

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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Hearing

August 15, 2006

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Tanya A. Williams-Reeves, M.Ed., Vice President, Chairperson LPC Standards Committee

David L. Evans, Jr., M.A., Secretary-Treasurer; Chairperson,LPES Standards Committee

Pamela G. Clark, PhD, Chairperson,LMFT Standards Committee

Jackie H. Fleshman, Public Member

Danny L. Garnett, M.Div., Member

Excused Absence was:

M. Ellenor Mahon, M.Ed., Chairperson, Continuing Education Committee

Also present were:

Larry E. Atkins, Jr., Investigator - Office of Investigations and Enforcement

Patricia G. Brandon, LPC

John N. Carter, LPC

Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator

Eric Gore, Court Reporter

Bill Gibson

C. Rudy Guajardo, LPC, AMHCA-SC

Susan F. Harrington, Administrative Assistant

Shirley Robinson, LLR Hearing Officer

Frank Sheheen, RPP

Sheridon H. Spoon, Assistant General Counsel, Litigation Counsel for the Board

Richard P. Wilson, Deputy General Counsel, Advice Counsel to the Board

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**BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice President Williams-Reeves stated that 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, Kingstree 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 Freedom of Information Act. Vice President Williams-Reeves called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Garnett to approve the agenda. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting as presented. Mr. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

Mr. Atkins presented the Investigative Review Committee's (IRC) report concerning disciplinary matters.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the Investigative Review Committee's recommendations as presented by Mr. Atkins: Case Numbers - 2005-10 for Dismissal, 2005-19 for Dismissal, and 2006-13 for Dismissal. Ms. Fleshman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Spoon presented a Consent Agreement in the complaint matter of John L. Garland, LPC. Mr. Garland had signed the Agreement on August 9, 2006. Mr. Garland was not present and did not request to have counsel present. Vice President Williams-Reeves signed the Agreement for the Board.

HEARING:

A hearing was held in the matter of John N. Carter, LPC. Mr. Spoon was the litigation attorney and Ms. Robinson was the hearing officer. Mr. Carter was present and did not request to have counsel present. Mr. Gore served as court reporter.

APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD: Patricia G. Brandon, LPC

Ms. Brandon appeared before the Board to request reinstatement of her expired license rather than be required to reapply as stated in Regulation 36-13 (2). The Board heard Ms. Brandon's request. The Board upheld the Regulation 36-13 (2), as Ms. Brandon's license had been expired for thirteen years and she did not meet the Regulation requirements to be able to reinstate. Ms. Brandon was given the Board's finding that she must reapply. Ms. Brandon thanked the Board for the opportunity to appear.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Vice President Williams-Reeves noted the recent death and loss to the board of Gloria Busch Johnson who had served on the Board for many years. She was the past president of the Board. Ms. Johnson was recognized for having worked on passage of both sets of Regulations for the Board in 2001 and 2006, as well as the long standing Committee Chairman of the Professional Counselors Standards Committee. Vice President Williams-Reeves stated that Ms. Johnson will be missed along with her open style of inclusive leadership.

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REPORTS/INFORMATION:

Administrative Information:

Mrs. Cox gave the administrative report on the work of the Board with numerical data provided by Ms. Harrington. Mrs. Cox reported that she is continuing to speak with the Governor's Office for Boards and Commissions to assist in submitting information on the status of members' terms on the Board and the vacancies on the Board. She reported that the Board has vacancies for a public member, a professional member with a professional counselor license, and a professional member with the marriage and family therapist license. Ms. Cox reported that the implementation of the new Regulations has gone smoothly. She reported that the few callers with questions have been satisfied with the answers and interpretation of the Regulations given to them.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Cox reminded the Board that financial information is available upon request. She reported the Board is financially sound.

LEGAL ISSUES:

The Board had no legal business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The board had no unfinished business to address at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board had no new business.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Mr. Sheheen representing the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) was introduced to the Board by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Sheheen stated he would be able to answer any questions that the Board might have on the RPP and was willing to attend any Board meeting. The Board did not have any questions for Mr. Sheheen. The Board stated that management at LLR was still considering fees and charges for RPP participation of the smaller Boards at LLR, and RPP participation was still under consideration by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The board had no comments from the public.

REPORTS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Vice President Williams-Reeves called for review and ratification of the reports submitted for the Standards Committees and Continuing Education Committee beginning May 17, 2006 through August 15, 2006.

**Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern:**

Allison, Marla J.  
Ames, Michele J.  
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Bowers, Elise M.  
Briggs, Erin A.

Bryant, Toni K.  
Darrone, LeeAnn L.  
Eddings, Geoffrey C.  
**Evans, Michelle R.**  
Fijol, Amy M.  
Haist, Jennifer M.  
Kerr, Billie J.  
Kirby, Alice A.  
Gunsallus, Stephen E.  
Martin, Kenneth L.  
Mathis, Stephanie A.  
Schirle, Cynthia M.  
Troyer, Erik P.  
Twitty, Kendra M.  
Vinson, Gwendolyn  
Walsh, Deborah A.  
Warren, Susan Y.  
Wilson, Jennifer J.  
Wimberley, Lisa A.  
Woods, Charlene B.  
Wright, Tabitha A.

**Recommended for Transfer from LPC-Intern Status to Professional Counselor:**

Ashford, Aaron L.  
Callahan, Anna S.  
Cupples, Carol M.  
Hammond, Laura L.  
Hardeman, Suzanne  
James, Blanchie J.  
Martin, Kanetra M.  
Massingill, Amy  
McMillion, Katherine  
Moschella, Cindy  
Parker, Paulette  
Russell, Crystal  
Sanders, Jana C.  
Scott, Linda L.  
Stover, Melissa O.  
Tierney, Amy  
Warn, Cathy

**Recommended for Bypass from LPC-Intern Status to Professional Counselor:**

None

**Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor by Endorsement:**

Ball, Carolyn M.	NC
Engel-Hughes, Kimberly A.	NC
Rich, Travis L.	OK
Sawall, Candace Moss	GA

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Scott, David A., Ph.D.	NC
Tetreault, Lisa	FLA

**Recommended for Extension of LPC Intern Licensure Status:**

Jessup, Vonnie L. 8/9/06-08  
Lewis, Denise D. 9/3/05-07 (retroactive extension)  
Pigeon, Amanda 5/24/06-08  
Slawson, Karen 7/17/03-05 & 7/17/05-07 (retro-extension-48 mos.)  
Starnes, Tamara 12/16/04-06 (retro extension)  
Willard, Tamara 5/24/06-08

**Recommended for Extension on LPC/S or LPC/SIT:**

Johnson, Sherri M. 7/16/06-08 LPC/SIT

**Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor:**

Cassidy, Ronald  
Dean, Michelle  
Pruitt, Dr. Rhonda  
Williams, Geoffrey

**Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern:**

Buckner, Kellie N.  
Deaton, Michelle D.  
Ford, Meliza  
Mustard, Lisa R.  
Pratt, Dawn Marie

**Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Therapist:**

None

**Recommended for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist by Endorsement:**

Suleski, Linda A. CN

**Recommended for an Extension of LMFT Intern Licensure Status:**

None

**Recommended for Transfer from LMFT/Intern to LMFT:**

None

**Recommended for Licensure as Marriage and Family Supervisor (LMFT/S):**

Sudol, Margaret

**Recommended for Licensure as Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist:**

Cooler, Meredith  
Pellegrino, Amanda  
Robinson, Stephanie J.  
Wagner, John

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**One-Time Continuing Education Providership:**

Ann Miraglia, Inc.

Richland County School District One- 3<sup>rd</sup> application  
Richland County School District Two- 3<sup>rd</sup> application

**Permanent Continuing Education Providership:**  
Post Trauma Resources

**Permanent Continuing Education Sponsor Renewals: (renewal date 11/01/06)**  
None

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Evans to ratify the reports. The motion was seconded by Dr. Clark.  
The motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mrs. Cox announced the last meeting in 2006 to be November 21, 2006. The Board meeting dates for 2007 were announced to be February 20, May 15, August 21, and November 20, 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate K. Cox  
Administrator