

MINUTES September 18,2020
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
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The meeting was called to order by K Steele at 12:30 PM. N Peirce took the roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Members Present:

E Airhia
R Cathey
K Steele
J Cortez
J Mims
N Pierce
R Salgado
K Tyner
L Fazio-Griffith
C Guillotte

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

J Doming
R Lundin

Guests Present:

J Raines
K Blum
E Riche
L Simmons

Welcome new board member, Dr. Johns

Introduction given by J Doming

Agenda

K Steele asks to approve the agenda. E Airhia motions to accept. R Salgado seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

Board Meeting Minutes

K Steele asks for a motion to approve the March Board Meeting minutes. R Salgado motions to approve. N Pierce seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report- K Steele, N Pierce, R Salgado, K Tyner, J Doming

Consent Agreement, LPC #2479 Presented by J Raines. E Airhia motions to approve the Consent Agreement. N Pierce seconds. No Comments. All in favor. No opposed

K Steele presents the Disciplinary Affairs Committee Report:

Unofficial Complaints Received since September 18, 2020:

1. 20/21-5*: Unreported Arrest
2. 20/21-6*: Failure to Cooperate
3. 20/21-7: Unethical Conduct
4. 20/21-9: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
5. 20/21-11: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct/Practice Outside of Scope
6. 20/21-12: Unprofessional Conduct
7. 20/21-15*: Unethical Conduct
8. 20/21-17: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
9. 20/21-18: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
10. 20/21-21: Unprofessional Conduct
11. 20/21-23*: Failure to Cooperate
12. 20/21-24*: Unprofessional Conduct
13. 20/21-25*: Practice Out of Scope
14. 20/21-26*: Practice Out of Scope
15. 20/21-27*: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
16. 20/21-29*: Unethical Conduct/Sexual Misconduct
17. 20/21-30: Not Licensed with the Board
18. 20/21-31: Unethical Conduct

Official Complaints Received since September 18, 2020:

1. 20/21-8: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
2. 20/21-10: Not Licensed with the Board
3. 20/21-13: Unethical Conduct
4. 20/21-14: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
5. 20/21-16: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
6. 20/21-19: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
7. 20/21-20: Not Licensed with the Board
8. 20/21-22: Not Licensed with the Board
9. 20/21-28: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
10. 20/21-32: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct

Cases to Open:

1. 20/21-5*: Unreported Arrest
2. 20/21-6*: Failure to Cooperate
3. 20/21-7: Unethical Conduct
4. 20/21-8: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
5. 20/21-9: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
6. 20/21-11: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct/Practice Outside of Scope

7. 20/21-12: Unprofessional Conduct
8. 20/21-13: Unethical Conduct
9. 20/21-14: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
10. 20/21-15*: Unethical Conduct
11. 20/21-16: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
12. 20/21-17: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
13. 20/21-18: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
14. 20/21-19: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
15. 20/21-23*: Failure to Cooperate
16. 20/21-24*: Unprofessional Conduct
17. 20/21-25*: Practice Out of Scope
18. 20/21-26*: Practice Out of Scope
19. 20/21-27*: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
20. 20/21-28: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
21. 20/21-29*: Unethical Conduct/Sexual Misconduct
22. 20/21-31: Unethical Conduct
23. 20/21-32: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct

Complaints to Dismiss:

1. 20/21-10: Not Licensed with the Board
2. 20/21-20: Not Licensed with the Board
3. 20/21-21: Unprofessional Conduct
4. 20/21-22: Not Licensed with the Board
5. 20/21-30: Not Licensed with the Board

Complaints to Close:

6. 19/20-50: Unlawful Practice (*Similar to case 19/20-53*)
7. 19/20-53: Unlawful Practice (*Similar to case 19/20-53*)
8. 19/20-58: Sexual Misconduct (*Similar to case 19/20-70*)
9. 19/20-70: Sexual Misconduct (*Similar to case 19/20-58*)
10. 19/20-112: Unlawful Practice/Practicing without a License
11. 19/20-144: Unethical Conduct
12. 19/20-159&160: Unethical Conduct
13. 19/20-164: Client Records
14. 20/21-2: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
15. 20/21-14: Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct

TOTAL OPEN CASES TO DATE: 49

N Pierce motions to accept the report from the Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No Opposed.

K Steele asks for public comments.

E Riche indicates that she believes there was a miscommunication as she is not on the agenda today.

J Mims motions to move to Executive Session at the end of the Board Meeting to discuss this matter. E Airhia seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

L Simmons attended to request permission to continue with her provisional licensure. K Steele indicated that this may be discussed as part of the Committee on Licensure.

Committee on Legislative Affairs Report: C Guillotte, J Mims, E Airhia, K Blum

Presented by K Blum

There will be another town hall meeting this year for Counselors that will offer 1 CEH. Currently a bill that will change title of Guidance Counselor to Professional School Counselor or School Counselor. This was previously attempted in 2004 and again in 2014.

LCA is reaching out to the authors of a bill regarding HIPAA Laws and Privacy to get insight on this legislation.

C Guillotte- Legislation on the national level that would allow LPCs and LMFTs to bill Medicare.

K Steele asks for public comments. No public comments.

R Salgado motions to accept the report. J Mims seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

K Steele indicates that A Johns has been named to the Legislative Affairs Committee. Board will vote on all Committee Members changes at once.

Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal –LPC J Mims, J Cortez, L Fazio-Griffith

J Mims presents the LPC licensure report:

<u>Application</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Expedited</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>LPC Application for Licensure</u> 46 Approved; 2 Denied	<u>8</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>48</u>
<u>LPC Endorsement Application</u> 7 Approved; 2 Denied	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>PLPC Application (Section 1, 2, 3)</u> 46 Approved; 8 Denied	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>54</u>
<u>PLPC Application: Section 1 Only</u> 1 Denied	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

<u>PLPC Application: Section 1 and 2 Only</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>NA</u>				
<u>PLPC Application: Section 2 Only</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>NA</u>				
<u>PLPC Application: Section 2 and 3 Only</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>NA</u>				
<u>PLPC Application: Section 3 Only</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>NA</u>				
<u>LPC Supervisor Application</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>17 Approved; 1 Denied</u>				
<u>Appraisal Privilege</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>NA</u>				
<u>PLPC: Change/Add Supervisor</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>PLPC Practice Setting Updates</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>31</u>
<u>Total LPC Folders Reviewed</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>177</u>

K Steele proposes Roy Salgado join the Licensure Committee and asks for public comments.

Public Comments:

L Simmons

L Simmons would like to be able to renew her expired provisional license. Indicated that she has been ill and has sickle cell anemia. Has been in the hospital several times due to spinal meningitis and then heart attack and was not back home until February 2020. L Simmons stated that she has completed all of the minimum required supervised experience hours but has remained under supervision even though she is not current providing counseling services. Asking that the Board allow her to obtain the required 20 CEHs and renew her provisional license late.

K Steele informs Ms. Simmons that the Board will hold their discussion in an executive session at the end of the meeting.

J Doming presented R Lewis

Board must make decision based on the facts of the matter.

C Guillotte- PLPC had two years to take the examination

E Airhia- No correlation between military spouse and not being able to sit for the examination

J Mims- Motion from the Committee is denied. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

J Mims asks to approve the licensure report. All approve; no abstentions.

Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal –LMFT- C Guillotte, K Tyner, R Cathey, K Steele

C Guillotte presents the LMFT licensure report:

Application	Aug.	Sept.	Expedited
LMFT Application for Licensure 1 Approved	0	1	0
LMFT Endorsement Application 2 Approved	0	0	2
PLMFT Application (Section 1, 2, 3) 4 Approved	3	0	1
PLMFT Application: Section 1 Only NA	0	0	0
PLMFT Application: Section 2 and 3 Only NA	0	0	0
PLMFT Change/Add Practice Setting 1 Approved	0	1	0
PLMFT Change/Add Supervisor NA	0	0	0
LMFT SC Application: Section 1 NA	0	0	0
LMFT SC Application: Section 2 NA	0	0	0
LMFT Supervisor Candidate NA	0	0	0
LMFT Supervisor 1 Approved	0	1	0
Total LMFT Folders Reviewed	3	3	3

K Steele asks for public comment. No comments.

C Guillotte motions to approve; All in favor; no abstentions

Committee on MFTAC Report: R Cathey, C Guillotte, K Tyner, K Steele

R Cathey presents the report. MFTAC has met twice since last meeting and working on updating supervisor orientation presentation/handbook. Committee will be doing recording to add presentation to add to website for supervisors. Modified presentation to cover LPC supervision as well. Looking to revise the supervisor exam to fit with new presentation.

MFTAC will be presenting this presentation at LCA Conference in October.

No questions. R Salgado motions to accept the report. E Airhia seconds.

All approved. No abstention.

Committee on PAP Report: E Airhia, L Fazio-Griffith, R Cathey

E Airhia- Cases are progressing and there are no new participants to report. All approved; no abstentions.

Committee on Rules: J Mims, J Cortez, L Fazio-Griffith, K Steele, D Mayeux

Report presented by J Mims. Presented by J Mims. Committee will need to create internal policy for potential issue regarding PLPCs receiving virtual supervision. Concern with out-of-state applicants. Need to have more discussion about possible repercussion of the rule.

L Fazio-Griffith indicated that Licensure Committee has been receiving several LPC supervisor application who have completed their supervision course over 5 years from date of application. Typically, this course was taken as part of their graduate program and we may need to revisit this.

Laura- Board seems to be getting a lot of LPC Supervisors applications who have completed the training over 5 years ago. Typically, the course was taken as part of graduate program and would like to revisit this requirement.

K Steele- Received request from LCA to require licensees to complete Continuing Education in Cultural Diversity. Discussion will be tabled and would like the Rules Committee to discuss and bring a formal recommendation to the Board.

No questions. No Comments

Appointment two new members to committee, R Cathey and A Johns.

This is the last of the nominations (R Salgado/Licensure Committee; A Johns/ Legislative Committee and Rules Committee; R Cathey/Rules Committee)

J Mims motions to approve appointments. E Airhia seconds. All in favor. No Opposed.

E Airhia motions to accept the committee's report. K Tyner Seconds. No public Comments.

K Blum- Speaking on behalf of LCA regarding request to require cultural diversity CEHs. LCA believes that this information is important and trying to push importance. LCA has noticed that collectively, the attendance for multicultural workshops are low. It is possible that there are counselors that never go through multicultural trainings. Requirement would assist with counselors being competent in this area and potentially lessen possible biases to occur.

Public Comments: K Rhodes has noticed a trend for CITs being hired in addiction facilities in lieu of LPCs and curious to know why this is occurring. K Steele encouraged her to contact LCA.

All approve; no abstention.

Committee on Budget: J Doming, K Steele, N Pierce

Report presented by J Doming.

Review and Approval of June and July 2020 Financial Reports

Nakeisha motions to approve. R Salgado seconds. All in favor. No opposed

Executive Director Report – J Doming

J Doming presents completed staff work, state reports and website improvements.

K Steele motions to accept the report. E Airhia seconds. All approved; no abstentions.

New Business- K Steele, J Doming

LCA Conference, LPC Board Update on October 4th via web platform. Must have computer system checked before the event. Board Members who intended to attend Board Update:

E Airhia

K Tyner

R Cathey

N Pierce

R Salgado

K Steele

L Fazio-Griffith

J Mims

A Johns

Send Board Officer Nominations to ED by October 30th

Next Board Meeting Date/Time: November 20th, 2020 at 12:30PM

E Airhia motions to move to executive session. N Pierce seconds.

K Steele motions to move out of ES. J Mims seconds. All in favor.

Miranda Joseph

J Mims motions to deny. E Airhia Seconds. All in favor.

E Riche

Recommendation- after court date, meet with zpAP and report. Have PAP bring recommendation to the Board.

E Airhia motions to accept recommendation. K Tyner seconds. All in favor.

Lanell Simmons

Review documentation provided and give timeframe to complete the 20 hours.

Timeframe- 3 months. Renewal fee and late fee will be required for her to renew.

Reminder her that the LCA conference is coming up and registration is still open to attend.

E Airhia motions to accept. J Mims seconds. All in favor.

Closing

Admin hearing October 16th @10am

E Airhia motions to adjourn. N Pierce seconds.

Adjourn meeting at 2:59pm

Respectfully Submitted By,
Jamie S. Doming, Executive Director