

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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2006  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Tanya A. Williams, 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  
Linda E. Womack, Public member

Excused absence was noted for:

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

Also present were:

Larry E. Atkins, Jr., Investigator - Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator  
C. Rudy Guajardo, LPC, AMHCA-SC  
Susan F. Harrington, Administrative Assistant  
Linda I. Leech, PhD, LPC, LPC-S, CRC  
Richard P. Wilson, Deputy General Counsel, Advice Counsel to the Board

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**BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice President Williams 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 called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

An excused absence for Ms. Mahon was affirmed by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 15, 2006 meeting.

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

VICE PRESIDENT’S REMARKS and WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Vice President Williams welcomed and introduced new board member, Linda Womack, who will serve as a public member on the Board. Ms. Womack was introduced to all Board members by self introductions from the Board. Mr. Wilson administered the oath of office to Ms. Womack.

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 professional member with a professional counselor license and a professional member with the marriage and family therapist license. Ms. Cox announced that vehicle tags are available for those who want to apply for them.

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. Mr. Wilson stated a letter should be sent to Barbara Melton to update her that the implementation of the new Regulations has gone smoothly and that the few inquirers who called about the new Regulations have been satisfied with the answers and interpretation of the Regulations. The Board stated it will continue to monitor the new Regulations. Mrs. Cox was asked to write to Ms. Melton.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

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 for Case Numbers: 2005-7, 2005-28, 2006-3, and 2006-5 for Dismissal. Ms. Fleshman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Atkins gave an overview of the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) for the new Board member. He stated that new database and well trained people in investigations continues to improve the duties assigned to OIE.

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LEGAL ISSUES:

Engine statute re-write was discussed by Mr. Wilson. He noted that all legislation is tracked by the Agency.

APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD: Linda I. Leech, PhD, LPC, LPC-S, CRC

Dr. Leech made a presentation on the University of South Carolina's Rehabilitation Counseling Program and provided information on the Rehabilitation Counseling accreditation process. She noted that the Rehabilitation Counseling profession has gone under gone a reorganization and definition process defining itself as a "specialization" within counseling. She stated rehab counselors are professional counselors with an emphasis on disability and vocation. The Board members stated that this process and "specialization within counseling is not problematic within the licensure law. Dr. Leech thanked the Board for the opportunity to appear.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board had no new business.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Dr. Clark discussed how the profession can be more aware of what is happening within the profession and with the licensure board. The Board members discussed the use of the state and national professional organizations with membership in them as professional orientation, the availability of web sites, the use of letters to licensees, the monitoring of legislation by interested parties, the participation in national meetings by licensees and Board members, the public nature of Board meeting and minutes on the web site, Board member training by the Agency, and licensed supervision of interns as a learning tool to support and extend educational knowledge of the profession. Mr. Wilson added that e-mail blasts can also be used to notify. Mrs. Cox noted that training within Board meetings can also be used as an educational tool. She noted that a training day can be scheduled and will look into a date in 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Guajardo noted that educational standards for counseling were moving toward a sixty semester hour masters requirement in the state and nationally.

REPORTS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Vice President Williams called for review and ratification of the reports submitted for the Standards Committees and Continuing Education Committee beginning August 16, 2006 through November 21, 2006.

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

Andrews, Carlton A.  
Bissell, Gregg C., Jr.  
Bulsza, Susan M.  
Caw, Roni L.  
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Fletcher, Christine R.  
Frazier, Anne C.  
Graham, Amy B.  
Gravley, Michael S.

Hanson, Constance J.  
Henderson, Melissa Lyn  
Keppery, Hilary A.  
Matthews, Glynis  
Mendat, Katherine A.  
Misdorn, Tammy L.  
Mulkey, William L.  
Parlato, Dolores Louise  
Pittman-Spears, Lisa  
Power, Gina M.  
Rabon, Bryan M.  
Reames, Ronald H.  
Robinson, Barbara S.  
Rosario, Denise R.  
Rouse, Geneva A.  
Sadik, Suhad Sue  
Simmons, LaToya Y.  
Stoll, Mark,  
Stone, Marcus M.

**Recommended for Licensure as a Professional Counselor Intern: (continued)**

Thompson, Stacey R.  
Young, Veronica A.

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

Boatwright, Ben  
Brinn, Stephanie W.  
Burns, Emily  
Cain, Lavon  
Finucan, Kimberly  
Foulks, Fawn  
Garrett, Camille  
Hamilton, Lindsey  
Hauck, Deborah  
Hilgenkamp, Kathryn  
Hollingsworth, Amber  
Kimsey, Nancy J.  
Kreutner, Rebecca  
Marenakos, Kimbi  
Moise, Lucie  
Moody, Robin  
Muscillo, Marion  
Roberts, Abigail  
Smith, Heather  
Stoll, Mark  
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White, Hyacinth I.  
Williams, Barbara  
Williams, Lisa Allen

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

None

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

None

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

Barron, Keith R.	08/20/06-08
Berlin, James D.	11/02/06-08
Parker, Eugenie J.	08/20/06-08
Shavitz, Margerie Ann	10/20/05-07
Starnes, Tamara	12/16/06-08
Talley, Stephen E.	04/03/05-07
Wilson, Jenifer S.	11/30/06-08

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

None

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

Barnwell, Jance M.  
Evers, Jane A.  
Foster, Cynthia  
Permar, Connie

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

Deems, Nicole S.  
Frisby, Wendy

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

None

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

None

**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):**

None

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

None

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**One-Time Continuing Education Providership:**

Ben Franklin Institute  
Brown, James  
Sawtelle, Kathleen

**Permanent Continuing Education Providership:**

Richland County School District One

**Permanent Continuing Education Sponsor Renewals: (Biennial renewal date 11/01/06 - renewals posted through 11/22/06 deposit date)**

Addiction Recovery Institute (ARI)  
Art and Play Therapy Center of SC  
Carolina Youth Development Center  
Center for Family Theory & Therapy  
Columbia Family Guidance Center, P.A.  
Counseling Psychology Center  
Cross Country Education, LLC  
Crossroads Counseling Center  
Essence Counseling & Supervision  
Family Assessment and Enrichment Center  
Family Therapy and Trauma Center  
Healthcare Training Institute  
Health Ed, LLC  
Inman, Nancy d/b/a Dolphin Concepts

**Permanent Continuing Education Sponsor Renewals: (Biennial renewal date 11/01/06) continued**

Institute for Natural Resources  
Institute of Individual & Family Studies  
Journey into Wholeness, Inc.  
Kaye Sharpe's Marriage & Family Practice  
Lexington Baptist Church Counseling Center  
Medical University of SC  
Melton, Barbara Counseling Associates  
Medical Educational Services, Inc. (MEDS-PDN)  
Midlands Technical College  
Pastoral Counseling Center  
Piedmont Psychiatric Services  
Professional Development Resources, Inc.  
Psycho Educational Resources, Inc. (PER)  
Richland Family Counseling  
Safe Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition  
SC Area Health Education Consortium (SC AHEC)  
SC Assoc. for Marriage & Family Therapy  
SC Assoc. of School Psychologists (SCASP)  
SCCADVASA  
SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy  
SC Employee Assistance Professionals Assoc, Inc. (Reinstated 11/01/04)  
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SC Society for Clinical Social Workers  
SC Society of Adlerian Psychology  
South Carolina Counseling Association  
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

The Birth of Venus Group  
The Counseling Center of Florence, LLC  
Watkins & Associates  
Westgate Training & Consultation Network, Inc.  
York Place Residential Treatment Facility

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Cox announced the Board meetings in 2007 to be February 20, May 15, August 21, and November 20, 2007. She announced that the upcoming renewal in August 2007 would be an electronic renewal. Mrs. Cox announced that following the meeting, pictures for the Agency identifications badges would be made for the new Board members on the third floor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate K. Cox  
Administrator