

**South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family  
Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists**  
**TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Danny L. Garnett, President  
Jennifer C.L. Jordan  
Jeannie James  
Charles D. Stinson  
Jerome E. Tilghman, Jr.  
Robert B. Carter  
Nikita M. Harrison

**Absent Members - None**

**Staff Present**

**Mary League, Advice Counselor**  
**Marlo Thomas-Koger, Administrator**

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia, SC 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 Freedom of Information Act. A quorum is noted as *present/not present*. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

In accordance with the Governor's directives regarding social distancing, the meeting will be held via teleconference. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone. The telephone number and access code are provided on the posted agenda.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Garnett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference.

**Legislative Update**

Holly Beeson with the Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs addressed the board with a legislative update. Ms. Beeson explained the process required and timeline to add or make changes to the regulations. Ms. Beeson offered her assistance to the board to get started with a general drafting notice for any regulatory changes. Comprehensive changes would require the board to establish a task force appointed delve into those changes before a notice of drafting. The board has until May 2022 to submit changes before the session ends. Ms. Beeson also talked about the Armed Service Members and Spouses Professional and Occupational Licensing Act which became effective May, 2020. Staff has 15 days to issue an active military spouse a license equal to the current license held in the home state once a complete application is submitted. The license in the home state must be unblemished, with licensing requirements greater than or substantially similar to the licensing requirements in our state. Lastly, boards must consider the military education, training, and experience of members of the Armed Services when granting a license.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members** – There were none.

## **Approval of the February 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Dr. Jordan to accept the minutes. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**President's Remarks:** There were none.

### **Administrative Reports**

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE/IRC). .Angela Baldwin, Office of Investigations presented the OIE/IRC report. IRC meetings were held on June 3, 2020 and June 30, 2020. There were eight dismissals, three letters of caution and ten formal complaints.

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Mr. Carter to approve the OIE/IRC report as presented. Ms. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Announcement of a new investigator:** Catherine Wilder.

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC).** Ms. Tina Brown, Disciplinary Counsel, presented the ODC report as information.

**Financial Report.** Ms. Marlo Thomas-Koger, Board Administrator presented the financial report as information only.

**Application Hearings:** 2019 Renewal application for Dr. Samuel Nagi was rescheduled for the October 2020 meeting.

**Application Hearing:** Joseph Korzelius

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Ms. James to go into executive session, Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Ms. James to return to public session, Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Dr. Jordan to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the license is on probation for two years from today's date. And if the Applicant goes into private practice or takes private patients during that two-year time period, he would need to be under the supervision of an approved South Carolina Board-Licensed LPC Supervisor with notification of the supervisor's name to Board staff prior to undertaking that care. Mr. Stinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Application Hearing:** Julie Mahoney

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Ms. Jordon to enter executive session. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Ms. James to return to public session. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Ms. Jordon that the course work completed by Ms. Mahoney is substantially equivalent to what South Carolina requires and that she can move forward with the application process. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Re-instatement Hearing:** Dr. Elizabeth Annan

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Ms. Jordon to reinstate the license back to the time of lapse so that there is no period when someone would've been supervised by someone without a license. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **New Business**

The board members discussed the upcoming conferences and meeting and acknowledged that some would be cancelled and some would move to a virtual platform. Mr. Garnett and Ms. Harrison will register for the AMFTRB, even if it's virtual, since Mr. Garnett is on the Nominating committee.

AASCB is cancelled but Dr. Jordan would attend virtually. The ACA is cancelled, but Dr. Jordan would like to attend. Mr. Carter stated that the AAMFT meeting in Florida was cancelled. No vote was taken on 2021 meetings, but will be considered at the October 6, 2020 meeting.

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Dr. Jordan to accept the following travel and conference attendee recommendations discussed. Ms. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- a. American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB): 2020 Counseling Regulatory Boards Summit Update
- b. Travel/Teleconference Meetings
  - 2020 American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) Conference and National Board Certified Counselors (NBCC) Annual State Licensure Boards Meeting, Denver, Colorado, August 5-7, 2020
  - The Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of State Delegates, September 22-23, 2020 in Seattle, Washington prior to the 2020 Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation's (CLEAR) Annual Education Conference Meeting, September 23-26, 2020
  - National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) 2020 Annual Conference, September 24-29, 2020, Washington, D.C.
  - 2020 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, November 12-15, 2020
  - 2021 American Counseling Association (ACA) Conference and Expo, Orlando, Florida, March 17-21, 2021

**Review List of New Licensees and Continuing Education Sponsors and Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education Sponsors:**

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Dr. Jordan to ratify the new licensees and CEU Sponsors. Ms. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Continuing Education (CE) Broker:** For information only

**Discussion and Vote on 2021 Continuing Education Units (CEU's)**

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Dr. Jordan that 100% of continuing education requirements for the 2021 renewal cycle can be met online as long as instruction was received through a Board-approved continuing education organization. Ms. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Discussion and Vote on 2021 Regulation Review:**

The board discussed setting up a committee / task force to review the regulations. Ms. Jordan and Dr. Garnett, Ms. James volunteered for the task force.

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Ms. James to accept the volunteers for the regulatory review task force. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed

**Consideration of Appointment of Hearing Officer**

**MOTION: A motion was made by** Ms. James to nominate Dr. Jordan as primary hearing officer and Ms. Harrison, second and Dr. Garnett would be the alternate third person. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Revisions to Board Website Update:**

Dr. Jordan said a few words about the website update for information only.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**2020 and 2021 Board Meeting Dates:** For information only.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ms. James to adjourn. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

  
2/5/2021: Roselind Bailey-Glover, Administrator