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South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Establishes New Genetic Counselors Board and Announces Leadership Elections

(SC LLR) — The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SC LLR) is pleased to announce the establishment of the South Carolina Board of Genetic Counselors and the election of its inaugural leadership following Friday's meeting. Allison Bellomo has been elected as Chair, and Sarah Pass as Vice Chair. The board also includes members Amy Dobson and Kimberly Foil, appointed by Governor McMaster.

This board, the first new licensing board created under SC LLR since the agency's inception in 1994, is responsible for overseeing the licensure and regulation of genetic counselors across the state. The five-member board will manage licensure applications, renewal requirements, disciplinary actions, and other regulatory matters related to the profession.

The formation of the Board of Genetic Counselors represents a significant milestone for the state, addressing the growing need for regulation in the field of genetic counseling. SC LLR estimates that more than 300 genetic counselors will seek licensure within the board's first year of operation.

Quotes:

"The establishment of the South Carolina Board of Genetic Counselors is a significant achievement for SC LLR, as it marks the first new licensing board created since the agency's formation in 1994. This accomplishment, achieved just weeks after the passage of the new law requiring licensure in the profession, reflects SC LLR's commitment to public safety. We look forward to providing the board with the legal, investigative, and administrative expertise necessary to regulate the profession and ensure the highest standards of care and public safety."

— Emily Farr, Director, SC LLR

"It is such a privilege to be part of this inaugural Board of Genetic Counselors in South Carolina. I look forward to working with SC LLR to make the licensing process both efficient and effective. We are excited to support certified genetic counselors who are seeking to provide vital services to South Carolinians. Licensing will help ensure that only qualified and trained professionals are delivering genetic counseling, increasing public awareness and access to trusted providers. This step will also reduce the likelihood of inaccurate or inadequate use of genetic information."

— **Allison Bellomo, Board Chair**

For more information about the South Carolina Board of Genetic Counselors, the licensure process, or upcoming regulations, please visit the SC LLR [website](#).

About SC LLR:

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation promotes the health, safety, and economic well-being of the public through regulation, licensing, education, and enforcement.

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