

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

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
Synergy Business Park in the Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Danny L. Garnett, LMFT, LPC, D.Min., Chair
Dr. Jennifer C. L. Jordan, Ph.D., LPC, Vice Chair
Jerome Tilghman, M.A., LPC, Member
Robert B. Carter, Ed.S., LMFT, Member
Ronald H. Reames, M.A., LPC, Member
Nikita Harrison, Ed.S., LMFT, Member
Michael Bailey (Public Member)

Board Member Absent

None

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, and Psycho-Educational Specialists, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, Room 105 at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210 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

Dr. Garnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.. It was noted that a quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The meeting was held in the Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, Room 105, at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison and approved. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve the April 4, 2017 meeting minutes – no corrections noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

President's Remarks

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

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept the Ratification of New Licenses and Continuing Education (CE) Sponsors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Conference Attendance and Board Approval

Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Regulatory Law Seminar – Savannah, Georgia (October 5-8, 2017):

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to approve Ms. League, Board Advice Counsel/Attorney to attend (October 2017) in Savannah, Georgia the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Law Seminar. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) Annual Meeting – Atlanta, Georgia (October 5-8, 2017):

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to Ms. Harrison to attend (October 2017) in Atlanta, Georgia the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jordan and Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) – San Antonio, Texas (January 10-12, 2018):

Motion: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion that Mr. Garnett, Board Chair and Dr. Jordan attend (January 2018) in San Antonio, Texas the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB). The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Disciplinary Issues and Reports

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Mr. Love, Chief Investigator of Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented six (6) cases for dismissal to the Board.

IRC Recommendations

Case #:

- 2017-3
- 2017-10
- 2017-12
- 2017-13
- 2017-16
- 2017-17

Motion: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for dismissals. 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 report as information.

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

Discussion:

Alcohol and Drug Counselor Licensure: The Board discussed alcohol and drug counselor licensure.

Proposed Regulation Change: The Board discussed the proposed regulation changes.

Discussion about the Counseling Profession and Counselor Education: The Board discussed the counseling profession and counselor education.

Discussion with School Representatives: No school representatives were present - no discussion.

Application Hearings:

Request for License Professional Counselor (LPC) Licensure – Dr. Charles Puryear, PhD

Dr. Charles Puryear, PhD: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Puryear should be granted a license professional counselor (LPC) in South Carolina. Dr. Puryear made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to deny Dr. Puryear, PhD request to be grandfathered in for licensure. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Request for Status Change from License Professional Counselor Intern (LPC-I) to License Professional Counselor (LPC) – Mr. Paul Malkasian, LPC-I

Mr. Paul Malkasian, LPC-I: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Mr. Malkasian status should change from a license professional counselor intern to a license professional counselor. Mr. Malkasian did not make a personal appearance before the Board.

Review of, “Yes” Response to Questions 8a and 8g – Ms. Kenza Haddock

Ms. Kenza Haddock: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Haddock should be granted a license as a license professional counselor intern (LPC-I). Ms. Haddock attended by conference call via telephone, and was not represented by legal counsel. A notary was present.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Haddock’s case. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. 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 Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept Ms. Haddock application for license professional counselor intern (LPC-I) in South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Hearings

Memorandum of Agreement

Case# 2016-35: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. Mr. Gourley, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented Case# 2016-35 memorandum of agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Case# 2016-34. 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.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept the memorandum of agreement with conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Stipulation of Facts

Dr. Jordan recused herself from all proceedings involving Case# 2016-48.

Case# 2016-48: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by legal counsel. Mr. Gourley, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented Case# 2016-48 stipulation of facts to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Harrison made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Case# 2016-48. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to accept the stipulation of facts with conditions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Dr. Jordan rejoined the Board proceedings.

Hearing

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion that Case #2016-34 will be a closed hearing. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case# 2016-34: The respondent did not make a personal appearance before the Board. Mr. Gourley, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented Case# 2016-34 to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Case# 2016-34. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jordan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session.

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

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to have Ms. League, legal counsel state the motion. In open session, Ms. League, board advice counsel/attorney made a motion to accept the findings with conditions regarding Case# 2016-34. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

New Business

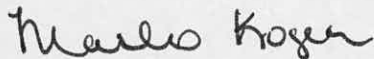
License Portability Process Agreement: The Board discussed the license portability agreement.

Announcements: The Board reviewed the announcements as information.

Adjournment

Motion: In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion 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 1:34 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Marlo Koger, Administrator
S.C. Board of Examiners for the Licensure of
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Date