

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, July 11, 2023 – 9:57 a.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Jennifer C. L. Jordan, Chairperson
Robert B. Carter, Vice Chair
Dr. Danny Garnett
Nikita M. Harrison
Arvilla Ann Kirven
Jeannie James
Charlie Stinson

Absent Members

None

Staff Members Present

Mary League, Advice Counsel
Donnell Jennings, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Sherrie Butterbaugh, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Tina Brown, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Sonya Morse, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Ervin Bond, Office of Investigations
Shaun Strother, Program Coordinator
Jennifer Mitchell

Other

Katherine Boone, Court Reporter
Lois Curry-Catanese
Brandi Spinks
Bruce Moyer
Michelle Powers
Amira Abdelwahab
Vernette Porter

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, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia, South Carolina 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. The meeting was held via WebEx/Teleconference.

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

Dr. Jordan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. James, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members - None

Approval of the Minutes – April 11, 2023

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. Kirven, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted unanimously to approve the April 11, 2023 minutes. The motion passed.

Chairperson Remarks – Dr. Jordan addressed the board.

S.C. LLR Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE): Donnell Jennings

Mr. Jennings 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, one formal complaint and two (2) letters of caution.

Dismissals

MOTION

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

Formal Complaint

MOTION

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

Letters of Caution

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. James and seconded by Mr. Carter, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept the IRC recommendations for the two (2) letters of caution. The motion passed.

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

Ms. Butterbaugh, presented the “ODC” report as information only.

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

Ms. Strother presented the following items below as information only.

- Finance Report
- 2023-2025 Renewals
- CE Broker Report
- Counselors Compact - Update

Application Hearings

Lois Curry-Catanese: The purpose of this hearing was to determine Louis Curry-Catanese can be granted a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) license by Endorsement. Ms. Curry-Catanese appeared before the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. James, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted to unanimously to go into executive session to receive legal advice in regards to Lois Curry-Catanese’s application. The motion passed.

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. Kirven, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board voted unanimously to come out of executive session and reconvene in public session. The motion passed.

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Kirven, the board voted unanimously to deny Lois Curry-Catanese LPC licensure by Endorsement. The motion passed.

Brandi Spinks – Closed Session: The purpose of this hearing was to determine Brandi Spinks can be granted a Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) license. Ms. Spinks appeared before the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. Kirven, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted to unanimously to go into closed session, in compliance with state and federal confidentiality laws in regards to Brandi Spinks application. The motion passed.

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. James, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted to unanimously to go into executive session to receive legal advice in regards to Brandi Spinks application. The motion passed.

MOTION

On the motion of Mr. Stinson, seconded by Ms. Harrison, the board voted unanimously to come out of executive session and reconvene in public session. The motion passed.

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Kirven, the board voted unanimously to allow Ms. Spinks to move forward in the LPCA licensure process. The motion passed.

Reinstatement

Bruce Moyer: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Bruce Moyer's Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) license can be reinstated. Mr. Moyer appeared before the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. James, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted to unanimously to go into executive session to receive legal advice in regards to Bruce Moyer's application. The motion passed.

MOTION

On the motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted unanimously to come out of executive session and reconvene in public session. The motion passed.

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Kirven, the board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Moyer's LPC license with conditions. The motion passed.

Disciplinary Hearing – 2019-91

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. Kirven, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted to unanimously to go into executive session to receive legal advice for disciplinary hearing 2019-91. The motion passed.

MOTION

On the motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted unanimously to come out of executive session and reconvene in public session. The motion passed.

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. James, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted unanimously that legal counsel present the motion as follows and the motion passed: Ms. James motion is to accept the stipulation of facts: to find that the facts do constitute a violation as alleged; impart it appears that Respondent identified skills in the client that the consortium needed, and placed the client there to benefit the consortium, to which she had an interest; that the following sanctions are imposed: a public reprimand, \$1000 fine, Respondent shall engage in weekly supervision with a South Carolina licensed LPCS for a period of one year beginning as of the date of the order, with a letter from the supervisor at the end of the year indicating that Respondent is capable of practicing independently. Respondent has 30 days to find a supervisor, during which time she continue with, she can continue with the care of her clients. Also, during the time she is under supervision, Respondent cannot supervise associates, she has 30 days from the date of the order to transfer supervision of the associates to another supervisor. If Respondent runs into issues transferring the associates, she can contact the board for assistance.

New Business

- a. Review List of New Licensees: 3/31/23 – 6/26/23: Informational Purposes Only
- b. Number of Active Credentials as of 6/26/23: Informational Purposes Only
- c. Number of Continuing Education Providers Approved: 3/31/23 – 6/26/23 Informational Purposes Only
- d. Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education Sponsors Vote: 3/31/23 – 6/26/23

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. James, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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: 3/31/23 – 6/26/23 – Informational Purposes Only
- f. Board Member Reports – Conference or Meetings Attended

- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) 2023 Leadership Symposium: March 9-11, 2023, New Orleans, Louisiana – Nikita Harrison

Ms. Harrison addressed the board.

- South Carolina Clinical Mental Health Counselor Association (SCCMHCA) 2023 Annual Conference: April 20, 2023 (Hybrid) and April 21-22, 2023 in West Columbia, South Carolina - Dr. Danny Garnett and Nikita Harrison.

Dr. Garnett and Ms. Harrison addressed the board.

Enter Executive Session

MOTION

On the motion of Dr. Garnett, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board voted to unanimously to go into executive session to discuss a personal matter. The motion passed.

MOTION

On the motion of Mr. Stinson, seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted unanimously to come out of executive session and reconvene in public session. The motion passed.

- g. Discussion and Vote: Additional Investigative Review Conference (IRC) Members – Shaun Strother

MOTION

On the motion of Mr. Stinson and Mr. Carter and seconded by Ms. Harrison, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept Alicia Harris and Jewell Rembert as the additional IRC members. The motion passed.

- h. Discussion and Vote: Legislative H.3605 Update – Mary League

MOTION

On the motion of Mr. Stinson and seconded by Dr. Garnett, the board voted unanimously in favor that Dr. Jordan serve as the designee. The motion passed.

i. Discussion and Vote: Non-Cacrep Accredited Programs – Dr. Jordan

MOTION

On the motion of Mr. Carter and seconded by Ms. Harrison, the board voted unanimously in favor to accept the list of Non-Cacrep accredited programs. The motion passed.

Old Business

a. Update on the Counselors Board Website and Online Applications – Shaun Strother

Ms. Strother addressed the board.

b. Update on Center of Credentialing Services (CCE) – Shaun Strother

Ms. Strother addressed the board.

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

Executive Session, *If needed*

Public Comments: There were no public comments presented.

Adjournment

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. Kirven, she moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.