

**South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family
Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists
TELECONFERENCE SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.**

DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members Present

Jennifer C.L. Jordan, Chair
Robert B. Carter, Vice Chair
Nikita M. Harrison
Ann Kirven
Danny J. Garnett
Charles D. Stinson

Absent Members

Jeannie James

Staff Present

Tina Brown, Disciplinary Counsel
Roselind Bailey-Glover, Board Administrator
Mary League, Advice Counselor
Johnnie Rose, WebEx Host
Wanda Peake, WebEx Host
Katie Phillips, Governmental Affairs Office
Pat Hanks, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Mark Sanders, Office of Investigations

Others Present

Scott Montgomery
Dr. Ken Taylor
David Scott
Cathy Caruthers
Michael Jameson

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.

This meeting was held via teleconference. Members of the public who attended logged in by telephone. The telephone number and access code was provided on the final agenda.

Call to Order

Board Chair, Dr. Jennifer Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the Agenda. Ms. Kirven seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

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

Approval of the February 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes with changes:

MOTION: Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes with changes. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Legislative Update – 4/1/2022Katie Phillips, Director, Communications & Governmental Affairs

Ms. Phillips let the Board know that Chapter 36 regulations passed the Senate LCI Committee and is waiting to be taken up on the House side in the next week or two.

Bill S295 was briefly covered which would impact all of the Boards at the Agency and would put particular parameters on what criminal convictions a Board can consider when reviewing a license application. The intent of S295 would also create or allow apprenticeship pathways through the Department of Labor apprenticeship or industry recognized apprenticeship programs. S295 is pending in the House, but has not had any activity on the House side yet.

House Bill 3731, there’s a companion bill related to Behavioral Analysts.

S1179 was filed and introduced to the Senate. S1179 would allow telehealth for out-of-state people for both the Counselors and Social Work Board. Amendments were submitted for S1179. Regular session will end either May 12th or 13, 2022. Any bills that have not been enacted or gone to Conference Committed by that time will essentially die for this legislative session and have to be reintroduced next year. Will update the board on any changes.

Chair’s RemarksDr. Jennifer Jordan

Dr. Jordan thanked everyone for their hard work and for being present today.

Resolution regarding Nathaniel L Montgomery, LPC-A license candidate – Dr. Jordan introduced a resolution for the board members to vote upon in honor of Mr. Montgomery who expectantly passed away before his LPC-A license could be issued. Dr. Jordan expressed the Board’s condolences to the Montgomery family present and supervisor, Dr. Taylor from Bright Side Counseling. Dr. Taylor and Mr. Montgomery’s brother said a few words and thanked the Board for the thoughtful resolution. The resolution will be mailed to the family of Mr. Montgomery.

MOTION: Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the resolution in honor of Nathaniel L Montgomery, LPC-A. Ms. Harrison seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Administrative Reports:

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE/IRC) Mark Sanders, Office of Investigations – Information only. Mr. Sanders reviewed the IRC Statistical report as information only. From February 1st to March 22, 2022 there are 42 active investigations, 10 closed cases and 5 new cases.

IRC Report – One case for dismissal:

MOTION: Ms. Harrison made a motion to accept the OIE/IRC report and one dismissal. Ms. Kirven seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

IRC Report – One Letter of Caution:

MOTION: Ms. Harrison made a motion to approve the letter of caution. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC).....Tina Brown, Disciplinary Counsel
Information Only**

Ms. Brown reviewed the ODC Report as information only with 14 current cases. Of the 14 cases 8 are pending resolution or finalization of agreements or pending a hearing. Since the Board’s last meeting there are 2 cases that were closed.

Administrator’s RemarksRoselind Bailey-Glover, Board Administrator

Ms. Bailey-Glover reviewed the following information with the Board as information only.

Financial Reports and Definition of Terms – A definition of terms document was provided to the board in order to clarify the Cash Report on page 28. Travel expenses listed cover expenditures only and not what is actually left in the budget to spend. There’s roughly \$8,000 left in the budget for travel this year until June. June 30th starts the next new fiscal year. Four board members wanted to attend the Addiction Counselors meeting, but two were selected to attend. The new budget will return to \$15,000 for 2022-2023. Since the board voted the last time for 2-4 board members to attend. The previous vote stands. If the meeting registration needs to be covered by the board, Ms. Bailey-Glover asked board members to let her know later on in the meeting when the travel section discussion starts.

CE Broker: Monthly Report:

As of March 31, 2022 more licensees signed up with CE Broker. Deb Carter from CE Broker is going to share with the board some statistics about the increased registration numbers. This will help with the audit. Deb will also answer any questions. Initially the board wanted to send out an e-blast announcement for the CE audit that would cover 5% of the entire population or about 67 licensees. There was some discussion about auditing the entire population of all 5,900 licensees and conducting an audit for 5% of 5,900.

UPDATE - Continuing Education and an Audit:

The board discussed the current staffing shortage issue and the new applications being introduced soon and determined that both the audit and new applications would be a strain on current staff right now. Ms. Glover clarified that CCE will not receive the initial applications, but will continue to work on the applications already at CCE. Further discussion ensued. The new applications are more important than conducting an audit right now.

MOTION: Ms. Harrison made a motion not to perform a CEU AUDIT this year. Ms. Kirven seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CE Broker – Register CE Providers -

Ms. Carter appeared before the Board on behalf of CE Broker to discuss the current CEU Provider application and the application linked to CE Broker for processing and the ability to track CE provider applications. After discussions with Ms. Bailey-Glover, suggested that the CE Provider application start to go directly to CE Broker for review. Board staff would need to revise the CE Provider application and get the link to the application connected to CE Broker directly from our website. If any information is missing from new CE Provider applications, CE Broker would contact the provider directly and let them know. The Board designee would still approve the new course, but with CE Broker who will track the providers along with the board. Ms. Bailey-Glover and Ms. Carter will work out the details and pick up where the process had been started and did not move forward.

Application Hearing: Dr. Jordan called the Application Hearing to Order.

Ms. Cathy Caruthers made her opening statement requesting consideration for a counselor’s license with a degree in psychology and practicing as a psychologist in another state with a master’s degree.

MOTION: Dr. Garnett 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: Mr. Stinson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Dr. Garnett seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Harrison made a motion to deny the request for licensure at this time. A psychology license is not a professional counseling license or an addiction counseling license. Dr. Garnett seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Application Hearing: Dr. Jordan called the Application Hearing to Order.

Mr. Michael Jameson made his opening statement requesting consideration for a counselor's associate license with 48 hours completed in 2006 instead of the current 60 credit hours required for licensure. He has also requested the board consider his work experience in their review.

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MOTION: Ms. Harrison made a motion to accept and grant the application for licensure request. Applicant applied in 2018 and was unable to test due to COVID, so regulations in 2018 applied at that time. Based on a review of all coursework, he has met the requirements. Dr. Garnett seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Disciplinary Hearings: None

Lunch (Time of Lunch will be at the discretion of the Board Chair)

New Business - None

Travel / Teleconference Meetings:

**2022 American Association of State Counseling Boards – Virtual Conference – February 14, 2022 – Dr. Garnett
American Counseling Association (ACA) Conference & EXPO 2022– April 7-9, 2022, Atlanta Georgia – Dr.
Garnett attended both.**

Dr. Garnett reported that he attended the AASCB and ACA meetings. At the AASCB meeting, there was some discussion about the compact being considered. They are trying to get 10 states on board, but currently have only 9. Not sure how all of this will affect South Carolina. Dr. Jordan commented that they did find someone to support the compact bill so it may move forward next year. The first 10 states will write the regulation. Discussion continued about the licensure compact, licensure requirements and practice in compact states.

The South Carolina Clinical Mental Health Counseling Association (SCCMHCA) is the other conference Dr. Garnett attended last year.

National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) 2022 Annual Conference – October 7-12, 2022, Indianapolis, IN

Four board members were voted to attend, Jeannie James, Charlie Stinson, Nikita Harrison and Danny Garnett. Mr. Stinson stated that he would not be attending. However Mr. Carter wanted to attend and Ann Kirven wanted to attend. The costs will come out of next year's funding.

Ms. Harrison stated she was interested in attending the AFMT Regulatory Conference this year in September. There should be funding for attendance. Dr. Garnett is already registered.

MOTION: Mr. Carter made a motion for Dr. Garnett and Nikita Harrison to travel to SC Marriage and Family Conference. Mr. Stinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed

Number of New Licenses Issued (02/02/2022 – 04/04 /2022) – Information only

Number of Continuing Education Providers Approved – (02/01/2022 – 04-4-2022) - Information only

Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education Sponsors - Vote

MOTION: Ms. Harrison made a motion to ratify the new licensees and continuing education sponsors. Dr. Garnett seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Number of ACTIVE Licenses by Credential Type – Information only

Application Review Committee: Applications Reviewed – None

Discussion - None

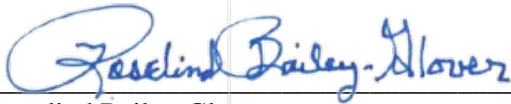
2022 Board Meeting Dates Remaining- October 11, 2022 is the last meeting of the year. Information only

Public Comments – There were none

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Stinson made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Garnett seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Minutes Approved by the Board and Posted: 7/19/2022



Roselind Bailey-Glover
Board Administrator