

# MINUTES

## South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists

### WEBEX/TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – 9:57 a.m.

#### **Board Members Present**

Robert B. Carter, Vice Chair

Dr. Danny Garnett

Nikita M. Harrison

Arvilla Ann Kirven

Charlie Stinson

#### **Absent Members**

Dr. Jennifer C. L. Jordan, Chairperson

Jeannie James

#### **Staff Members Present**

Holly Beeson, Communications and Governmental Affairs

Mary League, Advice Counsel

Sherrie Butterbaugh, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Ervin Bond, Office of Investigations

Renee Dash, Office of Investigations

Catherine Wilder, Office of Investigations

Shaun Strother, Program Coordinator

#### **Other**

Sarah Costilow, Court Reporter

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

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

Robert Carter, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Dr. Garnett, seconded by Mr. Stinson, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

**Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members**

On the motion of Ms. Kirven, seconded by Dr. Garnett the board voted unanimously to approve the absence of Dr. Jennifer C. L. Jordan, Chairperson and Jeannie James. The motion passed.

**Approval of the Minutes** – February 14, 2023

**MOTION**

On the motion of Dr. Garnett, seconded by Ms. Kirven, the board voted unanimously to approve the February 14, 2023 minutes. The motion passed.

**Chairperson Remarks** – NONE

**S.C. LLR Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs – Legislative Update:** Holly Beeson

Holly Beeson, Communications and Governmental Affairs, addressed the board.

**Administrative Reports**

**Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE - Information Only)** – Ervin Bond, Office of Investigations

The board reviewed the Statistical Report as information only.

**Investigative Review Committee (IRC Information)** – Ervin Bond

Ervin Bond, Office of Investigations presented the board with four (4) dismissals and one formal complaint with a cease and desist.

**Dismissals**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Dr. Garnett, seconded by Mr. Stinson, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept the IRC recommendations for dismissal of the four (4) cases. The motion passed.

**Formal Complaint – Cease and Desist**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Dr. Garnett and Mr. Stinson, seconded by Ms. Kirven, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept the IRC recommendations for the formal complaint cease and desist. The motion passed.

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC – Information Only)** – Sherrie Bautterbaugh,  
Disciplinary Counsel

**Administrator’s Reports/Remarks** – Shaun Strother, Program Coordinator

Ms. Strother presented the following item as information only.

- Finance Reports

**Application Hearings - None**

**Disciplinary Hearing - None**

**New Business**

- a. Review List of New Licensees: 2/8/23 – 3/31/23 – Informational Purposes Only
- b. Number of Active Credentials as of 3/31/23 – Informational Purposes Only
- c. Number of Continuing Education Providers Approved: 2/8/23 – 3/31/23 Informational Purposes Only
- d. Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education Sponsors Vote: 28/23 – 3/31/23

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Stinson, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted unanimously in favor to approve the Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education Sponsors. The motion passed.

- e. Application Review Committee: Applications Reviewed: 2/8/23 – 3/31/23 – Informational Purposes Only

- f. Board Member Reports – Conference or Meetings Attended

- American Counseling Association (ACA) Conference and Expo – March 30, 2023 to April 2, 2023, Toronto, Ontario: Dr. Danny Garnett addressed the board.
- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) 2023 Leadership Symposium: March 9-11, 2023, New Orleans, Louisiana: Nikita Harrison addressed the board.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments presented.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Stinson, he moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Garnett. All were in favor and the motion passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.