

Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of
Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists

Regular Board Meeting and Motion Hearings for Licensees
June 19, 2012
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Tanya A. Williams, M.Ed., President, Chairperson of LPC Standards Committee
David L. Evans, Jr., M.A.
Pamela G. Clark, Ph. D
M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed.
Samer G. Touma, PhD

Board members absent were:

Danny L. Garnett, D. Min., Vice President (excused)
Jackie H. Fleshman, Public Member (excused)

Also present were:

Rick Wilson, RPP
Frank Sheheen, RPP
Julie Cole, RPP
Patricia Glenn, LLR Administrator
Susan Harrington, Board Administrative Assistant
David Love, LLR Investigator – OIE
Melina Mann, LLR Attorney
Cheryl McNair, LLR Investigator – OIE
Jerry Merritt, LLR Investigator - OIE
Jamie Saxon, LLR Advice Attorney
Larue J. Bettis, American Mental Health Counselor's Association (SC)

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

President Williams stated that Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105, at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210 and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the

Freedom of Information Act. President Williams called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

NOTE: These Minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and a brief summary of the meeting.

AGENDA and APPROVAL OF MINUTES 9:10 a.m.

The Board reviewed the Agenda and the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Clark to approve the June 19, 2012 Agenda and the Feb. 21, 2012 Minutes. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS 9:12 A.M.:

President Williams discussed need for guidelines and ethics for internet usage re: counseling and supervision.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

IRC Report 9:15 a.m.:

David Love, Investigator from Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE), presented the Investigative Review Committee's (IRC) reports concerning disciplinary matters.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the IRC recommendations for Dismissal of cases 2011-9, 2012-8, 2012-9; for Dismissal with Letters of Concern for cases 2011-23, 2011-25, 2011-29, 2012-4, 2012-11; for Authorization of one Formal Complaint for 2011-30 and for one Cease & Desist for case 2012-3. Dr. Touma seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Dr. Clark recused herself in the vote for the IRC recommendations).

David Love, Chief Investigator with OIE gave the statistical report from the Office of Investigation and Enforcement cases. The Board accepted this as information.

Melina Mann, LLR Litigating Attorney for the Board gave the statistical report from the Office of General Counsel's (OGC) cases. The Board accepted this as information.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mrs. Glenn gave the Administrative Report and the Financial Report of the Board. She gave statistical reports as handouts in her reports. Mrs. Glenn noted the OIE and OGC reports and licensure information. She discussed 2012 legislation which affects the board:

S. 1127 - Changes the make-up of boards affected by a 7th congressional district being added to the state.

Mrs. Glenn discussed the up-coming national meetings:

NBCC- Annual meeting to be held Aug. 9-11, 2012

AAMFT- Annual meeting to be held Sept. 13-16, 2012

AASCB- Annual meeting to be held Jan. 9-11, 2013.

LEGAL ISSUES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ms. Williams discussed committee progress re: guidelines for internet usage and ethics of on-line counseling, supervision etc. Board will continue to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

REPORTS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

President Williams called for the ratification of the electronic reports of the Standards Committees and Continuing Education Committee beginning on February 22, 2012 through June 19, 2012. It was reported that the records are electronically maintained and can be for categories:

Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern;
Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status for 2 years;
Recommended for Transfer from LPC-Intern to Professional Counselor;
Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement;
Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor;

Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern;
Recommended for an Extension of LMFT Intern Licensure Status for 2 years;
Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT;
Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist by Endorsement;
Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Supervisor (LMFT/S);

Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist;
Recommended for Licensure as a Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist by Endorsement;

Recommended for Reinstatement of Licensure or Re-application (all license types);

Approval of One-Time Continuing Education Providership;
Approval of Permanent Continuing Education Providership

Motion: A motion was made by to ratify the reports by Dr. Touma and seconded by Ms.Mahon. The motion passed.

Request to be “Re-Grandfathered” as LPC:

Robert M. Knight, D. Min. appeared before the Board to request to be re-grandfathered in as an LPC, waiving the Board examination and coursework requirement.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Dr. Touma seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Mr. Evans . The motion carried.

Motion: a motion was made by Dr. Touma and seconded by Dr. Clark to deny Dr. Knight’s motion for the “re-grandfathering” of his LPC license.
The motion carried.

Final Order Appearance Before the Board :

Melissa Todd, LPC appeared before the Board per the Board Order to request to be released from the terms and conditions of the Order showing she had complied fully with the Order.

Motion: a motion was made by Dr. Touma and seconded by Ms. Mahon to release Ms. Todd from the terms and conditions of the Order and allow her to practice under her LPC license.
The motion carried.

Hearings:

OIE#2011-21- Consent Agreement

Melina Mann, LLR General Counsel presented a Consent Agreement signed and agreed to by respondent for a Private Reprimand with sanctions.

Motion: a motion was made by Dr. Touma and seconded by Ms. Mahon to accept the Consent Agreement. The motion carried.

OIE#2011-13- Consent Agreement

Melina Mann, LLR General Counsel presented a Consent Agreement signed and agreed to by respondent for a Public Reprimand with sanctions.

Motion: a motion was made by Dr. Touma and seconded by Ms. Mahon to accept the Consent Agreement. The motion carried. See Order

OIE#2011-24- Consent Agreement

Melina Mann, LLR General Counsel presented a Consent Agreement signed and agreed to by respondent for a Public Reprimand with sanctions.

Motion: a motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Ms. Mahon to accept the Consent Agreement. The motion carried. See Order

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was announced the next meetings of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists will be October 2 and April 2, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrator
Patricia F. Glenn