

**South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family
Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

Board Members Present

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

Absent Members - None

Staff Present

Mary League, Advice Counselor
Tina Brown, Disciplinary Counsel
Angela Baldwin, Office of Investigations
Roselind Bailey-Glover, Administrator
Shaun Strother, Board Assistant
Courtney Clark, WebEx Host
Angie Skinner, Staff Assistant
Patrice Williams, Staff Assistant
Nadine A. Garrett, Court Reporter

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 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference.

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 July 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes for the past July 21, 2020 meeting will be available for review at the February 9, 2021 meeting.

President's Remarks: Dr. Danny Garnett, Chairman

Dr. Garnett welcomed several new members of the board staff, Roselind Bailey-Glover, Board Administrator, Patrice Williams, Administrative Assistant, and Angie Skinner, Administrative Assistant. Dr. Garnett gave a special thanks to Shaun Strother for her continued support to the board. Towards the very end of the meeting Dr. Garnett will call upon Jerome Tilghman to share something with the board members.

Administrative Reports/Administrator's Remarks

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE/IRC): Angela Baldwin, Office of Investigations

Ms. Baldwin provided the IRC report to the board so that they can see what cases that are coming in as far as ethics violations, misconduct, substandard patient care, and unlicensed practice. From the IRC meeting of September 22, 2020, there were seven dismissals, three letters of caution, one public reprimand and a consent agreement. For your approval today, there were also six dismissals, four that were recommended for formal complaint.

MOTION: Ms. Harrison made a motion to approve the IRC Report. Ms. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC)

Tina Brown, Disciplinary Counsel stated there are 17 open disciplinary cases in ODC. Three are pending hearing cases will be held today. There are five cases ODC closed since the beginning of the year. The report is for information only.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to approve the ODC Report. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Financial Report:

Roselind Bailey-Glover, Board Administrator stated the financial report was for information only and invited any questions. There were none.

Administrator's Remarks:

Roselind Bailey-Glover, Board Administrator thanked the board for the welcome and moved on to the next order of business.

Application Hearing: Kim Frasier

Mr. Tilghman recused himself as he knew the licensee. Ms. Bailey-Glover introduced the case. Ms. Frasier is seeking licensure with an existing Notice of Cease and Desist mailed on October 10, 2017 and served in person on August 6, 2018. Ms. Frasier gave her testimony.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session. Ms. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Carter made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Stinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to accept her application for licensure. Mr. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Tilghman returned to the public session for the next case.

Application Hearing: Jessica Milo sky

Ms. Bailey-Glover introduced the case. Ms. Milo sky is seeking a licensed professional counselor, but has not met the course work required for South Carolina, and she is now appealing. Ms. Milo sky provided her testimony.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to accept the application by endorsement which is substantially equivalent to our requirements in South Carolina. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Break: 12:33 p.m. to 12:43 p.m.

Closed Disciplinary Hearing: MOA – 2018-43

The case was postponed a few minutes until the licensee and attorney logged into the hearing. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Ms. Tina Brown presented the stipulation of facts. Mr. Schaefer attorney introduced herself and asked Mr. Schaefer to present his mitigating information to the board. Mr. Schaefer signed the MOA and is remorseful. Mr. Schaefer made his statements. Board members asked their questions. Ms. Hawkins made her closing statement.

MOTION: Ms. James made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Carter made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Stinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to return to public session. Ms. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Jordan asked Ms. League, Advice Counsel to read the motion to ensure all is correct. Ms. League asked that the place of employment be stricken from the record.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion, read by Advice Counsel, to accept the Memorandum of Agreement. In regards to the admitted violation, a sanction being a public reprimand, payment of a civil penalty of \$1,000 to be paid within six months from the date of the order, suspension of the Respondent's license for a period of three months effective two weeks from the date of the order to allow for orderly referral of the current clients. During the period of suspension the Respondent must engage in personal therapy at least every two weeks with monthly reports from the therapist to the Board as to his progress. Upon reinstatement of the license at the end of the period of suspension, the license will be in probation for six months, during which time the Respondent must practice under supervision with a Board-licensed supervisor having weekly meetings with the supervisor. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. The recorded transcript is sealed in this case. Sealing the transcript does not affect the public order. Any appeal would be made with the Administrative Law Court.

Disciplinary Hearing: MOA – 2018-79

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Ms. Tina Brown presented the stipulation of facts. Ms. Goldman gave her opening statement. Ms. Brown presented her closing remarks.

MOTION: Mr. James made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to return to public session. Mr. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to accept the MOA and we find that the State did not meet the burden of proof and we dismiss this case. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
Ms. Jordan made a few closing remarks.

Disciplinary Hearing: MOA – 2018-51

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to go into closed session. Ms. James seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

RPP was present for this hearing. Ms. Brown presented the stipulation of facts. Mr. Axon gave his statement and read a letter to the board. Ms. Brown gave her closing statement.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to accept the MOA. The board will sanction \$500 per violation for a total of \$1,000 to be paid within six months of the date of the order, and the board will issue a private reprimand. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. League clarified the motion to the respondent stating that if he wanted to appeal the order, to do so within 30 days of receiving the order to the Administrative Law Court.

New Business

Travel/Teleconference Meetings: For information only.

1. 2020 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Annual Conference, November 12-15, 2020. **The Chairman and Ms. Harrison are registered for this free, virtual session.**
2. 2021 American Counseling Association (ACA) Conference and Expo, March 17-21, 2021
3. Other Meetings. **Provided for information only.**

Review List of New Licensees and Continuing Education Sponsors – Presented as information.

Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education Sponsors:

MOTION: Ms. Jordan made a motion to ratify the new licenses and continuing education sponsors. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Vote on Application Review Committee Member:

Mr. Garnett will continue to review applications. Initially the committee members were **Danny, Jennifer, Bob and Charlie.**

Continuing Education (CE) Broker Report:

Board members expressed that registering with CE Broker did not work for them and there were problems with loading CE's into the system. The notice to register with CE Broker was a casual email and some may have deleted it. Some registered with CE Broker and some did not. Ms. Glover stated that CE Broker provided a report showing approximately 700 people signed up. Mr. Carter stated that the email regarding CE Broker went out to licensees on July 28, 2020.

Vote 2021 Board Meeting Dates:

MOTION: Ms. James made a motion to approve the 2021. Mr. Stinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion Topics

Update on 2020 American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) Conference and National Board Certified Counselors (NBCC) Annual State Licensure Boards Meeting.

Mr. Garnett and Ms. Jordan expressed interest in attending. The ACA is moving forward with language from 30 states to form a compact to make endorsements easier.

Update on The Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) 34th Annual Meeting of State Delegates, September 22-23, 2020 prior to the 2020 Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation's (CLEAR) Annual Education Conference Meeting, September 23-26, 2020.

Mr. Garnett and Ms. Harrison server on AMFTRB Committees. Ms. Harrison stated she was on the election committee where they discussed telehealth issues and the pandemic. She also mentioned that other states are allowing one hundred percent online training and not changing after the pandemic.

Update on the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) 2020 Annual Conference, September 24-29, 2020

Mr. Tilghman stated to the board that this would be his last board meeting as he is resigning. Mr. Garnett expressed appreciation to Mr. Tilghman for serving on the board and getting the addiction credential information on board. Ms. Glover also thanked Mr. Tilghman and presented him with a plaque from the agency.

Revisions to Board Website Update:

Mr. Garnett wanted the website reviewed to update the FAQs regarding CEU's for now. Ms. James was supposed to look at the website for out of date items. Fix the question on the website regarding Tele-mental Health Services.

Public Comments:

Ms. Jordan stated that she received feedback from licensees that they could not get in touch with CCE. Ms. Strother explained that she has been in contact with CCE for an update on pending license applications. Apparently staff members are working from home part-time. Ms. Jordan further expressed concern that CCE is not responsive to applicants. Ms. League suggested Ms. Glover address some of the issues with Robbie Boland and Jack Beasley and the backlog and how to deal with the issues.

Mr. Carter asked had a question about section 36-07 (h) which Advice Counsel will address after the meeting.

Lunch (Time of Lunch will be at the discretion of the Board Chair) – No time taken.

Adjournment: 3:12 pm

MOTION: Ms. James made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.