

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
September 27, 2011
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
Danny L. Garnett, D. Min., Vice President
David L. Evans, Jr., M.A., Secretary-Treasurer Chairperson LPES Standards
Committee
Jackie H. Fleshman, Public Member
M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed., Chairperson of Continuing Education Committee
Samer Touma, PhD
Linda E. Womack, Public Member

Board member excused absence was:

Pamela G. Clark, PhD, Chairperson of LMFT Standards Committee

Also present were:

Tina Behles, Court Reporter
Julie Cole, RPP
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Patricia F. Glenn, LLR Administrator
Susan Harrington, Board Administrative Assistant
David Love, LLR Investigator - OIE
Lillia Ann Grey, LLR Attorney
Justin t. Koon, PhD, LMFT-I
Cheryl C. McNair, LLR Investigator – OIE
Jerry Merritt, LLR Investigator - OIE
Jamie Saxon, LLR Advice Attorney
Frank Sheheen, RPP
Melissa T. Todd, LPC
Richard Wilson, RPP Attorney

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.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA and APPROVAL OF MINUTES 9:10 a.m.: *(Patti we do not usually do this together.)*

The Board reviewed the Agenda and the Minutes of the June 7, 2011 meeting. Mrs. Cox asked for the addition of an Executive Session for legal advice prior to the two hearings for Motions before the Board.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Garnett approve the Agenda as amended and the June 7, 2011 Minutes. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

President Williams welcomed the new board member, Dr. Samer G. Touma, who gave a self introduction. President Williams thanked Mrs. Cox for her eleven years as Administrator of the Board and wished her well in her new assignment with the South Carolina Board of Dentistry. Mrs. Cox introduced Patricia F. Glenn who will be the new Administrator for the Board.

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 Ms. Mahon to accept the IRC recommendations for Dismissal of cases 2010-14, 2010-19, 2010-20, 2010-21, 2010-27, 2011-3, 2011-7, and 2011-8; for Dismissal with Letters of Concern for cases 2011-2 and 2011-4; and for Authorization of two Formal Complaints for 2010-17 and 2011-13. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Cox gave the statistical report supplied the Office of General Counsel's (OGC) cases. The Board accepted them as information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL ADVICE 9:22 a.m.:

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to go into Executive Session for Legal advice. Ms. Womack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to come out of Executive Session. Dr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried. President Williams noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

MOTION FOR RESTATEMENT HEARING 9:55 a.m.:

Melissa T. Todd, LPC #4762:

A Motion for Reinstatement was presented by Ms. Todd, and she requested that the hearing be closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Garnett to close the hearing for reinstatement and proceed. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Womack to return to open session. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried. President Williams noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon have Advice Counsel read the motion to accept Ms. Todd's Motion for Reinstatement; to lift the Temporary Order of Suspension to return her to practice; to reinstate Ms. Todd with four recommendations for her practice; to require her to maintain her RPP contract; to require two (2) supervision sessions a month for six (6) months with a SC Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor; and to reappear before the Board in six (6) months. Dr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried. It was stated an Order will be written.

BREAK 11:05 a.m.

MOTION FOR EXEMPTION HEARING 11:15 a.m.:

Justin T. Koon, PhD, LMFT-Intern #5343:

Dr. Koon presented his Motion for Exemption from meeting all the requirements for LMFT-Intern licensure in Regulation 36-08 (3) based on his requirements met in his PhD program. Dr Garnett recused himself in the matter and left the room. A quorum was noted as present for the hearing. The hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Mahon to go into Executive Session. Ms. Womack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Womack to return to open session. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion. The motion carried. President Williams noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Evans to deny the Motion for Exemption. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mahon. The motion passed. It was stated that an Oder will be written.

REPORTS/INFORMATION:

Administrative Information and Financial Report:

Mrs. Cox gave the Administrative Report and the Financial Report of the Board. She gave statistical reports as handouts in her reports. Mrs. Cox noted the OIE and OGC reports and information were reported in the Disciplinary section of the meeting. Mrs. Cox summarized the Music Therapy State Recognition progress.

Mrs. Cox noted minutes are now going to be produced on the web as a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and a brief summary of the meeting. She said a transcript of meetings will be provided in more detail on the board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/counselors

Ms. Williams presented a report with Mrs. Cox on the AASCB (American Association of State Counseling Boards) meeting which they attended; and Dr. Garnett reported on the AMFTRB (Association of Martial and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards) meeting that Dr. Clark and he attended.

LEGAL ISSUES:

There were no legal issues for discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Williams introduced discussion and information collected on Skype and/or similar technology for use for the required supervision hours for licensure. Board discussion followed. The Board noted that their Regulations and definitions of supervision do not support the use of Skype for supervision; however, they recognize that more advanced technology may be coming in the future for use.

The Agenda item of Technology Assisted Counseling Training was tabled until a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business before the Board.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

The Board discussed fees and the number of supervision hours required for licensure.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

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 June 8, 2011 through September 27, 2011. 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;

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Recommended for Reinstatement of Licensure or Re-application (all license types);
Approval of One-Time Continuing Education Providership; and
Approval of Permanent Continuing Education Providership.

Motion: A motion was made by to ratify the reports by Ms. Fleshman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

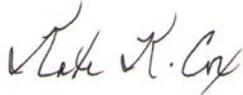
It was announced the next meetings of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists for 2012 will be February 21, June 19, and October 2.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate K. Cox
Administrator