

**South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of
Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors
and Psycho-Educational Specialists
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Synergy Business Park in the Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Dr. Danny L. Garnett, LMFT, LPC, D.Min., Chair
Dr. Jennifer C. L. Jordan, Ph.D., LPC, Vice Chair
Robert B. Carter, Ed.S., LMFT, Member
Nikita Harrison, Ed.S., LMFT, Member
Jeannie James, LAC, Member
Charles D. Stinson, LAC, Member
Jerome Tilghman Jr., M.A., LPC, Member

Board Member Absent

None

Staff Present

Mary League, Advice Counsel
Marlo Koger, Board Administrator
Shaun Strother, Board Assistant

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, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210, was posted on the Board website 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 South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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

Call to Order

Dr. Garnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 105 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Board License Fee Analysis Presentation and Recommendation –

Board Discussion and Vote Regarding Amendment to Regulation 10-33 Pertaining to Fees: Emily Farr, Agency Director, Abhijit Deshpande and Patrick Jarvis, Office of Finance addressed the board regarding fee analysis, recommendations, and amendment to regulation 10-33 pertaining to fees.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and Ms. James. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members: No absences, no motions.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Harrison made a motion to approve the July 16, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

President's Remarks: Dr. Garnett addressed the board.

Administrative Reports

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE/IRC): Christa Bell and Angela Baldwin, Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented fourteen (14) cases for dismissal, one letter of caution and five (5) formal complaints to the board.

IRC Recommendations:

Case# Dismissals

- 2018-41
- 2018-45

Case# Cease and Desist

- 2018-39
- 2019-25
- 2019-29

Case# Letter of Cautions

- 2018-35
- 2018-84

Case# Formal Complaints

- 2018-43
- 2018-51
- 2018-81
- 2019-5

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for four (4) dismissals, three (3) cease and desist, two (2) letter of cautions and five (5) formal complaint cases. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the statistical report as information.

Office of General Council Report (ODC): Ms. Brown, Office of Disciplinary Counsel addressed the Board. The Board reviewed the ODC report as information.

Finance Report: Patrick Jarvis, Office of Finance presented the financial report. The Board reviewed the report as information.

Request to Include Time Other Than the Regular Practice Hours as Licensed Professional Counselor Associate Supervision Hours - Katarzyna Ciszewski: Ms. Ciszewski addressed the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Ciszewski's request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to deny Ms. Ciszewski's request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Application Hearing

Initial

Tasha Ponce: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Ponce should be granted initial licensure for Marriage Family Therapist (LMFT) by endorsement in South Carolina. Ms. Ponce made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Ponce's application. The motion was seconded by Ms. James. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. James. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to deny Ms. Ponce's endorsement application with conditions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Disciplinary Hearings

Memorandum of Agreement Case# 2017-49: Case# 2017-49 is continued.

Memorandum of Agreement Case# 2019-12:

Ms. James left the board meeting.

Case# 2019-12: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Brown, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented Case# 2019-12 Memorandum of Agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Case# 2019-12. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement for Case#2019-12. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. James rejoined the board meeting.

New Business

2019 to 2020 Travel Budget: Ms. Koger, Board Administrator presented the 2019-2020 travel budget to the board.

Travel Meetings: The board discussed travel meetings.

Review of New Licenses and Continuing Education Sponsors: The Board reviewed the List of New Licensees and Continuing Education Sponsors.

Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education (CE) Sponsors: Dr. Garnett addressed the board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Stinson, made a motion to approve the updated ratification form. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2019 Renewals: The board discussed the 2019 renewals.

Continuing Education (CE) Broker: Ms. Koger, Board Administrator addressed the board regarding Continuing Education (CE) Broker.

Discussion and Vote on Military Spouse Temporary and Permanent Licensure: The board discussed military spouse temporary and permanent licensure.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan, made a motion to approve the military spouse temporary and permanent license in accordance with the, "Engine Act". The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Review and Approval of Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) Application and Approval Licensed Addiction Counselor Licensure Fee - Regulation 10:33:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Harrison, made a motion to approve the LAC Application with staff delegated to make scrivener's error changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion

Discussion Topics

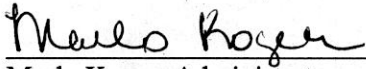
- a. **Update on 2019 American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) Conference and National Board Certified Counselors (NBCC) Annual State Licensure Boards Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 7-9, 2019:** The board discussed the AASCB and NBCC meetings.
- b. **Update on The Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) 33rd Annual Meeting of State Delegates, September 17-18, 2019 in Minneapolis, Minnesota in conjunction with the Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation's (CLEAR) 2018 Annual Education Conference, September 18-21, 2019:** The board discussed the AMFTRB and CLEAR meetings.

The Board reviewed the 2020 Board Meeting Dates as information.

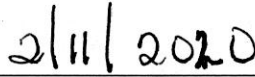
Adjournment

Motion: In open session, Ms. James made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tilghman seconded the motion. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlo Koger, Administrator
S.C. Board of Examiners for the Licensure of
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Date