

MINUTES

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

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Via Video/Teleconference - Thursday, August 1, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Jennifer C. L. Jordan, Chairperson
Robert B. Carter, Vice Chair
Patrice Felder
Arvilla Ann Kirven
Dr. Sandra Manning
Dr. Markesha Miller

Absent Member

Nikita M. Smith
Jeannie James

Staff Members Present

Mary League, Advice Counsel
Amelia Leeks, Office of Investigations
Sherrie Butterbaugh, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Pam Dunkin, Board Executive
Shaun Strother, Program Coordinator

Other

Creel Court Reporter
Joshua Rinz

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. 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. Kirven, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda. The

motion passed.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members

MOTION

On the motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Kirven, the board voted unanimously to approve the absence of Jeannie James and Nikita Smith. The motion passed.

Application Hearing

- a. **Joshua Rinz**: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Joshua Rinz could be granted approval to move forward in the licensure process for the Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) license. Mr. Rinz appeared before the board and was not represented by legal counsel or had witnesses.

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. Kirven, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board voted to unanimously to go into executive session to receive legal advice in regards to Mr. Rinz’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 Mr. Carter, seconded by Dr. Miller, the board voted to unanimously to go back into executive session to receive additional legal advice in regards to Mr. Rinz’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 Dr. Miller, legal counsel Mary League read the motion on the behalf of Dr. Miller as follows: The board voted unanimously to deny Joshua Rinz to move forward in the application process for LPCA licensure. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirven. The motion passed.

New Business

- a. Discussion and Vote on Hearing Officers:

Mrs. Dunkin and Amelia Leeks addressed the board regarding appointing hearing officers. After board discussion no votes were taken.

Old Business

- a. Update on Continuing Education (CE) Audit

Mrs. Dunkin provided the board with a update on the CE Audit.

Executive Session, *If needed*: Executive session not needed.

Public Comments: There were no public comments presented.

Adjournment

Dr. Jordan moved to adjourn. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.