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

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Synergy Business Park in the Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, Room 105 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

#### **MINUTES**

## **Board Members Present**

Dr. Danny L. Garnett, LMFT, LPC, D.Min., Chair Dr. Jennifer C. L. Jordan, Ph.D., LPC, Vice Chair Robert B. Carter, Ed.S., LMFT, Member Nikita Harrison, Ed.S., LMFT, Member Jeannie James, LAC, Member Charles D. Stinson, LAC, Member Jerome Tilghman Jr., M.A., LPC, Member

## **Board Member Absent**

Michael Bailey (Public Member)

## Staff Present

Marlo Koger, LLR Board Administrator Shaun Strother, LLR Board Assistant Mary League, LLR Advice Counsel

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105 at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210, 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 South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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

## Call to Order

Mr. Garnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.. The meeting was held in Room 105 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

## Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

In open session, Mr. Garnett stated that Mr. Bailey will not be attending the board meeting.

## Approval of the Agenda:

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda – no corrections noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **Approval of the Minutes:**

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the April 10, 2018 meeting minutes – no corrections noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## New Business

## **Administrative Reports**

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Mr. Love, Chief Investigator of Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented ten (10) cases for dismissal, four (4) letters of caution, and five (5) cease and desist to the Board.

## IRC Recommendations

## Case # (Dismissals):

- 2017-69
- 2018-9
- 2018-15
- 2018-18
- 2018-19
- 2018-32
- 2018-44
- 2018-46
- 2018-47
- 2018-57

## Case # (Dismiss-Cease and Desist)

- 2017-47
- 2017-55
- 2017-57
- 2018-7
- 2018-55

## Case # (Letters of Caution)

- 2017-63
- 2018-1
- 2018-5
- 2018-14

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for ten (10) cases for dismissal, four (4) letters of caution, and five (5) dismiss cease and desist. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the statistical report as information.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: The Board reviewed the ODC report as information.

<u>Finance Report</u>: Ms. Koger, Board Administrator presented the financial report. The Board reviewed the report as information.

## **Application Hearings**

## Reinstatement

**Dr. Mary Murphy:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Murphy should be granted reinstatement of licensure in South Carolina. Dr. Murphy made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Dr. Murphy's application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to grant Dr. Murphy's reinstatement of licensure in South Carolina with conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mandy Renteria: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Renteria should be granted reinstatement of licensure in South Carolina. Ms. Renteria made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into closed session in compliance with the state and federal confidentiality laws to discuss Ms. Renteria's reinstatement application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board came out of Closed Session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to grant Dr. Murphy's reinstatement of licensure in South Carolina with conditions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## Request for Expungement - OIE#2012-10:

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **New Business**

## a. Vote on Approval of Proposed Regulations:

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Stinson made a motion to approve the amended regulations in content but allowing minor scrivener changes if needed or administrative changes in consultation with Dr. Jordan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the 2018-2019 Travel Budget.

The Board discussed travel meetings.

## **Review List of New Licensees:**

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept the licensee list. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education (CE) Sponsors:

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept and approve the Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education (CE) Sponsors. The motion was seconded by Ms. James. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the 2019 and 2020 Board Meeting Dates as information.

## **Application Hearing**

**Sharon Dockery:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Dockery should be granted licensure in South Carolina. Ms. Dockery made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Dockery's application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Tilghman made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to grant Ms. Dockery's licensure in South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stinson, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **Adjournment**

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 3:51 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlo Koger, Administrator

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