen Leeks
MSW012324	Ariana Chaya-Engle Lewis
MSW012325	Kiarah Ross
MSW012326	Tyra Spann
MSW012327	Rennetta Shanel Stallworth
MSW012328	Kiarra Tolbert
MSW012329	Brenda Christine Crawford

MSW012330	Nekia Washington
MSW012331	Julian Tshaaj Yang
MSW012332	Oscar Sanchez-Huerta
MSW012333	Sara Christine Wills
MSW012334	Amy Rachel Murphy
MSW012335	Dana LaShawn Smith
MSW012336	Jordan Celine Williams
MSW012337	Stephen Zachary Emmons
MSW012338	Jake Forgay
MSW012339	Holli M. Hutson
MSW012340	Hadassah Naomi Joseph
MSW012341	Emily Nicole Makela
MSW012342	Kadeshah Brielle Martin
MSW012343	Rebecca Ann Matthew
MSW012344	Chantal Shanice Mitchell
MSW012345	Jeremiah Quenton Morton
MSW012346	Jessica Faye Ross
TOTAL:	204

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

Social Work Licensure Compact Update: Ms. Deborah Sills provided the Board with recent social work licensure compact updates that included a summary of discussion of the full compact commission meeting held February 4-5, 2025. Individuals with public comments and concerns are encouraged to submit all inquiries to: socialworkcompact@csg.org

Counseling Compact Commission Update: Ms. Angie Smith provided the Board with recent counseling compact updates, including a summary of discussion during recent commission meetings. The compacts' full commission is scheduled for February 12, 2025, in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Moffatt 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, Real, Sills, Mullings, Herrin, Lane, Vann, Knowles.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, February 7, 2025, 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:

- K.S. 8:30 a.m.
- E.M. 9:00 a.m.

Recommendation:

Approve to sit for exam
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations for the above applicant interviews as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Applications:

The separate Professional Standards Committees reviewed and made recommendations on all applications presented by the administrative staff. A total of 450 applications were presented for Board review this month.

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to refer G.F. to the AG's office for a Public Consent Order for Unlicensed Practice with fine as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to deny the reinstatement application for R.E. for failure to meet licensure requirements as outlined in Board rule 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Lane seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Professional Standard 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.

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Sheila Guider, 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. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Final Renewal Issues:

- R.W.
- S.B.
- K.M.
- A.R.
- R.D.

Recommendation:

Rescind previous referral to AG's office, renewal withdrawal request received; administratively lapse license
Rescind previous referral to AG's office, renewal withdrawal request received; administratively lapse license
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Rescind previous referral to AG's office, renewal withdrawal request received; administratively lapse license
Allow 6 months to pay the required \$500 fine

Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Mullings seconded, and the Board voted allow R.D. six (06) months to pay the required \$500 fine vs. the original 60-day requirement as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the referral of the above five renewal applications to the AG's office as an official notice of withdrawal has been received from the licensee and allow the license to lapse as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Professional Practices Committee/Complaints Report:

❖ **Investigative Interviews Conducted:**

• **Renewal Interviews**

A.B.

Recommendations: No Show; Rescheduled Interview for March 7th PPC Meeting

C.A.

Recommendations: Close Case; No Action

B.A.

Recommendations: No Show; Rescheduled Interview for March 7th PPC Meeting

COMP230190

Recommendations: Refer to AG's office for Private Consent Order

C.E.

Recommendations: No Show; Rescheduled Interview for March 7th PPC Meeting

• **Cognizant Interviews**

COMP240097

Recommendations: No Show; Rescheduled Interview for March 7th PPC Meeting

COMP250031

Recommendations: No Show; Refer to AG's office for C&D

COMP250107 (Brown)

Recommendations: Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

COMP250107 (Edwards)

Recommendations: No Show

COMP230160

Recommendations: No Show; Request additional information from Respondent

COMP240176

Recommendations: Close Case

COMP240178

Recommendations: Final decision tabled for six months pending receipt of additional information

- ❖ **Recommend Closure:** COMP220104, COMP220153, COMP220158, COMP230010, COMP230020, COMP230118, COMP230152, COMP230156, COMP230178, COMP230193, COMP230207, COMP230215, COMP230233, COMP230239, COMP230244, COMP230251, COMP230262, COMP230266, COMP230269, COMP230272, COMP240004, COMP240005, COMP240007, COMP240009, COMP240011, COMP240012, COMP240032, COMP240035, COMP240039, COMP240041, COMP240045, COMP240048, COMP240052, COMP240063, COMP240067, COMP240071, COMP240085, COMP240100, COMP240118, COMP240138, COMP240168, COMP240176, COMP240182, COMP240211, COMP240214, COMP250009, COMP250014, COMP250019, COMP250022, COMP250023, COMP250025, COMP250035, COMP250048, COMP250067, COMP250071, COMP250075, COMP250079, COMP250084, COMP250099, COMP250107, COMP250118, COMP250124, COMP250137, COMP250138, COMP250139, COMP250140, COMP250143, COMP250147, COMP250153, COMP250154, COMP250158, COMP250159, COMP250165, COMP250166, COMP250173, COMP250173, COMP250175, COMP250179, COMP250181, COMP250184, COMP250191, COMP250195, COMP250198, COMP250201, COMP250202, COMP250204, COMP250210, COMP250211, COMP250212, COMP250213

- ❖ **Recommend Referral to Investigations:** COMP240027

- ❖ **Schedule for Investigative Interview:** COMP210116, COMP240164, COMP240199, COMP240200, COMP250039, COMP250169, COMP250185

- ❖ **Recommend Referral to AG’s office:** COMP230215, COMP240055/240056/250086 - Companion Cases, COMP240137, COMP250031
- ❖ **Recommend Referral to Investigations:** COMP240102
- ❖ **Tabled - Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** COMP230182, COMP240073, COMP250193, COMP250197, COMP250112, COMP250125, COMP250132, COMP250151, COMP250203, COMP250214

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to table the final decision of COMP240178 for six months pending completion of additional information as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Lane motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP230190 to the AG’s office for Public Consent Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP240027 to Investigations as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP240102 to Investigations as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP250031 to the AG’s office for a Revocation of Licensure as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP240137 to the AG’s office for a Public Consent Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Lane motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP230215 to the AG’s office for Public Consent Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Executive Session Minutes:

- January 9, 2025 PPC Meeting
- January 10, 2025 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 9, 2025 C.C. Professional Practices Committee Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 10, 2025 C.C. Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:24 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: **March 7, 2025**

**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 meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding officer 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 February 7, 2025, 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 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2025

Linsey Joiner
Notary Public

My commission expires: 08/14/2028

