

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

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met via teleconference/Webex on Friday, October 10, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angie Smith, LPC, Chair
Gregory Moffatt, LPC
Tommy Black, LPC
Deborah Sills, CSW
Endsley Real, CSW
Andrea Meyer Stinson, MFT
Bridget Knowles, MFT
Brent Herrin, Consumer Member

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Shiela Guider, AAG

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gale Macke, LPCA-GA
David Markwell
Andrew Benesh, GAMFT
Jan Yates, NASW
A.S. Flan
Aaron T. Williams,
Call-In User 1
Ashley Albertson
Chrisi Cawley
Clayton Rountree
CyEreka Edwards
Dan M.
Danielle Lynn
Elizabeth B. Mukasa
Future LCSW
Jennifer Hama

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sandra Mullings, CSW
Jennifer Vann, MFT

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

Kaitlyn Corbett
Lisa Morris Marissa Dogan
Mr. Quel Williams
Quameshia Carter
Rebekah Winter
Tonya Elium
Tracey Pace
Shawnquisha Leary
Chess
Jakacia
Richardson Benjamin
Julia Pavon Rojas
Toni C.
Jakada P. Bernestine Bryant
Oluwabunmi Adenuga

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 one additional late item:

- New MFT Board Member – Ms. Andrea Meyer Stinson

Board Announcements: The Board would like to welcome new Board member appointment Ms. Andrea Meyer Stinson was appointed to replace Mr. David Lane, MFT. Ms. Meyer Stinson was administered the Oath of Office on September 24, 2025 prior to today's Board meeting.

The Board would like to express its gratitude to Mr. David Lane for his years of service on this Board and dedication to the licensees and public.

Meeting Minutes:

- September 12, 2025 CC Board Meeting
- October 3, 2025 LPC Rules Cmte Meeting

Recommendation:

- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 12, 2025 CC Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, 3 abstentions, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 3, 2025 CC LPC Rules Committee Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, 1 abstention, motion carried.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- M. Kelly – Rule 135-5-.02
- L. Tillman – Rule 135-5-.04

Recommendation:

- Tabled; need official petition documentation
- Denied; No proven hardship

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to table the petition request for M. Kelly pending receipt of the official petition form and supporting documentation as required. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Real motioned, Ms. Sills seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for L. Tillman for failure to demonstrate a substantial hardship as required. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List - Licenses Issued Between: September 11, 2025 - October 8, 2025

Licensee	Contact
AMFT000900	Olivia Nichole Greathouse
AMFT000901	Michelle Anne Hawksworth
AMFT000902	Ashton Marshall
AMFT000903	Ansley Marie Mayson
AMFT000904	Kathryn Cogswell Paull
AMFT000905	Aryst Williams Flowers
AMFT000906	Makalyn Montana Hand
AMFT000907	Terrence Tramain James
AMFT000908	Andrew Joseph Quinley
AMFT000909	Kaitlin Suzanne Jeter
APC010584	Kelsi Faye Ard
APC010585	Benjamin Barrett
APC010586	Montana Bender
APC010587	Taylor Ruth Carter
APC010588	Kathryn Elaine Cheek
APC010589	Ryan James Christopher
APC010590	Natalie Cote
APC010591	Destiny Andrea Durant
APC010592	Brianna Shay Ellis
APC010593	Danielle Elizabeth Ellis
APC010594	Eliana Vanesa Gomez Rodriguez
APC010595	Ashlyn A Harrison

APC010596	Kelli Renee Haxel
APC010597	Kelly Elizabeth Holdway
APC010598	Kathryn Paige Huggins
APC010599	Sadie Jensen
APC010600	Quanda Bernita Jessie
APC010601	Valerie Kay Johnson
APC010602	Katelyn Marie Canavan Kalle
APC010603	Olivia Wade King Lane
APC010604	Kaitlyn Marie Kopp
APC010605	Danielle Nicole Lewis
APC010606	Lillian Rose Mallette
APC010607	Megan Rosanne Terry
APC010608	Emily Brook Mooney
APC010609	Lakimala Dayan Nero
APC010610	Rebecca Wooldridge Philo
APC010611	Jennifer Nicole Quetant
APC010612	Marrisa Elon Caldwell
APC010613	Jade Anjoulique Enrique Tyus
APC010614	Adori Glover
APC010615	Grace Courtney Hallenbeck
APC010616	Chanel K James
APC010617	Kendall Jordan
APC010618	Whitney Lavallee Lowery

APC010619	Morgan Mitchell Sanchez
APC010620	Parisha Deanne Simmonds
APC010621	Jasmine Briana Simmons
APC010622	Ryan Hunter Spicer-Gordon
APC010623	Jessica Taylor Schoolcraft
APC010624	Kiara Tatiana Seante Vernon
APC010625	Hadyn McGiff Jolly
APC010626	Johanna Elise Branham
APC010627	Lauren Lasley Cason
APC010628	Tamara Laveta Frierson
APC010629	Jourdan Taylore Grills
APC010630	Drew Alyssa Lanier
APC010631	Joyace Hanks Lopez
APC010632	Jena Teresa McMillan
APC010633	Robin L Mitchell
APC010634	Emma Grace Nicholson
APC010635	Jeannie Marie Pierson
APC010636	McKena Hope Schrader
APC010637	Jarah Rachel Tarez Torres
APC010638	Anna Faith Templeton
APC010639	Tatum McMullen Thompson
APC010640	William Anthony Thornton
APC010641	Kimaya Katera Vanterpool
APC010642	Andria Cueny Ward
APC010643	Devante Rae Washington
APC010644	Alicia Dawn Watson
APC010645	Breana Watson
APC010646	Carla Alicia Whitehead
APC010647	Lindsey Lea Wickard
APC010648	Michael Alan Williams Sr
APC010649	April Wolf
APC010650	Ashley Nicole Rachel
APC010651	Jamie Gibson Goodwin
APC010652	Abigail Margaret Price
APC010653	Frank Andreas Kostopoulos
APC010654	Kierra Breshae Lee-Dunson
CSW009803	Danielle M Neal
CSW009804	Lucy Cavett Baldwin
CSW009805	Julianna Marie Greene
CSW009806	Lindsay Gay Lege
CSW009807	Max Lennard Gerald Maurice

CSW009808	Grace Elizabeth Stevenson
CSW009809	Albert Crenshaw Thrower
CSW009810	Joannah G Ganz
CSW009811	Aimee Mason Hall
CSW009812	Mary E Rosser
CSW009813	Keiana Shalee Brown
CSW009814	Carlie Marie Caton
CSW009815	Rachel Anne Eden
CSW009816	Aryn Jean Hulslander
CSW009817	Bremeka Tamelle Gilbert
CSW009818	Stephanie Roxanne Townsend
CSW009819	Duana Shaquon White
CSW009820	Bethany Amelia Tompkins
CSW009821	Demi Bianca Cissell
CSW009822	Robert Lamont Smith
CSW009823	Sarah Mona Che'menju
CSW009824	Arielle Dione Davidson Holloway
CSW009825	Anna Beatrice Shull
CSW009826	Chandra Anita George
CSW009827	Kathryn Renee Lesane
CSW009828	Joanna Janell Davis
CSW009829	Whitney Shereika Gray
CSW009830	Sarah Baker Norris
CSW009831	Shilpa Pokkuluri
CSW009832	Mariesha Danika Spears
CSW009833	Amber Octavia Tutt
CSW009834	Lenissa Vilhena Barbosa
LPC015971	SaKarsha ShaReka Sanchez-Hunter
LPC015972	Andrew Thomas Ashlock
LPC015973	Susan Elizabeth Barker
LPC015974	Charles Anderson Batcheller
LPC015975	Janelle Hamilton Brooks
LPC015976	Cynthia Melinda Chancey
LPC015977	Karen K Donovan
LPC015978	James Christopher Fetner
LPC015979	Courtney Ann Fortner
LPC015980	Catherine Wilkins Gregory
LPC015981	Marius Jacquell Haynes
LPC015982	Arthur Charles Hubbard
LPC015983	Noelle Marie Johnson

LPC015984	J'haria Monshae Dallas
LPC015985	LeKeisha Marquis Jones
LPC015986	Markela Cheron Ballard
LPC015987	Sheilla Brunelus
LPC015988	Patricia Kelly Card
LPC015989	Samantha Maria Fasolino
LPC015990	Nicole Wright Harris
LPC015991	Saudia Krystal Mohammed
LPC015992	Brian Neil Paulson
LPC015993	Elionides Beatriz Vazquez
LPC015994	Tonyamonique Abner Hall
LPC015995	Patrick Zackery Garner II
LPC015996	Maria Acosta Munoz
LPC015997	Cayresten Avianna Williams
LPC015998	Jennifer O'Gorman
LPC015999	Carey Lee Schmidt
LPC016000	Lindsey Feldman Shurack
LPC016001	Marilyn Anne Smith
LPC016002	Kayli Ann Stone
LPC016003	Sequoyah Ja-Kel Ware
LPC016004	Ashley Janelle Williamson
LPC016005	Morgan Renee Clare
LPC016006	Rhonda Rene Wright
LPC016007	Lindsey Allison Bongiorno
LPC016008	Christopher Denning Furter
LPC016009	Elizabeth Graham Reiter
LPC016010	Elizabeth Diane Smith
LPC016011	Anna McArthur Taylor
LPC016012	Jami Alexandra Coulter
LPC016013	Crystal Denise Patterson
LPC016014	Edith Villanueva
LPC016015	Sasha Kiana Kuuipo Anderson
LPC016016	Amber Denise Barnes
LPC016017	Natalie Bjerregaard
LPC016018	Mary Catherine Caldwell
LPC016019	Abigail Grace Cherry
LPC016020	Lara Mantegna Eddleman
LPC016021	Angela Renee Hester
LPC016022	Peter Zachary Kissell
LPC016023	Abigail Taylor Kreisinger
LPC016024	Maria Emilia Laso

LPC016025	Lance Tyler Madow
LPC016026	Nancy Jo Messner
LPC016027	Danielle Patrice Nelson
LPC016028	Charity Suzanne Odum
LPC016029	Justin Wayne Paulus
LPC016030	Bridget Teal Pelton
LPC016031	Adacelis Perez
LPC016032	Sheherezade Ashante Robinson
LPC016033	Jaylin Jene Ross
LPC016034	Courtney Belle Shook
LPC016035	Viviana Silva-Horne
LPC016036	Andrea Martin Sobel
LPC016037	Trevor Grant Strickland
LPC016038	Lydia Evans Walters
LPC016039	Peyton Rhianna Ward
LPC016040	Jamie Lee Goldberg
LPC016041	Catherine Williams McCollum
LPC016042	Kimberly N Robinson
LPC016043	Virginia Alexis Synan
LPC016044	Terance Jermaine Taylor
LPC016045	April Lauren Mendyka
LPC016046	Abbie Nicole Medicus
MFT002224	Sheterra Maxcine Walker
MFT002225	Tanya S Avery
MFT002226	Charles Anderson Batcheller
MFT002227	Mariah Caraway Driggers
MFT002228	Mikayla Chanteria Wimbush
MFT002229	Katherine E Kurtzke Harter
MFT002230	Felicia La Chelle Murrell
MFT002231	Darla Payne-Nave
MFT002232	Yunhee Elyana Sym
MSW012671	sheriese bone
MSW012672	Yhanea Yhanelle Gregory
MSW012673	Laurel Joan Vogel
MSW012674	Mary Grace Mitchell
MSW012675	Tiffany Tryneal Brown
MSW012676	Zoe Beth Searles
MSW012677	Miriam Shenita Reese
MSW012678	Jaronie Aileen Perez
MSW012679	Olivia Catherine Figueira
MSW012680	David Brian Gladson

MSW012681	Torie Lynette Holmes
MSW012682	Madison Rose McCarthy
MSW012683	Mikayla Marie Gmitter
MSW012684	Avery Kristen James
MSW012685	Allison Constance Northern
MSW012686	Madison Ryleigh Pangle
MSW012687	Micheline Musa Salama
MSW012688	Derek Michael Studer
MSW012689	Michellee Herndon
MSW012690	Jaela Nicole Clark
MSW012691	Alessandra Dwyer Sharp
MSW012692	Karla Lois Pel Timbang
MSW012693	Kelly Travelstead
MSW012694	Tosca Toussaint
MSW012695	Franklin Earl Wood Jr.

MSW012696	LaNaarai DeSeraiah Alli
MSW012697	Sara Elizabeth Brown
MSW012698	Raven Sarjeva Fowler
MSW012699	Allison Raymond
MSW012700	Anna Peyton West
MSW012701	Chayce Justice Gunn
MSW012702	Tiffany Renee Walker
MSW012703	Afua Amoah Kubiti
MSW012704	Dana Dzimwasha
MSW012705	Codi Ann Bennett
MSW012706	Mya Elizabeth Lingle
MSW012707	TaQuera Riou
MSW012708	Robert James Stevens
MSW012709	Emily Vaughan
TOTAL:	237

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.

Board Rules Discussion:

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

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Moffatt 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.

Associations – Board Updates: Association updates were provided by Gale Macke, LPCA-GA and Jan Yates, NASW-GA

2026 Board Meeting Dates: Via Webex- Start Time 10:00 AM

- January 09, 2026
- February 06, 2026
- March 06, 2026
- April 10, 2026
- May 08, 2026
- June 05, 2026
- July 10, 2026
- August 07, 2026
- September 11, 2026
- October 09, 2026
- November 06, 2026
- December 11, 2026

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, Black, Real, Sills, Meyer-Stinson, Knowles and Herrin.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, October 10, 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 the Executive Session.

Applicant Interviews Conducted:

- B.W.
- A.G.

Recommendation:

Approve for licensure
Approve for licensure

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

Petitions for Termination:

- D.M.
- R.O.

Recommendation:

Grant
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real, and the Board voted to grant the petition for termination for D.M. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to table the petition for termination for R.O. as discussed and 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 400 applications were presented for Board review this month.

Mr. Herrin motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to refer N.M. to the AG’s office for Public Consent Order for unlicensed practice as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real 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. Elizabeth Simpson, 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. Real 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:**

- **COMP250079**
Recommendations: Table final decision for 6 months; require 2 hours a month (total of 8 hours) of supervision with board approved supervisor and specifically addressing the law in mental health and advanced supervision.
- **COMP250292**
Recommendations: No show; Refer to Investigations
- **COMP250331**
Recommendations: Close Case
- **COMP250387**
Recommendations: Close Case w/ LOC
- **COMP260071/260079/260082/260117 (Same Respondent)**
Recommendations: No show; Refer to AG's office for Voluntary Surrender; Refer to Investigations obtain additional information

Ms. Real motioned, Mr. Moffatt seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP250292 to Investigations as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP260071/260079/260082/260117 to the AG's office for voluntary surrender as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to refer COMP260071/260079/260082/260117 to Investigations as discussed and presented. None opposed, motion carried.

❖ **Recommend Closure:** COMP240113, COMP240125, COMP240197, COMP250002, COMP250183, COMP250331, COMP250378, COMP250387, COMP260006, COMP260008, COMP260010, COMP260012, COMP260029, COMP260032, COMP260037, COMP260051, COMP260053, COMP260054, COMP260055, COMP260063, COMP260075, COMP260076, COMP260077, COMP260078, COMP260089, COMP260092, COMP260106, COMP260125

❖ **Schedule for Investigative Interview:** COMP240198, COMP250380, COMP260113

❖ **Referral to Investigations:** COMP250392

❖ **Tabled - Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** COMP260031, COMP260040, COMP260087, COMP260090, COMP260093, COMP260095, COMP260097, COMP260102, COMP260108, COMP260110

❖ **Misc. Cases:**

- **COMP230174**
Recommendation: Extend OMPE as discussed
- **COMP250083**
Recommendation: Order pending docketing
- **COMP220093**
Recommendation: Pending verification and review of completed CE hours
- **COMP240206**
Recommendation: Order pending docketing
- **COMP250118**
Recommendation: Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to grant the OMPE extension for COMP230174 as discussed and presented in executive session. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Ex. Session Correspondence:

- J.P. – *Board Information Only*

Executive Session Minutes:

- September 10, 2025 PPC Meeting
- September 11 2025 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented

Mr. Moffatt motioned, Ms. Real seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 10, 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 September 11, 2025 C.C. Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, 3 abstentions, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:10 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: **November 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 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 October 10, 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 10 day of October, 2025

Linsey Joiner
 Notary Public

My commission expires:

