

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

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.  
Synergy Business Park in the Kingtree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108  
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 Jr., M.A., LPC, Member  
Robert B. Carter, Ed.S., LMFT, Member  
Ronald H. Reames, M.A., LPC, Member  
Michael Bailey (Public Member)

**Board Member Absent**

Nikita Harrison, Ed.S., LMFT, 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, and Psycho-Educational Specialists, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, Room 108 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. The meeting was held in Room 108 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey 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 July 18, 2017 meeting minutes – no corrections noted. 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 two (2) cases for dismissal, one letter of caution, and one formal complaint to the Board.

## **IRC Recommendations**

Case #:

- 2017-20
- 2017-21
- 2017-11
- 2017-25

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for dismissal, letter of caution and formal complaint. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter. 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.

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

**Motion:** 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 Mr. Carter. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Review List of New Licensees:** The Board reviewed the list as information.

**Disciplinary Hearings:** No cases at this time were presented to the Board.

## **Application Hearings**

Mr. Carter recused himself from all board proceedings involving Mr. Randy Buckland's application.

**Randy Buckland:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Mr. Buckland should be granted a license as a marriage and family therapist (LMFT) in South Carolina. Mr. Buckland made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Mr. Buckland's application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Executive Session:** No votes were taken during executive session.

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

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to accept and approve Mr. Buckland's application for a marriage and family therapist license (LMFT) in South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Carter rejoined the board proceedings.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Jordan and Mr. Carter made a motion to form an, “application review committee” that will consist of the following board members: Dr. Garnett, Dr. Jordan, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Tilghman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed

**Rebecca Tesimale:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Tesimale should be granted a marriage and family therapist license (LMFT) in South Carolina. Ms. Tesimale made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Jordan made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Rebecca Tesimale’s application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. 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 and approve Ms. Tesimale’s application for license as a marriage and family therapist (LMFT) in South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Valerie Zanghirella:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Zanghirella should be granted a license as a marriage and family therapist intern (LMFT-I) in South Carolina. Ms. Zanghirella did not make a personal appearance before the Board.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to defer Ms. Zanghirella application until she can make a appearance before the board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Patricia Zybas:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Zybas should be granted a license as a professional counselor (LPC) in South Carolina. Ms. Zybas made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Tilghman made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Rebecca Zybas application. 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, Mr. Carter made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jordan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

**2018 Board Meeting Dates:** The Board reviewed the 2018 Board Meeting Dates as information.

**Discussion Topics**

- a. Changes to Practice Act, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Licensure: The Board discussed the changes.
- b. Vote on Continuing Education Audit Committee: The Board discussed. No votes were taken.

**Committee Reports**

Report from Regulatory Review Committee Regarding Proposed Amendments to Board Regulations and Code of Ethics: The Board discussed the reports.

**Vote on Proposed Amendments to Board Regulations and Code of Ethics:** The Board had a discussion. No votes were taken.

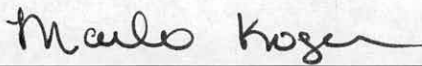
**Regulatory Review Pursuant to Executive Order 2017-9:**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to accept the report as read by legal counsel and authorized Dr. Garnett signing the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and Mr. Tilghman. All were in favor and the motion passed.

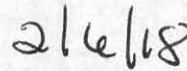
**Adjournment**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Carter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey. All were in favor and the motion passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlo Koger, Administrator  
S.C. Board of Examiners for the Licensure of  
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and Psycho-Educational Specialists



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