

<p style="text-align: center;">LOUISIANA LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS *****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS LICENSURE BOARD OF EXAMINERS HEARING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Taken on Friday, May 19, 2023 At the Offices of Louisiana LPC Board of Examiners 11410 Lake Sherwood Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70816</p> <p>REPORTED BY: KIMBERLY GIBNEY, CCR, RPR *****</p>	1	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>1 APPEARANCES:</p> <p>2 Dr. Roy Salgado, Board Chair</p> <p>3 Dr. Laura Fazio-Griffith, Board Vice Chair</p> <p>4 Dr. Elise Johns, Board Member</p> <p>5 Foley Nash, Board Member/MFTAC Member</p> <p>6 Dr. Earnest Airhia, Board Member</p> <p>7 Chastity Butler, Board Member</p> <p>8 Mark Reynaud, Board Member/MFTAC Member</p> <p>9 Jamie Doming, Executive Director</p> <p>10 Raelene Lundin, Deputy Director</p> <p>11 GUESTS:</p> <p>12 Jim Raines, Board Attorney</p> <p>13 Adrienne Trogden, LCA Legislative Liaison</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>
<p>1 (Commencing at 11:59 a.m.)</p> <p>2 MR. SALGADO: Welcome, everyone.</p> <p>3 Welcome to the May 19, 2023 LPC board meeting.</p> <p>4 We are going to go ahead and call the meeting to</p> <p>5 order. And so I'm going to begin with the roll</p> <p>6 call.</p> <p>7 I am Dr. Salgado, I am present.</p> <p>8 Dr. Laura Fazio-Griffith?</p> <p>9 DR. GRIFFITH: Here.</p> <p>10 MR. SALGADO: Nakeisha Pierce?</p> <p>11 Abby Hays?</p> <p>12 Dr. Elise Johns?</p> <p>13 DR. JOHNS: Present.</p> <p>14 MR. SALGADO: Kristal Hebert?</p> <p>15 Dr. Kelly Tyner?</p> <p>16 Foley Nash?</p> <p>17 MR. NASH: Present.</p> <p>18 MR. SALGADO: Dr. Earnest</p> <p>19 Airhia?</p> <p>20 DR. AIRHIA: Here.</p> <p>21 MR. SALGADO: Chastity Butler?</p> <p>22 MS. BUTLER: Present.</p> <p>23 MR. SALGADO: Mark Reynaud?</p> <p>24 MR. REYNAUD: Here.</p> <p>25 MR. SALGADO: Jamie Doming?</p>	3	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>1 MS. DOMING: Here.</p> <p>2 MR. SALGADO: Raelene Lundin?</p> <p>3 MS. LUNDIN: Here.</p> <p>4 MR. SALGADO: Jim Raines?</p> <p>5 MR. RAINES: Here.</p> <p>6 MR. SALGADO: Adrienne Trogden?</p> <p>7 MS. TROGDEN: Here.</p> <p>8 MR. SALGADO: Is there anyone</p> <p>9 else here that has not been called?</p> <p>10 Okay. So we have the agenda</p> <p>11 along with the minutes that was sent to you in</p> <p>12 your packet. Is there a motion to accept the</p> <p>13 agenda as it has been laid out?</p> <p>14 DR. JOHNS: So moved.</p> <p>15 DR. AIRHIA: Second.</p> <p>16 MR. SALGADO: All in favor to</p> <p>17 accept the agenda?</p> <p>18 ALL: Aye.</p> <p>19 MR. SALGADO: It passes, so we</p> <p>20 accept the agenda.</p> <p>21 We go on to Jim. We're ready if</p> <p>22 you'd like to take a moment.</p> <p>23 So we have the minutes before</p> <p>24 you. You have that packet before you with the</p> <p>25 minutes from the March meeting.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>1 Is there a motion to approve the 2 minutes from the March meeting? Anyone to -- 3 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: I'll move. 4 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second? 5 MS. BUTLER: I'll second. 6 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 7 ALL: Aye. 8 MR. SALGADO: Thank you very 9 much. The last board meeting's minutes have 10 been approved. 11 So if you are ready, we are 12 moving on to the item with the LPC licensure 13 hearing. 14 MR. RAINES: The first one we 15 have on the agenda is Complaint No. 2223-27, 16 which is the matter of Blain Bonnette 17 (phonetically), LPC. You're going to start 18 hearing a lot about cases where folks have 19 failed to report arrest to us. So this is one 20 of those. 21 The allegation is that he filed 22 a -- in his PLPC application for licensure, he 23 failed to notify the board of an arrest back in 24 March of 2013. The proposed discipline for him 25 is that he will receive a reprimand and pay a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>1 fine for \$250. And that's it. 2 Do you want one motion, or do 3 you want to do all -- one for each? 4 MR. SALGADO: We've done one for 5 each, correct? 6 MR. RAINES: Correct. 7 MR. SALGADO: Is there a motion 8 to accept the findings of fact as presented? 9 MR. AIRHIA: I move. 10 MS. NASH: Second. 11 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 12 ALL: Aye. 13 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed? 14 Okay. The motion passes as 15 presented. 16 MR. RAINES: The next consent 17 agreement for presentation is the matter of 18 Maria Latni (phonetically), LPC, Complaint 19 No. 21-22-31. 20 Allegations in hers is 21 different. So the allegations here is she 22 engaged in a dual relationship with a client by 23 inviting her to her home, giving her cards and 24 gifts, which was primarily during COVID. She 25 abandoned the client when she abruptly</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>1 discharged the client and that she violated 2 client confidentiality by disclosing 3 confidential information without the client's 4 consent. Ms. Latni did dispute some of these 5 allegations, but we have agreed to a suspension 6 of her license for a period of six months. 7 She's going to obtain six hours 8 of continuing education focused on ethics 9 focused on client boundaries. She's going to 10 pay legal costs of \$1,200 and a fine of \$1,500. 11 Those are payable over two years. 12 Any questions or anything? 13 That's primarily it. The rest of it is standard 14 language. 15 MR. SALGADO: Is there a motion 16 to accept the consent agreement as presented? 17 MR. AIRHIA: I so move. 18 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: I'll 19 second. 20 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 21 All: Aye. 22 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed? 23 Okay. The motion passes to 24 accept the consent agreement. 25 MR. RAINES: The third one is</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>1 Complaint No. 22-23-29. It's in the matter of 2 Victor Onawaha (phonetically), LPC. The 3 allegation against Mr. Onawaha is that in his 4 application for licensure he failed to notify 5 the board of prior arrests in 2006 and in 2009. 6 As far as discipline goes, he 7 received a reprimand, six continuing education 8 hours in ethics focused on -- well, just in 9 ethics. He's going to pay a legal cost of 10 \$1,200 and a fine of \$500. And that's it for 11 his discipline. 12 MR. SALGADO: Motion to accept 13 the consent agreement as presented? 14 MR. REYNAUD: I move. 15 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second? 16 MR. NASH: Second. 17 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 18 ALL: Aye. 19 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed? 20 The motion passes to accept the 21 consent agreement as presented. 22 MR. SALGADO: And the next one 23 is Complaint No. 22-23-57. This is in the 24 matter of Sonia Spillers (phonetically). 25 Allegation here is that she</p>

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1 failed to disclose an arrest and criminal
 2 charges brought against her to the board when
 3 she registered as an MFT intern in November 2014
 4 and applied for licensure as LMFT in December of
 5 2016.

6 She is going to receive a
 7 reprimand. And she's going to pay a fine of
 8 \$250. And that's a total for discipline.

9 MR. SALGADO: Is there a motion
 10 to accept this consent agreement as presented?
 11 DR. JOHNS: So moved.
 12 MR. SALGADO: Second?
 13 MS. BUTLER: I second.
 14 MR. SALGADO: All in favor?
 15 ALL: Aye.
 16 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed?
 17 The motion passes to accept this
 18 consent agreement as presented.
 19 MR. RAINES: The last one is
 20 Alicia Dupocueau (phonetically). It's Complaint
 21 No. 22-23-56. The allegation here is that she
 22 failed to disclose criminal charges against her
 23 to the board when she applied for initial
 24 licensure as a counselor intern in February 2012
 25 and as an LPC in February of 2014.

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1 we've had 25 unofficial complaints received. We
 2 have had 22 official complaints received since
 3 March 15th. We have had 21 cases to open.
 4 We've had 13 cases to close. We've had 19
 5 complaints to dismiss. We've had five consent
 6 agreements, and five overdue responses.

7 We've had a total open cases of
 8 141. And that is the report of the disciplinary
 9 affairs committee since March 15th.

10 Any questions with regard to the
 11 report on the disciplinary affairs report?
 12 Is there a motion to accept the
 13 Committee of Disciplinary Affairs report as
 14 presented?
 15 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: I'll move.
 16 MR. NASH: Second.
 17 MR. SALGADO: All in favor?
 18 ALL: Aye.
 19 MR. SALGADO: Opposed?
 20 Thank you very much. The report
 21 has been accepted.
 22 We now move on to the next item
 23 on the agenda. The Committee of Legislative
 24 Affairs report.
 25 MS. TROGDEN: That's me. I

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1 She is going to receive a
 2 reprimand. And she has a fine of \$250. And
 3 that's it for discipline.

4 MR. SALGADO: Is there a motion
 5 to accept this consent agreement as accepted?
 6 MR. AIRHIA: So moved.
 7 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second?
 8 MR. REYNAUD: And I'll second.
 9 MR. SALGADO: All in favor?
 10 ALL: Aye.
 11 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed?
 12 The motion passes to accept this
 13 consent agreement as presented.
 14 Anything else?
 15 MR. RAINES: No. That was the
 16 last one. I'll pass these around for everybody
 17 to put their John Hancock on it.
 18 MR. SALGADO: As that goes
 19 around to be signed, we'll move through the
 20 agenda.
 21 And in addition to these consent
 22 agreements, we have the rest of the Committee of
 23 Disciplinary Affairs report that accompanies
 24 these consent agreements. And since our last
 25 meeting we've had since March 15th of 2023,

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1 think everyone knows at this point, but I'm the
 2 government relationship and advocacy specialist
 3 for the Louisiana Counseling Association, so
 4 just want to give you kind of an update on lots
 5 of happenings we've had been going on, things
 6 we've been doing this year.

7 So we're currently in a
 8 legislative session right now. It started on
 9 April 10th and will go through early June. This
 10 is a fiscal session. So what it means,
 11 everything focused on money. But it also means
 12 that legislators, each one of them, could only
 13 file up to five non-legislative related bills.
 14 So it was a little bit less. But that also
 15 meant that they were choosy and strategic in
 16 some of their choices around bill filing. So
 17 we've had some kind of hotly debated things.

18 So a couple things that LCA does
 19 in association with the legislative session
 20 starting every year, we have a mental health
 21 forum where we gather government relations,
 22 representatives from other disciplines, so
 23 social work, psychologists, addiction
 24 counselors, the applied behavior analysis comes
 25 sometimes. Sometimes we get some nursing

<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>1 related and physical therapy related 2 representatives.</p> <p>3 So anyways, we meet all together 4 at the beginning of the legislative session to 5 talk about bills that jointly affect all of us. 6 Or if somebody -- one particular group has a 7 bill, they can educate the rest of us about what 8 that bill entails, what the point of it is, and 9 see if we can support it and work out any issues 10 that there may be prior to, you know, it going 11 to committee and that kind of stuff.</p> <p>12 So we did that. That was really 13 good. And we've been able to work with the 14 social workers, in particularly NASW, which we 15 don't often get to work together on some things. 16 But this one has been good. We were trying to 17 advocate for a rate increase for Medicaid for 18 LPC, PLPCs, and substance use treatment. So 19 we've been working with LASACT and NASW around 20 lobbying for this rate increase.</p> <p>21 So to give you a little bit back 22 story, I've been LDH, Louisiana Department of 23 Health, for the past year. They have been 24 tasked by the legislature to do a rate study 25 over the course of three years. So they've --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>1 this past year included LPC's rates, which are 2 the 9000 codes that we bill to any insurance, 3 but this is specific to Medicaid.</p> <p>4 So those codes got reviewed this 5 year. And then the next two years they review 6 other codes. They're reviewing all the Medicaid 7 codes, but LPC's were in this first round. So 8 you'll see more coming out every year from the 9 Louisiana Department of Health as they review 10 all the codes together over the course of three 11 years.</p> <p>12 So we got in this first round, 13 which was great. They, basically, said, hey, 14 you're dismally paid, and so we need to increase 15 that because every state around us pays more. 16 Which is wonderful news except for the fact that 17 the legislators did not put it in the budget to 18 give those increases. So there is an amendment 19 right now that we are working with the substance 20 use LASACT related people and NASW. I actually 21 have a meeting at 2 o'clock, which is why I have 22 to leave today to go over what we need to do 23 from an advocacy perspective to advocate for 24 this amendment.</p> <p>25 But the amendment has been</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>1 written. It looks like it will be going 2 forward, so, you know, that's potentially 3 positive. But the thing that's a little 4 different about this is that Medicaid rates are 5 housed within the state budget. So the state 6 budget is house bill one. It's almost always 7 the same. Every year they have to, you know, 8 make decisions around what they're going to 9 spend money on.</p> <p>10 So this is going to be kind of 11 an ongoing thing. So we got this year where 12 we're trying to increase --</p> <p>13 (Brief recess.)</p> <p>14 So what the Louisiana Department 15 of Health does when they do their rate review is 16 they compare Louisiana rates to other states in 17 our southern region. So they compare it to, 18 like, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, 19 you know, these kind of states that are right 20 near us. And then they take the highest rate. 21 So for us that would be the psychologist, 22 physician, and physician rates for behavioral 23 health. And they compare that and then they say 24 the rate should come up to this number. But 25 they kind of give a range.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>1 So theoretically -- and this 2 is -- legislators don't know anything about this 3 unless they're a physician or, you know, a 4 behavioral person. So most of them, this is a 5 non -- they don't care or think about it. But, 6 sorry, not looking at you.</p> <p>7 But what ends up happening is 8 that they can pick and choose. They can pick it 9 apart and say, we're going to raise the rate 10 here and not here. They can kind of do whatever 11 they want because they're in charge of the 12 budget. They could do that. They're unlikely 13 to just because that doesn't really benefit them 14 in any way to do that and only makes them 15 enemies of pretty much all providers that bill 16 Medicaid.</p> <p>17 So it's unlikely that that would 18 happen, but feasibly it could. So right now 19 what we're trying to do is get that amendment 20 through so that in can increase the rates for 21 everyone that was in the first year, in the 22 first round of rate increases that were 23 subjected by LDH. LDH has already provided 24 testimony to the budget committee. It's a joint 25 committee between the house and the senate. And</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>1 then it -- kind of once it comes out of that, 2 goes through each the House and the Senate 3 separately just like any other bill. 4 So right now the bill is -- 5 where's it at? I don't remember where the 6 budget bill is right at this moment. I think 7 it's the Senate committee. But anyways, we're 8 working with this amendment trying to get that 9 through. So I have a meeting with the social 10 work -- NASW this afternoon to talk through our 11 legislative advocacy work that we need to do 12 from a grass roots perspective. So I'll be 13 putting out information to LCA members and will 14 include Earnest on that as well so you all will 15 have that information with what we need to do 16 next. 17 So what we're meeting about 18 today is to make sure that all the money that is 19 in this amendment is actually going to cover us 20 as LPCs and social workers as well. And not 21 just the substance use treatment program that 22 have been kind of advocating as well for their 23 own needs. So we're trying to all work together 24 and make sure everybody's covered. 25 So that's what's in the works</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>1 there so we can get Medicaid rates increased. 2 There's a couple other bills 3 that are of note, specifically for school 4 counselors that may have a big impact. There's 5 two bills. It's House Bill 81 and House Bill 6 466. So both are in the Senate education. 7 They've been referred to the Senate education 8 committee but have not been scheduled yet to be 9 heard in committee. 10 So what House Bill 81 does, it 11 would require -- these are all LGBTQ plus 12 related bills. So you might have heard a good 13 bit about them. But how it impacts school 14 counselors in particular and anyone that works 15 as a counselor in a school that does services, 16 it would require public school employees, which 17 would include counselors, to use certain names 18 or pronouns for students unless parents provide 19 a written permission to do otherwise. 20 So what that means for any 21 counselor working in a school is that if a 22 student comes to them and says, I'm struggling 23 with being called Sean, and I want to be called 24 Sarah, that that counselor cannot call them by 25 that name because it's not on the birth</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>1 certificate and because they don't have parental 2 permission. 3 Or if the student came and said, 4 you know, I would like to use different pronouns 5 than he or she, then the counselor would have to 6 get permission from the parents in writing to 7 use a different pronoun to address the student. 8 So we're not in favor of this. 9 We're opposed to it because it would deter what 10 we know is that a lot of students, you know, 11 kind of express some of these gender and sexual 12 curiosities and explorations to their school 13 counselors and their mental health professionals 14 that work in schools first, prior to talking to 15 parents and talking to other adults that might 16 be influential in their life. 17 So we don't think this would put 18 school counselors or anyone that works in the 19 school from a counseling perspective in a good 20 place to be able to really help students. So 21 we're opposed to that. 22 We are opposed to the bill in 23 general. And we are also working on an 24 amendment to exclude school counselors from 25 having to follow this legislation. So if we</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>1 can't kill the bill entirely, we're trying to 2 get an amendment to exclude any counselors that 3 work in the schools. So to be continued. I 4 don't know if we're going to be able to do any 5 of those things, but that's what we're working 6 on right now. 7 So there's not been any advocacy 8 efforts requested of anybody at this point 9 because we're really trying to target our 10 advocacy efforts where it's needed because we 11 have a lot of stuff going on. And if we can get 12 an amendment or just kill the bill, then we want 13 to pursue that route rather than kind of getting 14 everybody involved in advocacy at this point. 15 So nothing's gone out about 16 advocacy related to this house bill yet, but it 17 probably will be. 18 The other one, which is House 19 Bill 466, this is related to providing 20 instruction and discussion in schools of sexual 21 orientation and gender identity in K-12 schools. 22 So, basically, prohibiting discussing things 23 around gender identity or sexual orientation. 24 Again, same problem for anyone, 25 any counselor working in the school, that this</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>1 is going to prohibit them from doing their job 2 and being able to help students. And it will 3 actually hurt the students that they see 4 probably. So we are again opposed to this bill. 5 And we are working on an amendment as well for 6 this one. If we can't get it killed, same deal, 7 get an exclusion for mental health professionals 8 working in the school. So we'll see. Again, to 9 be continued. It's the same thing for both 10 bills.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">11 They are both -- they both 12 passed the House, which was unfortunate. And 13 they're in the Senate education committee. And 14 once there's a hearing set, we will be 15 submitting opposition to this bill and as well 16 advocating for that amendment if we can't get it 17 killed in the Senate committee. So there's a 18 lot of groups opposed to both of these bills. 19 We are not alone. Pretty much every behavioral 20 health provider is -- group is not on board with 21 this, as well as a lot of educational 22 professionals.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">23 So we're not alone in that 24 opposition. But it's been tough. The past few 25 years have been a lot of LGBTQ related bills,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>1 particularly around kids. So this is not new. 2 It's just a continuation of stuff that's been 3 going on the past couple of years.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">4 Another bill related to -- it's 5 House Bill 175. So this bill is around mental 6 health facilities where -- basically, allowing 7 people with conceal and carry -- conceal to 8 carry gun permits to carry within a mental 9 health facility if they're an employee or 10 security guard at the facility.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">11 We're opposed to the bill -- 12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 13 For obvious reasons.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">14 MS. TROGDEN: It's sort of a 15 strange thing. They're, basically, trying to 16 include prohibiting carrying weapons into 17 facilities -- for all healthcare facilities. 18 But being mental health facilities, we're not 19 included in other legislation previously done, 20 so they're trying to pull in this mental health 21 facilities. But the problem is they added this 22 exclusion the employees of behavioral health -- 23 of mental health facilities that have concealed 24 carry permits could carry. So we're opposed to 25 that part, where we don't want employees,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1 particularly counselors, working at mental 2 health facilities, even if they have a concealed 3 carry permit to be put in a position to carry at 4 work and for it not to be safe for counselors 5 and clients by default.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">6 They also include security 7 guards, which we don't have any jurisdiction 8 over, so we don't -- that's why we're not 9 opposed to that part. It's just the employees 10 that would be counselors at these facilities. 11 It's kind of an odd thing.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">12 This bill was involuntarily 13 deferred, meaning -- and it's in criminal 14 justice in the House. So it's meaning that they 15 decided in committee to defer it and not hear it 16 the day that they scheduled it. And it was not 17 the author's choice, it was the committee's 18 choice to not hear it that day.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">19 So it's my guess they're getting 20 some push-back from other entities besides us 21 and that they're -- the author -- they're asking 22 the author to look at the bill and the language 23 and make some changes and to come back later. 24 It has not been rescheduled at this point. So 25 we are not really worried about it until it gets</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>1 scheduled again.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2 So that one's kind of an odd 3 one, but we're still watching and paying 4 attention.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5 Another bill related to LGBTQ 6 plus issues is House Bill 648. This one is -- 7 you might have heard about it on the news. It's 8 called The Stop Harming Our Kids Act. And, 9 basically, it's about on the surface physicians, 10 you know, doing things to alter the gender of 11 minors. So it's talking a lot about physicians 12 being able to do surgeries, procedures, or 13 provide hormone or hormone blockers to kids 14 under the age of 18.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">15 So that part is not really 16 applicable to counselors except that it goes on 17 to talk about that it would criminally punish 18 healthcare workers for -- and I quote -- 19 "Validating a minor's perception of his sex if 20 the minor's perception is inconsistent with his 21 biological sex." 22</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">23 So even though the bill is not 24 really about counseling practice, it's about 25 medical procedures and practices, this piece where it just says any healthcare worker can be</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>1 criminally prosecuted for exploring these ideas 2 with a minor, that that could potentially 3 include counselors and would have far-reaching 4 problematic issues.</p> <p>5 So it's passed in the House. 6 The House is a problem this year. And it's 7 currently -- we have a better shot of dealing 8 with it in the Senate, I'll just say that for 9 all of these bills. The House is not friendly 10 towards anything, basically, right now.</p> <p>11 So it's currently pending Senate 12 referral. So that basically means that pass the 13 House floor, it's referring over to the Senate. 14 The Senate has to read it a couple of times on 15 the floor and then refer it to their committee. 16 So we're awaiting that process and seeing what's 17 going to happen. But we are opposed to that 18 bill. Again, if we can't kill the bill, we'll 19 be seeking an amendment to specifically exclude 20 counselors from any of the bill language 21 recently.</p> <p>22 The physicians are all over it 23 because it's a waste of time. To be honest, 24 this bill is a nonissue because healthcare 25 workers require -- are required to get caregiver</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>1 consent for any medical procedure, any 2 medication. So it's a moot point.</p> <p>3 But this is kind of the wave of 4 legislation we're seeing across the country, not 5 just Louisiana. You've probably heard a lot 6 about it on the news. It's very concerning for 7 -- on a larger scale, countrywide, not just in 8 Louisiana. But these are our battles here.</p> <p>9 MS. DOMING: I will say they 10 emailed me to confirm that you need parental 11 consent for any of this. And I did confirm that 12 we have that in our rules.</p> <p>13 MS. TROGDEN: Yeah. So it's 14 interesting. We're seeing how things are 15 playing out. So when I said earlier, my cryptic 16 remark of, they're being strategic about what -- 17 they'll say files because they only have five 18 each, this is the strategery (phonetically), so 19 to speak, we're seeing.</p> <p>20 There's another odd bill, which 21 Jamie maybe can speak a little bit more on. But 22 it's House Bill 221 that states that licensing 23 boards for every one new rule that they make, 24 they have to get rid of two. So that's pending 25 the House floor. It did pass out of the House</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>1 committee, so it will go to debate on the House 2 floor, which did not have a date when I checked 3 yesterday when that would happen. But, 4 basically, we're assuming that lots of other 5 occupational licensing boards just have a lot of 6 frivolous rules, and too many -- and pages and 7 pages, and it gets too cumbersome, so they're 8 wanting to scale back, you know, so write rules 9 that are encompassing -- more encompassing, I 10 guess, I'm not sure. That's one we're watching.</p> <p>11 Anything else to add?</p> <p>12 MS. DOMING: I think you've just 13 got it all. It's really a bill that they want 14 the boards to remove two rules -- for every rule 15 that you promulgate, you'll have to remove two. 16 So I would imagine the intent is that they don't 17 want more rules to continue to grow in size and 18 become more than, you know, so many pages.</p> <p>19 Again, I think there's going to 20 be loop holes. You've probably heard from so 21 many boards on this. But I imagine there's 22 going to be loop holes combining rules.</p> <p>23 MR. SALGADO: That's the first 24 thing that comes to mind, right.</p> <p>25 MS. DOMING: It's going to be</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>1 very hard to regulate something like this if 2 they do pass it, because boards will be able to 3 combine rules and say this is one rule, you 4 know.</p> <p>5 MR. RAINES: It's an attempt, I 6 think -- their idea is probably deregulation. 7 But at the end of the day, I don't think they're 8 going to accomplish it the way they drafted it. 9 If you have a viable rule over here, why do you 10 need to get rid of two viable rules for 11 introducing one new one? It doesn't make any 12 logical sense to me.</p> <p>13 MS. TROGDEN: They should 14 probably apply that to themselves rather than --</p> <p>15 MS. DOMING: Yeah, because 16 they're adding more regulations that they can't 17 regulate. It makes it difficult to regulate. I 18 shouldn't say can't. It just will make it very 19 difficult to regulate if they require you to do 20 this because now you have to analyze the new 21 rule to see if it includes more than one rule.</p> <p>22 MS. TROGDEN: Yes. So those 23 were all the bills that we're currently working 24 on. We're watching a list of other bills, but 25 they really don't have impacts for counselors.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>1 They might have impacts for, you know, some of 2 the clients we serve or things like that. But 3 we kind of watch them and pay attention to make 4 sure they don't throw something spicy that we 5 need to deal with. But, you know, we just kind 6 of pay attention to any bills that are related 7 to mental health in any capacity.</p> <p>8 So there's a lot of other bills 9 going on that you might have personal vested 10 interest in, and that's great. I always 11 encourage people to get involved and advocate 12 for what your personal interests are. But as 13 LCA and representing counselors, it doesn't 14 have -- those don't have any real impact on our 15 scope of work as counselors. So we're just kind 16 of watching things to see if they decide to have 17 some scope of influence for us.</p> <p>18 So those are the bills. Let's 19 see. The other thing that we did this year, 20 which we hope to grow next year, is we host a 21 day at the Capitol where LCA members or anyone 22 that's a counselor can -- or calls themselves a 23 counselor as LPC, whatever, can come to the 24 Capitol and be -- you know, participate in a day 25 of advocacy, meet their legislators, if they</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>1 don't already know who they are. And just kind 2 of get to know people, schmoozing, basically.</p> <p>3 So we did that this year. It 4 was really small, but it was the first time we 5 were able to do it since COVID, so we didn't 6 anticipate a big turnout. But next year we hope 7 to grow it and continue that process. So you'll 8 see if you're an LCA member in particular, you 9 will see announcements as that gets scheduled 10 for next year.</p> <p>11 Couple other updates just in the 12 government relations world in general, we did 13 get federal leave on a Medicare bill passed 14 allowing counselors or LPCs to be on Medicare 15 insurance panels beginning January 1st of 2024. 16 So counselors will credential on Medicare panels 17 in the same exact way they credential with any 18 other insurance company. And that will be 19 available starting January 1st for counselors.</p> <p>20 Counselors may get outreach from 21 Medicare panels prior to that date to start the 22 credentialing process. But it officially goes 23 into effect January 1st. So ACA, American 24 Counseling Association, has been putting out 25 some information and did a webinar not too long</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>1 ago. So if you want more information, that's a 2 great place to get it. Because they were the 3 ones really pushing that advocacy. So that's 4 exciting.</p> <p>5 The Counseling Compact is still 6 moving forward, so -- slowly, but surely. Jamie 7 can probably attest to that. And so that's 8 still in the works. I think there's 20-some odd 9 states now?</p> <p>10 MS. DOMING: 27.</p> <p>11 MS. TROGDEN: Okay. Over half 12 the states have joined, which is great. And, 13 you know, it's just the commission doing its 14 thing of creating rules and trying to get that 15 database and processes and procedures going. So 16 that's a work in progress. And we'll continue 17 to monitor that progress as we're needed, but 18 just paying attention to that.</p> <p>19 Lastly, you may have gotten 20 questions or you yourself got some notification 21 about the Center for Medicaid and Medicare 22 discontinuing the emergency COVID orders, which 23 ended on May 12th of this year, related to 24 providing telehealth services for mental health 25 rehabilitation.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">32</p> <p>1 So that emergency order ran out, 2 in essence, on May 12th allowing MHR programs to 3 do telehealth. And so currently they should not 4 technically be allowed to do telehealth.</p> <p>5 The Louisiana Department of 6 Health has requested from CMS an extension to 7 that, but have not got an answer and probably 8 won't get an answer until mid June. So this 9 applies to all MHR services, which is CPST and 10 PSR billing codes, and this comes from federal 11 CMS. This is nothing that we can really push or 12 do anything about honestly.</p> <p>13 And I was sharing with others 14 earlier. My perception of CMS' standpoint is 15 that MHR services are meant to be in the home 16 and community. So if you can't go to the home 17 community and you need to do telehealth, then 18 you don't need MHR services. You can go 19 through, you know, regular counseling services.</p> <p>20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 51 21 percent need to be home and community.</p> <p>22 MS. TROGDEN: Exactly. 51 23 percent of services need to be in the home or 24 community. And so they gave this emergency 25 allowance because of COVID and that's ran out.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">33</p> <p>1 So they're trying to get an extension to make a 2 smoother transition, but the extension would 3 likely not allow telehealth to go permanently 4 for MHR services. It would just give an 5 extension to allow organizations and clients to 6 transition back to their normal home and 7 community services.</p> <p>8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm 9 thinking by extension, that would extend to 10 other home community-based services like 11 assertive community treatment teams, etcetera.</p> <p>12 MS. TROGDEN: It likely will, 13 yes.</p> <p>14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Anyone 15 that falls within that 51 percent category.</p> <p>16 MS. TROGDEN: Yes, it likely 17 will. The memo that Louisiana Department of 18 Health put out was specifically related to MHR 19 services, so I don't have information about, 20 like, ACT teams or any other, you know, like, 21 homebuilder MST, any of those other type of 22 other home and community services. But I 23 anticipate that would be the case.</p> <p>24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sure. As 25 long as it's in the HCS category.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">34</p> <p>1 MS. TROGDEN: Yeah. If they're 2 in that category of home and community based, 3 that transition is going back to ensuring that 4 there's home and community-based services.</p> <p>5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On that 6 note, you probably heard I got something from 7 Diane at LCA just the other day about PLPCs who 8 are disturbed by the fact that they can't do 9 telehealth anymore so they're not at this point 10 yet seeing the connection to the larger change 11 there, but she was asking about that. I put in 12 a question to LDH, and I have no response yet, 13 but that's not usual.</p> <p>14 MS. TROGDEN: But I will -- if 15 you want to forward that question to me because 16 I meet with them once a month --</p> <p>17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sure, I 18 can do that.</p> <p>19 MS. TROGDEN: -- so I can just 20 put them on the spot there.</p> <p>21 MR. AIRHIA: I just wonder, did 22 you have a good time with LDH, you know, trying 23 to funnel in others LPC's increase of money? 24 Over the years they have been this constant 25 block to provide us or any mental health</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">35</p> <p>1 provider, any mental health, whether it be PCS, 2 they have been like in the way for them to 3 progress. So do you have any good time with 4 them?</p> <p>5 MS. TROGDEN: They were in full 6 support and actually kind of pushed it forward a 7 little bit faster than we did in terms of 8 getting the rate increases. They recognize that 9 we're screwed in Louisiana, to be honest with 10 you.</p> <p>11 MR. AIRHIA: Absolutely.</p> <p>12 MS. TROGDEN: That providers are 13 going to leave --</p> <p>14 MR. AIRHIA: We've been fighting 15 this issue for a long time.</p> <p>16 MS. TROGDEN: This is what I was 17 kind of able to make the point with them about 18 is we're past the Compact. So I can go as soon 19 as the Compact is live, why would I stay here in 20 Louisiana serving Medicaid clients when I can 21 get triple the pay in Mississippi. And that's 22 just right here.</p> <p>23 MR. SALGADO: And to that point, 24 what -- could you see that they were wondering 25 how it would impact the residents on Louisiana</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">36</p> <p>1 on Medicaid?</p> <p>2 MS. TROGDEN: Yeah. I said 3 you've already got an access care problem, and 4 now it's going to get worse. It's about to get 5 worse.</p> <p>6 MR. REYNAUD: Much worse.</p> <p>7 MR. SALGADO: So they were able 8 to understand it --</p> <p>9 MS. TROGDEN: They understood 10 it. They're on board. Honestly, not too long 11 ago there was -- so we worked with the Office of 12 Behavioral Health under LDH. But the main 13 secretary of LDH has shifted not too long ago. 14 So I think that shift in kind of leadership 15 regime kind of worked in our favor, but also the 16 passage of the compact was huge. Because 17 they -- that was when they were like, oh, we 18 have to do something now. We can't get away 19 with this anymore.</p> <p>20 But it's a fight because it's a 21 state budget. So it's a state budgetary issue. 22 And I think that's the argument to the 23 legislators as well, is, look, who's going to 24 serve this group of people? It's a large group. 25 MR. AIRHIA: Mental health</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">37</p> <p>1 crisis is looming.</p> <p>2 MS. TROGDEN: Yeah. So we've</p> <p>3 been down this road before. We will go down it</p> <p>4 again.</p> <p>5 MR. AIRHIA: Good job. Thank</p> <p>6 you so much.</p> <p>7 MS. TROGDEN: The other thing</p> <p>8 that LDHS is very supportive of, which is</p> <p>9 interesting to me, and they're looking into how</p> <p>10 to make it happen, is to get PLPCs able to bill</p> <p>11 Medicaid using -- not using 9000 codes, but</p> <p>12 using codes that are professional codes that are</p> <p>13 not just having to work in an MHR or work at a</p> <p>14 facility. So they're open to that. They</p> <p>15 recognize that PLCPs are kind of heavily</p> <p>16 supervised and not just lone rangers out there</p> <p>17 doing whatever they want.</p> <p>18 But, again, Medicaid and</p> <p>19 Medicare, for that matter, are regulated</p> <p>20 federally, so the state has a lot of more</p> <p>21 control with Medicaid. Medicare is still all</p> <p>22 federal. But the state has some power to do</p> <p>23 things at the local level. But this is</p> <p>24 something they would have to request a waiver</p> <p>25 from CMS about. And so that is unclear if that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">38</p> <p>1 would be deemed okay by CMS.</p> <p>2 So it's a little bit of a bigger</p> <p>3 issue. But we've heard a lot of PLPCs</p> <p>4 complaining, you know, that they can't really</p> <p>5 effectively build a private practice, for</p> <p>6 example, because they can't bill 9000 codes.</p> <p>7 And Medicaid clients are obviously a nice client</p> <p>8 pool to be able to take, if you can, especially</p> <p>9 if the rates get better.</p> <p>10 So -- and we recognize the need.</p> <p>11 There's not enough people that can see the</p> <p>12 demand for services at this point as it</p> <p>13 stands.</p> <p>14 MR. REYNAUD: A workaround</p> <p>15 (inaudible) positions have come up with is a</p> <p>16 PLCP or any provisional licensee can be a</p> <p>17 rendering provider, but the billing provider has</p> <p>18 to be where they work, so that they're not doing</p> <p>19 anything independently.</p> <p>20 MS. TROGDEN: Exactly.</p> <p>21 MR. REYNAUD: So, yeah.</p> <p>22 MS. TROGDEN: But they can't</p> <p>23 bill 9000 codes. They can't bill professional</p> <p>24 codes. They have to bill group practice codes,</p> <p>25 in essence, like the CPT -- or I'm sorry, the H</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">39</p> <p>1 codes, so.</p> <p>2 MR. REYNAUD: The only thing</p> <p>3 I've seen as an exception to this, the Healthy</p> <p>4 Blue thing, which is specifically a value-based</p> <p>5 program for a limited number of providers. So</p> <p>6 that works to 9960 code. But that's, basically,</p> <p>7 psycho education.</p> <p>8 MS. TROGDEN: Yeah. Very</p> <p>9 limiting and a very limited population</p> <p>10 certainly.</p> <p>11 MR. REYNAUD: Exactly.</p> <p>12 MS. TROGDEN: So we've got lots</p> <p>13 of items in the fire. Feel free to forward me</p> <p>14 whatever comes your way in terms of questions,</p> <p>15 ideas, concerns. But these are kind of our</p> <p>16 priorities at this point is this budget bill</p> <p>17 increase and the amendments and/or killing the</p> <p>18 bills related to schools.</p> <p>19 So my role is ten hours a month.</p> <p>20 So as you can probably guess, this month I have</p> <p>21 way exceeded that ten hours. I don't want to</p> <p>22 look at how many hours I worked this month on</p> <p>23 behalf of LCA. But we try to do what we can</p> <p>24 with the time allotted. But it has gotten --</p> <p>25 you know, we get some big tasks every now and</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">40</p> <p>1 then. This is it. So I think that's my report.</p> <p>2 MR. SALGADO: I want to open up</p> <p>3 for questions and comments. But before we do, I</p> <p>4 know we have a couple of members of the public</p> <p>5 that I can add to the roll and then open up for</p> <p>6 answers and comments.</p> <p>7 Can you state your name?</p> <p>8 DARNELL DOBBINS: Darnell</p> <p>9 Dobbins, D-o-b-b-i-n-s.</p> <p>10 VERRICHA STEWART:</p> <p>11 V-e-r-r-i-c-h-a, S-t-e-w-a-r-t.</p> <p>12 MR. SALGADO: Welcome.</p> <p>13 Any questions or comments from</p> <p>14 the public?</p> <p>15 DARNELL DOBBINS: I have a</p> <p>16 question in regard to the concealed bill 'cause</p> <p>17 I am a field worker. So my question is, is that</p> <p>18 bill going to cut people who go out to the</p> <p>19 field? And it's also going to cover nonlegals</p> <p>20 with that? Is that also covered in that bill?</p> <p>21 I'm just curious.</p> <p>22 MS. TROGDEN: So that bill is</p> <p>23 specific to -- I'm like, is that me. That bill</p> <p>24 is specific to mental health facilities. So</p> <p>25 they do have a definition in there, and I don't</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">41</p> <p>1 know if I brought the bill. Let me double-check 2 if I brought that bill. No, I didn't bring that 3 exact bill with me. So I can't read you the 4 language. But it does have a definition in 5 there for what constitutes a mental health 6 facility. But I do not believe -- and, again, 7 don't quote me on this, but I do not believe 8 that covers outpatient like in the field -- 9 DARNELL DOBBINS: I do home and 10 all that stuff. 11 MS. TROGDEN: I don't think it 12 covers home and community based. I think it 13 just covers specific, like, hospitals, psych 14 unit type facilities, substance use residential 15 type programs, you know, community behavioral 16 health centers that's like more of a clinic, in 17 essence. 18 It's specific to guns. So it 19 doesn't really say anything about other types of 20 weapons that might be used, but specifically 21 talking about carrying a gun. 22 DARNELL DOBBINS. Okay. Thank 23 you. 24 MS. TROGDEN: Yes. Absolutely. 25 MR. SALGADO: Do you have</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">42</p> <p>1 comments or questions? 2 VERRICHA STEWART: No. 3 MR. SALGADO: Anyone from the 4 board who has a comment or question with regard 5 to the legislative affairs report? 6 Is there a motion to accept the 7 report as presented? 8 MR. AIRHIA: I will move. 9 MR. NASH: Second. 10 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 11 ALL: Aye. 12 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed? 13 Thank you very much, the motion 14 passes. And thank you very much for your very 15 dedicated and hard work. We really appreciate 16 it. 17 MS. TROGDEN: It's my pleasure. 18 Most of the time. My report was quite a bit 19 this time, so thank you for indulging me. 20 MR. SALGADO: Thank you for 21 informing us. 22 And so the next item on the 23 report is the Committee on Licensure Supervision 24 Appraisal report, LPC. 25 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: So the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">43</p> <p>1 total number of LPC applications for April and 2 May -- there's a discrepancy on the screen and 3 the report I have for LPC applications for 4 licensure for the first one, 45 approved; two, 5 intent to deny. There were 10 in April. 13 in 6 May as opposed to 11. Expedited were 24 for a 7 total of 47. 8 So LPC endorsement application, 9 there were 15 approved. There were eight in 10 April, four in May, three expedited for a total 11 of 15. 12 PLPC application, Section 1, 2, 13 and 3. There were 57 approved, 14 intent to 14 deny, and two incomplete. So 13 in April, 31 in 15 May, 29 expedited for a total of 73. 16 PLPC application, Section 1 17 only. There was one intent to deny, and that 18 was in May. 19 LPC supervisor application. 20 There were 24 approved. So six in April, 12 in 21 May, six expedited for a total of 24. 22 Appraisal privilege. There were 23 two approved; one in April, one in May. 24 PLPC change/add supervisor. 25 There were 24 approved; eight in April, 16 in</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">44</p> <p>1 May, for a total of 24. 2 And then the PLPC practice 3 setting update. There were 54 approved, 24 in 4 April, 30 in May, for a total of 54. 5 There weren't any PLPC audited 6 renewal approvals. There were not any PLPC 7 standard renewal approvals. There were 61 LPC 8 audited renewal approvals. There were 431 LPC 9 standard renewal approvals, 253 tele-approvals. 10 So our total LPC folders reviewed, there were 70 11 in April, 108 in May, 62 that were expedited for 12 a total of 985. 13 MR. SALGADO: Thank you very 14 much. 15 Are there any questions or 16 comments with regard to the Committee on 17 Licensure Supervision Appraisal report? 18 Is there a motion to accept as 19 presented? 20 MR. NASH: So moved. 21 DR. JOHNS: Second. 22 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 23 ALL: Aye. 24 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed? 25 The motion passes to accept the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">45</p> <p>1 report.</p> <p>2 Any questions or comments from</p> <p>3 the public?</p> <p>4 Thank you.</p> <p>5 The next item on the agenda is</p> <p>6 Committee on Licensure Supervision, LMFT.</p> <p>7 MR. NASH: I have that</p> <p>8 information. We have numbers of people who</p> <p>9 applied and approved. Nobody has been denied.</p> <p>10 And all of the applications were approved based</p> <p>11 on staff review.</p> <p>12 Section 1 for PLMFT. There were</p> <p>13 four applied and approved. Section 2 totals,</p> <p>14 seven applied and were approved, all by staff</p> <p>15 reviewed. Section 3 totals, four applied and</p> <p>16 were approved, all by staff reviewed.</p> <p>17 Change practice setting totals,</p> <p>18 three applied for that. Three were approved,</p> <p>19 and those were done by staff review as well.</p> <p>20 There were no applications for</p> <p>21 changing supervisors, so there's no total there.</p> <p>22 Licensure applications, we had</p> <p>23 four applications. Four were approved. And all</p> <p>24 those were done by staff review.</p> <p>25 Approved supervisor</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">46</p> <p>1 applications, we have zero registered supervisor</p> <p>2 candidate applications, and zero approved</p> <p>3 supervisor applications.</p> <p>4 We do have renewal audits,</p> <p>5 however, and standard renewals. For PLMFT, four</p> <p>6 applied to renew, four were approved, none</p> <p>7 denied. Four LMFTs applied for renewal -- I'm</p> <p>8 sorry, three LMFTs applied for renewal, and</p> <p>9 three were approved. No denials.</p> <p>10 And standard renewals, we had</p> <p>11 none of these either for PLMFT or LMFT.</p> <p>12 MR. SALGADO: Any questions or</p> <p>13 comments from the board with regard to the PLMFT</p> <p>14 report?</p> <p>15 Is there a motion to accept the</p> <p>16 report as presented?</p> <p>17 DR FAZIO-GRIFFITH: I'll move.</p> <p>18 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second?</p> <p>19 MS. BUTLER: I'll second.</p> <p>20 MR. SALGADO: All in favor?</p> <p>21 ALL: Aye.</p> <p>22 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed?</p> <p>23 The motion passes.</p> <p>24 Any questions from the public?</p> <p>25 Now, next item on the agenda is</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">47</p> <p>1 the rules committee.</p> <p>2 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: So if y'all</p> <p>3 remember, at our last meeting Dr. Screen</p> <p>4 (phonetically) came and proposed that -- with</p> <p>5 some information to add a social and cultural</p> <p>6 foundation CE to our rules. So we have done a</p> <p>7 draft of that proposal, which is included in</p> <p>8 your packet. And licensure committee met</p> <p>9 yesterday and agreed to bring it to the full</p> <p>10 board for consideration and for adoption.</p> <p>11 So I guess if y'all have had a</p> <p>12 chance to look over it, what we really tried to</p> <p>13 do was make it very broad in terms of what folks</p> <p>14 could count, you know, as a CE for social</p> <p>15 cultural foundations and not really try to limit</p> <p>16 it. So they really shouldn't have any problem</p> <p>17 getting their continuing education. And it also</p> <p>18 applies to PLPCs.</p> <p>19 Anything you want to add, Jamie?</p> <p>20 MS. DOMING: This is the draft</p> <p>21 if you want to take a look at it. If there's</p> <p>22 any questions or concerns. And if not, if you</p> <p>23 feel comfortable, we can move forward to adding</p> <p>24 this.</p> <p>25 VERRICHA STEWART: I have a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">48</p> <p>1 question. I applied for the PLPC. I have 30</p> <p>2 years of mental health experience and 24 as a</p> <p>3 school counselor. And I was one course, I</p> <p>4 think, away from obtaining my PLPC. And I was</p> <p>5 told that I could take the continuing education,</p> <p>6 which I did, I took two courses. And I'm being</p> <p>7 told that I have to go back to take abnormal</p> <p>8 psychology class, which I took as undergrad.</p> <p>9 MS. DOMING: So this right now,</p> <p>10 we're not really talking about licensure.</p> <p>11 That's really for another part of the meeting.</p> <p>12 But we can definitely talk to you after the</p> <p>13 meeting about that because the board's not going</p> <p>14 to be aware of your particular situation. We</p> <p>15 did post something about continuing education</p> <p>16 hours that you can approve for abnormal. But</p> <p>17 you had to have had a graduate course in that.</p> <p>18 But, again, we can take a look</p> <p>19 at your case a little bit later. It's just the</p> <p>20 board is not aware of your particular situation,</p> <p>21 so we can't actually hear your case today.</p> <p>22 But that is correct if you had</p> <p>23 an undergraduate course, you will need to take a</p> <p>24 graduate.</p> <p>25 VERRICHA STEWART: But I was</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">49</p> <p>1 invited to this meeting.</p> <p>2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So your</p> <p>3 academic background was reviewed by the</p> <p>4 licensure committee. So that was the previous</p> <p>5 report that we reported all the numbers. So the</p> <p>6 licensure committee has reviewed all that</p> <p>7 information for you, and you'll be getting</p> <p>8 official correspondence. But as Ms. Doming was</p> <p>9 saying, for the continuing education for the</p> <p>10 abnormal behavior, you would have already had to</p> <p>11 take a graduate course in the area of abnormal</p> <p>12 behavior.</p> <p>13 So if it wasn't the most recent</p> <p>14 addition, say, you took an abnormal course in</p> <p>15 2005, so it wouldn't be the most recent edition</p> <p>16 of the DSM-5, we allowed those applicants to go</p> <p>17 and take the six hours continuing education to</p> <p>18 have the most recent edition. But because your</p> <p>19 transcripts did not show completion of a</p> <p>20 graduate level course, that's why you have to go</p> <p>21 and complete an abnormal course.</p> <p>22 VERRICHA STEWART: Okay.</p> <p>23 MS. DOMING: So this board rule,</p> <p>24 are there any concerns in terms of cultural</p> <p>25 competency? So it would just be added to the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">50</p> <p>1 40-hour requirement or the 20-hour requirement.</p> <p>2 MR. SALGADO: In the rules</p> <p>3 committee, we did discuss how it really would</p> <p>4 not be an added burden to practitioners being</p> <p>5 that there are so many opportunities for</p> <p>6 cross-cultural and social cultural types of</p> <p>7 continuing education units that it's part of</p> <p>8 what we already do. So it really wouldn't be an</p> <p>9 additional, you know, for lack of a better word,</p> <p>10 burden on the provider.</p> <p>11 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: If you</p> <p>12 look, there is also a place for LMFTs as well in</p> <p>13 the rule.</p> <p>14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are other</p> <p>15 states doing this?</p> <p>16 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: Yes, we</p> <p>17 looked. There are a couple of other states</p> <p>18 doing it. The Association for Play Therapy</p> <p>19 requires it of all their registered therapists</p> <p>20 as well.</p> <p>21 MR. SALGADO: Any other</p> <p>22 comments? Any questions?</p> <p>23 Is there a motion to accept the</p> <p>24 rules report as presented?</p> <p>25 MS. DOMING: We may want to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">51</p> <p>1 discuss the date as well when this would be</p> <p>2 effective. I just want to make sure whoever</p> <p>3 moves on this, we add an effective date, if we</p> <p>4 choose to move. So 2026 may be the most</p> <p>5 practical. We could do 2025. That would give</p> <p>6 the 2023 -- the problem is it may not be</p> <p>7 promulgated for six months.</p> <p>8 MR. AIRHIA: I just have a</p> <p>9 question. How many times was this supposed to</p> <p>10 be brought up in general meeting?</p> <p>11 MS. DOMING: This particular</p> <p>12 rule?</p> <p>13 MR. AIRHIA: Yeah.</p> <p>14 MS. DOMING: We discussed it at</p> <p>15 the last board meeting.</p> <p>16 MR. AIRHIA: How many times</p> <p>17 after that? Just one time only?</p> <p>18 MS. DOMING: The rules committee</p> <p>19 has met one time and licensure committee.</p> <p>20 MR. AIRHIA: I'm just looking at</p> <p>21 it because I think there are certain rules that</p> <p>22 maybe we meet, like, two, three times, something</p> <p>23 like that to discuss it more. So if we brought</p> <p>24 it up before, no comment, I think, we are good</p> <p>25 to go.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">52</p> <p>1 MR. SALGADO: To that point, we</p> <p>2 had two rules committee meetings addressing the</p> <p>3 issue. And then this would be the second board</p> <p>4 meeting as well discussing --</p> <p>5 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: With the</p> <p>6 draft. We didn't have a draft before.</p> <p>7 MR. SALGADO: Right.</p> <p>8 MS. DOMING: And, again, this</p> <p>9 will be noticed to the public. The public will</p> <p>10 have 30 days to comment. If they comment and</p> <p>11 choose to have a hearing, we would have a</p> <p>12 hearing on this. This will go to our oversight</p> <p>13 committee twice. This will go through the state</p> <p>14 register. And then, like I said, if we don't</p> <p>15 have any public comments, it goes back to -- it</p> <p>16 opens up to a hearing with legislators as well.</p> <p>17 So this wouldn't be the final step.</p> <p>18 Again, I think we need to be</p> <p>19 fair with the effective date. Because if we</p> <p>20 don't have this promulgated until the end of</p> <p>21 2023, it could catch some of our licensees off</p> <p>22 guard, and they may not have the continuing</p> <p>23 education hours until 2026. So --</p> <p>24 MR. AIRHIA: So let's move it to</p> <p>25 2025.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">53</p> <p>1 MR. SALGADO: I think it's 2 dependent on the different -- you know, whether 3 it's the October 31st deadline or the December 4 31st deadline or the June 30th deadline to 5 capture it all in 2026. 6 MS. DOMING: So let's say that 7 we as a board can finalize this rule on January 8 1 of 2024. Do we want to say it becomes 9 effective January 1, 2026, beginning with those 10 renewals? That way there's a two-year period 11 for everyone to get those three hours. 12 MR. AIRHIA: Yes. 13 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: Yes. 14 MS. DOMING: So if we can make 15 the effective date January 1, 2026. 16 MR. SALGADO: That would work. 17 MR. AIRHIA: Generally when is 18 new year. 19 MS. DOMING: New rules from your 20 board. Happy New Year. 21 MR. AIRHIA: Okay. I so move. 22 MR. SALGADO: So for this rule 23 draft -- so is there a motion to accept the rule 24 draft for social and cultural continuing 25 education units?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">54</p> <p>1 MS. DOMING: To become 2 effective -- 3 MR. SALGADO: To become 4 effective January 1, 2026? 5 MR. AIRHIA: Yes. I so move. 6 DR. JOHNS: Second. 7 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 8 ALL: Aye. 9 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed? 10 Okay. The motion passes. 11 Thank you very much. 12 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: So the 13 second thing I wanted to talk about was a rule 14 modification. So in the licensure committee, we 15 talked about the rule that relates to supervisor 16 experience and provisional license, professional 17 counselors, the supervision requirement of the 18 PLPC having to audio or videotape a session and 19 the supervisor having to review that. 20 And so we talked about how 21 sometimes that's just not feasible for us to do. 22 And sometimes it's really not warranted with our 23 supervisors, we don't need for them to do that. 24 So what the licensure committee proposed and the 25 rules committee has talked about it is to just</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">55</p> <p>1 make an addendum to the rule. And where it 2 reads -- it says, "The process of supervision 3 must encompass multiple models of supervision, 4 including regularly scheduled by observation 5 counseling sessions, where possible, and review 6 of audio tapes and/or videotapes of counseling 7 sessions." And we just want to add "and the 8 board supervisor's discretion." 9 So that if a board-approved 10 supervisor recognizes that maybe their PLPC is 11 struggling, they can ask for a videotape or an 12 audio tape, but we don't have to do it if we 13 don't need to. So that's just what we want to 14 modify in terms of that. 15 So discussion on that? 16 Thoughts? 17 MR. REYNAUD: I know as a 18 supervisor I've had trouble with employers not 19 allowing PMLFTs and PLPCs to -- 20 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: Right. 21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And 22 they're just not going to do that in certain 23 circumstances because of their concerns about 24 confidentiality and other issues, internal 25 policies, etcetera.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">56</p> <p>1 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: Right. And 2 there are some sites like a school or any 3 residential facility with kids where it's not 4 going to be possible at all. It's just not 5 going to happen. 6 MR. REYNAUD: Right. 7 MR. SALGADO: Is there a motion 8 to accept the rule draft for the 9 video/audiotaped supervision process? 10 MR. REYNAUD: I move. 11 MR. NASH: Second. 12 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 13 ALL: Aye. 14 MR. SALGADO: The motion passes. 15 Thank you. 16 MS. DOMING: So the supervisor's 17 signature, writing policy statement. 18 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: Right. So 19 one of the things that rules committee discussed 20 this morning is there's a policy that the 21 supervisor's signature on the DOP can be 22 administrative supervisor or it could be the 23 board approved supervisor. So we're just going 24 to revise the policy statement a little bit to 25 make it that it can be the site supervisor or it</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">57</p> <p>1 can be anybody at the agency who's providing 2 supervision.</p> <p>3 So we're going to just rewrite 4 that and then put it out there. There's been 5 some confusion on does the board-approved 6 supervisor have to sign that, and that's not 7 always possible. We're also going to include 8 the technology piece so you can do Docusign or 9 use -- can use technology, you know, to sign 10 those if you need to.</p> <p>11 MR. SALGADO: So there will be a 12 draft coming in the future or a board meeting?</p> <p>13 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: Yes. There 14 will be a draft with that policy statement that 15 the rules committee will look at again and then 16 bring it to the board meeting.</p> <p>17 MR. NASH: I would support that 18 as a supervisor because I've had people at 19 various agencies where the agency did not 20 understand the implications of that. So they 21 wanted the supervisee to send that document to 22 me for signature. There's actually a special 23 link that sends it in to PDF Filler, so I can 24 sign it there. And then they can send it 25 directly to that in-box. But a lot of other</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">58</p> <p>1 places don't think that way, so there's some 2 variety of understanding out there, so 3 clarification would be helpful.</p> <p>4 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: I agree. 5 So hopefully at the July board meeting we'll 6 have that draft.</p> <p>7 That's it for rules. 8 MR. SALGADO: Is there a motion 9 to accept the rules committee report for 10 overall?</p> <p>11 MR. NASH: So moved. 12 MS. BUTLER: I second. 13 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 14 All: Aye. 15 MR. SALGADO: Opposed? 16 The motion passes. 17 Next is the Committee on 18 Professional Systems Program report, PAP 19 (phonetically).</p> <p>20 MR. AIRHIA: So we in the PAP 21 committee, you know, we normally meet. It's a 22 working committee that we meet outside 23 (inaudible). So far we have about seven 24 professional assistants, individual quality PAP 25 members who are joining us. We have seven of</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">59</p> <p>1 them. And actually seven of them -- we have 2 five of them that are compliant. They have 3 their MOU set up, everything is going well with 4 five of them. So that we have one of them that 5 has started monitor. 'Cause we always monitor 6 them through (inaudible). And we also have one 7 of them that we are presently trying to work 8 with, but received discharge paper from the 9 hospital that she went to for inpatient services 10 and -- we received the discharge early this 11 week. And a lot of inside discharge that we 12 need to meet with her again. So that in the 13 meantime (inaudible). Correct?</p> <p>14 So maybe about two or three 15 times, so we still expect certainty that she has 16 (inaudible). In the meantime, we have been 17 really routine. And all the PAP members have 18 been there giving their best input to whatever. 19 We're so proud to have from Jamie, so thank you 20 (inaudible). We really appreciate that.</p> <p>21 There's also, I think, the PAP 22 that you're going to disclose, Jamie?</p> <p>23 MS. DOMING: Yes. The PAP 24 committee would like to propose a handbook that 25 we can post on the website, as well as provide</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">60</p> <p>1 anyone participating in the program. And this 2 really just is so that there's some information 3 out there that's been approved by the board. 4 It's a handbook. It's going to provide step by 5 step directions as to how to get into the 6 program, what's required in the program. It 7 sounds like there's excitement over the PAP 8 handbook.</p> <p>9 And so, you know, we had sent it 10 out in the packet, if you had a chance to review 11 it. Like I said, it really gives an overview of 12 the entire program. It provides what's going to 13 be expected from the participant, as well as the 14 board. And I'll just scroll through it a little 15 bit.</p> <p>16 The beginning just provides a 17 scope of work of the committee and program. The 18 overview, how you become eligible for the 19 program. The services that the board can 20 provide. It will remain confidential unless you 21 try to leave the state, etcetera, etcetera. It 22 gives some details on the confidentiality of it. 23 The expectations of the participant. And then 24 the procedures are a few pages long. 25 And then at the end there's just</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">61</p> <p>1 some resources. And we have our preapproved 2 valuation providers that I would include a 3 website link so they can just click on that or 4 posted on the website with the handbook. It 5 provides a release of information. 6 So all of the paperwork and 7 documentation would move online through this 8 handbook that if you would like to move to 9 propose -- to accept this handbook then we can 10 move forward and have something to provide our 11 participants. And if anybody wants to take a 12 look at the hard copy, there's one up here. 13 It was sent out to you by email 14 before the board meeting. 15 MR. AIRHIA: The handbook is a 16 very good -- very (inaudible) because a lot of 17 them don't know why they're coming. And they 18 see what we are really directly and trying to do 19 there is real and we are not playing. Because 20 we know a lot when they come, they will lie to 21 you. Some will use some kind of fake 22 information. But remember (inaudible) is 23 established as one of the goals to protect the 24 public. And how you're going to be able to do 25 some kind of services.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">62</p> <p>1 I think when Jamie brought that 2 to our attention, we looked at it very well -- 3 Chastity, we looked at it very well. We think 4 it's a very right thing to do. Before you are 5 admitted into that program, you want to bring 6 three, four, five (inaudible). They will see 7 everything is really looked at. Jamie's 8 laughing. Don't worry, you take care of them. 9 MS. DOMING: Well, again, 10 sometimes it's hard to send email, like, hello, 11 my name is so and so, we'd like to welcome you 12 to the Professional Assistance Program, you 13 know. And so that was always a challenge. And 14 I know -- and that's why having a little more 15 flexibility and the time putting together a 16 consistent handbook, that's been approved by the 17 committee first, and then by the board, this is 18 actually something we can provide people besides 19 emails. 20 MR. SALGADO: Sure. Any 21 thoughts from the general board with regard to 22 the handbook? 23 I, for one, think it's great. 24 It offers an initial introduction in a way 25 that's not as awkward as you said. I think if</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">63</p> <p>1 you look at it, it's straightforward. It's 2 clear, and there's an understanding as to what 3 the expectations are. 4 So if there's a motion to accept 5 the handbook as it has been presented -- is 6 there one? 7 MS. BUTLER: I move that it be 8 accepted. 9 MR. REYNAUD: Second. 10 MR. SALGADO: Opposed? 11 The motion passes and the 12 handbook will be part of what we do for 13 counselors who are invited to the PAP program. 14 Thank you very much. 15 Anything else with regard to the 16 cases to open, close, or dismiss? 17 Was that part or all of your 18 report, Dr. Airhia, in addition to the handbook? 19 DR. AIRHIA: That's what we have 20 right now. We think for the disciplinary to do 21 their own thing and bring (inaudible), that's 22 fine. 23 MR. SALGADO: Okay. So we just 24 motioned to accept the handbook. And now we're 25 motioning to accept the Committee of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">64</p> <p>1 Professional Assistance report overall. Is 2 there a motion to accept the report? 3 MR. AIRHIA: I move. 4 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second? 5 MR. NASH: Second. 6 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 7 ALL: Aye. 8 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed? 9 Okay. The motion passes to 10 accept the report. 11 And now we move on to the 12 committee on budget report. 13 MS. DOMING: Okay. Nakeisha's 14 not available today, but I'm going to go ahead 15 and present the report. 16 MR. SALGADO: Thank you. 17 MS. DOMING: We did send out 18 March and April financials. April is the most 19 recent, so I'm going to go through the April 20 financials. So cash assets, which are in CDs 21 and our operating account, are \$1,354,515.90. 22 Our fixed assets, which includes board office 23 equipment and minus their depreciation is going 24 to give us \$13,191.00. And that's fixed assets 25 meaning that cash and equipment assets of the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">65</p> <p>1 board are \$1,371,305.90.</p> <p>2 Our current liabilities that we</p> <p>3 have, we have a laser payment due at the time of</p> <p>4 this. We also had money coming to us from the</p> <p>5 IRS. And so our current liabilities were</p> <p>6 \$7,144.99. So when you include our cash assets</p> <p>7 and our fixed assets, our total board equity is</p> <p>8 going to be \$1,378,450.89. You will also notice</p> <p>9 under equity that we started the year with</p> <p>10 \$1,623,850.52. We are in a deficit right now of</p> <p>11 \$245,399.63. As you saw in the licensure</p> <p>12 report, we've only had nearly 500 renewals, so</p> <p>13 we will probably still be processing about 1,500</p> <p>14 renewals, which will bring in half of the year's</p> <p>15 board revenue. So likely by the end of June</p> <p>16 we'll be closer to breaking even.</p> <p>17 Are there any questions?</p> <p>18 MR. SALGADO: So shall we motion</p> <p>19 just to accept this piece or wait for the full</p> <p>20 committee report?</p> <p>21 MR. AIRHIA: I so move.</p> <p>22 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second</p> <p>23 to accept the review of the approval of March</p> <p>24 and April financial report? So moved by</p> <p>25 Dr. Airhia. Is there a second?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">66</p> <p>1 DR. JOHNS: Second.</p> <p>2 MR. SALGADO: All in favor?</p> <p>3 ALL: Aye.</p> <p>4 Any opposed?</p> <p>5 Okay. The motion passes.</p> <p>6 Next, we have a board resolution</p> <p>7 to contract with Daigle Fisse & Kessenich.</p> <p>8 MS. DOMING: Yes. So</p> <p>9 Dr. Salgado and I discussed the need for another</p> <p>10 board attorney. And we collected the resumes</p> <p>11 from Ms. Sheri Morris's law firm. As you all</p> <p>12 know, you've met her the last few board</p> <p>13 meetings. She has been providing general</p> <p>14 counsel at those board meetings. We do need to</p> <p>15 offer a contract because we're going to exceed</p> <p>16 the \$5,000 allotted this year in terms of what</p> <p>17 the State allows you to pay without a contract.</p> <p>18 So we'd like to offer a board resolution to</p> <p>19 contract with her for \$10,000 a year. And the</p> <p>20 last email we sent out, we provided her resume.</p> <p>21 I also have her resume here.</p> <p>22 She has provided services to</p> <p>23 many state agencies. She's got a lot of</p> <p>24 experience. You know, you have met her. She's</p> <p>25 attended quite a few board meetings so you had</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">67</p> <p>1 some experience with her. And so are there any</p> <p>2 questions or concerns?</p> <p>3 Like I said, Dr. Salgado and I</p> <p>4 consulted about this, and we felt that we could</p> <p>5 move it forward to the board for a resolution.</p> <p>6 MR. SALGADO: Is there a motion</p> <p>7 to accept the resolution to contract with Fisse</p> <p>8 & Kessenich?</p> <p>9 MR. AIRHIA: I so move.</p> <p>10 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second?</p> <p>11 MR. NASH: Second.</p> <p>12 MR. SALGADO: All in favor?</p> <p>13 ALL: Aye.</p> <p>14 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed?</p> <p>15 Okay. Great. The motion</p> <p>16 passes.</p> <p>17 And so any comments from the</p> <p>18 public?</p> <p>19 Am I to read the resolution?</p> <p>20 MS. DOMING: In full, please.</p> <p>21 MR. SALGADO: I will read the</p> <p>22 resolution in full.</p> <p>23 So the Louisiana LPC Board of</p> <p>24 Examiners' resolution is the following: The</p> <p>25 following motion and resolution was offered by</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">68</p> <p>1 Foley Nash, who moved for its adoption, and</p> <p>2 seconded by Earnest Airhia, at the May 19th,</p> <p>3 2023 meeting of the Louisiana Licensed</p> <p>4 Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, the</p> <p>5 board.</p> <p>6 Whereas the board is in need of</p> <p>7 legal representation during the course of</p> <p>8 exercising the board's obligation to protect the</p> <p>9 public, and whereas the board requires more than</p> <p>10 one attorney due to possible conflicts of</p> <p>11 interest, and whereas the board requires an</p> <p>12 attorney to represent the board in formal and</p> <p>13 informal disciplinary matters, and whereas the</p> <p>14 board agrees to remit payment of services in the</p> <p>15 following matter: \$225 an hour for legal advice</p> <p>16 and assistance as general counsel and regarding</p> <p>17 disciplinary matters by Sheri M. Morris or</p> <p>18 attorney with more than ten years of experience.</p> <p>19 \$175 an hour for legal advice and assistance as</p> <p>20 general counsel and regarding disciplinary</p> <p>21 matters by attorneys with between five and ten</p> <p>22 years of experience. \$150 an hour for legal</p> <p>23 advice and assistance as general counsel and</p> <p>24 regarding disciplinary matters by attorneys</p> <p>25 between three to five years experience. \$125 an</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">69</p> <p>1 hour for legal advice and assistance as general 2 counsel and regarding disciplinary matters by 3 attorneys with less than three years of 4 experience. \$60 an hour for paralegal services. 5 \$40 an hour for law clerk services. 6 Whereas the board, a self-funded 7 agency, ensures the funds required to obtain 8 legal services for fiscal year '23-'24 and 9 whereas this resolution shall take effect 10 immediately. 11 Therefore, be it resolved that 12 the Louisiana Licensed Professional Board of 13 Examiners pursuant to Louisiana RS42262 does 14 hereby retain and employ Daigle Fisse & 15 Kessenich as special legal and general counsel. 16 Be it further resolved, that 17 this resolution and proposed contract described 18 herein be submitted to the Attorney General for 19 the state of Louisiana for approval. 20 The resolution having been 21 submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as 22 follows: 23 If you could raise your hands in 24 terms of the ayes so I could -- nays, zero and 25 an absent.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">70</p> <p>1 We had four, correct? 2 MS. DOMING: Yes, that's 3 correct. 4 MR. SALGADO: And were there 5 eight -- anyone abstain from the vote? 6 So we had seven ayes, zero nays, 7 four absent and no one abstained. 8 Whereupon the resolution was 9 declared adapted by Louisiana Licensed 10 Professional Counselors Board of Examiners on 11 May 19, 2023. I, Roy Salgado Junior, chair of 12 the Louisiana Licensed Professional Board of 13 Examiners hereby certify the above and foregoing 14 to be a true and exact copy of a resolution 15 adopted by the said board at its meeting held 16 May 19, 2023, in which a quorum was present and 17 the same has not been revoked, rescinded, or 18 altered in any matter, and is in full force and 19 effect. 20 Witness my hand this 19th day of 21 May, 2023. 22 Thank you all very much. And so 23 now is there a motion to accept the budget 24 committee report in its entirety? 25 MR. AIRHIA: Sorry about that.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">71</p> <p>1 Make sure I'm the one who moved. He seconded 2 it. 3 MR. SALGADO: That's right. 4 MR. AIRHIA: Okay. I move to 5 accept. 6 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second? 7 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: I'll 8 second. 9 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 10 ALL: Aye. 11 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed? 12 Okay. Thank you very much. 13 We now move on to the executive 14 director report. 15 MS. DOMING: Yes. So since our 16 last board meeting in March, you'll see that 17 some of the items that were completed over the 18 last few months, those were committee meetings 19 and preparation of the meetings, state reports. 20 You can see there's a list of state reports that 21 were completed. We had team meetings, general 22 staff support. I did attend an LRC 23 (phonetically) meeting and presented finalized 24 rules. 25 This week, which I want to thank</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">72</p> <p>1 (inaudible) for being in the office, especially 2 this week to help out with the board meeting, 3 because I went and trained to receive the 4 Advanced National Investigator Certification, 5 which I did pass and I received that 6 certification. Preparation for the weekly 7 Counselors Compact Commission meetings. The new 8 PAP handbook, new office policies and procedure 9 handbooks. I will say given the time, there's 10 been a lot more time devoted to policies and 11 procedures within the office. 12 As you know, over the last three 13 or four years, there have been many changes just 14 moving from paper to not being on paper. The 15 website, the way that we're handling finances 16 all online now, so writing some of those 17 policies out so any of my predecessors will have 18 a nice, fat policy. 19 MR. AIRHIA: Are you going to 20 leave? 21 MS. DOMING: No. Not at all. 22 But I'm letting you know there's a nice, fat 23 policies and procedures now that is in our 24 Dropbox. 25 So legislative updates and</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">73</p> <p>1 concerns from constituents, website updates. I 2 did update some of the marriage and family 3 information on the website about the LPC Board. 4 I included all of our rules summaries on the 5 websites. So if anyone's ever interested on 6 when a rule was promulgated over the last six or 7 seven years, that is now there. You can read 8 that rule summary. 9 Home page updates. I did want 10 financials and deposits. The QuickBooks, 11 deposits, recordkeeping, accounts payable, 12 authorized reports and reconciliations. And 13 then, of course, discipline, which is the bulk. 14 Notification letters, response 15 letters, corresponding with Jim, reviewing the 16 cases and consent agreements. 17 Do you have any questions? 18 Raelene, do you want to -- I'm 19 sorry, I'm moving on. 20 MR. SALGADO: Any questions? 21 Comments? From the general public? 22 Is there a motion to accept the 23 executive director report as presented? 24 MR. NASH: So moved. 25 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">74</p> <p>1 MR. REYNAUD: I second. 2 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 3 ALL: Aye. 4 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed? 5 The motion passes and the 6 executive director report has been accepted. 7 And now the deputy director 8 report. 9 MS. LUNDIN: All right. So I 10 did another applicant orientation. I did that 11 for ULL. Still waiting to hear from you. 12 MR. SALGADO: Okay. 13 MS. LUNDIN: A couple of state 14 reports. Completed the property manager 15 training for state, which was super fun. We did 16 the final rule submission for the name change 17 fee and internship requirement. Those should be 18 final next month. PAP work, PAP meetings, 19 correspondence with PAP participants and our 20 monitoring program. 21 Licensure committee meetings. 22 Notice of intent to deny letters and licensure 23 hearing preparation. Y'all will have fun in 24 July since we had to postpone everybody. So 25 discipline notification letters for licensees</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">75</p> <p>1 with reported charges. Review of rap sheets 2 received. HR work for civil service. Staff 3 payroll expense reports. 4 LPC renewal started beginning of 5 April, so sending out newsletters for those 6 individuals. Just general licensee 7 correspondence through phone and emails. PAP 8 support and team meetings. And, finally, four 9 contracts and required documentation submitted 10 to the State for approval. 11 MR. SALGADO: Any questions or 12 comments with regard to the deputy director 13 report? And, yes, you will be hearing from me. 14 We have graduation Sunday, so I will put an 15 email out tonight to my chair, Dr. Carlin White. 16 I will probably be contacting you Monday to see 17 if we can set something up in the next couple of 18 weeks. 19 All right. Anything from the 20 public? 21 MR. SALGADO: Is there a motion 22 to accept the deputy director report? 23 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: I'll move. 24 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second? 25 MS. BUTLER: I'll second.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">76</p> <p>1 MR. SALGADO: All in favor? 2 ALL: Aye. 3 MR. SALGADO: Any opposed? 4 The motion passes. Thank you 5 very much. 6 And we have full business, so 7 the 221 statements were due May 15th, 2023, so 8 that was this past Monday. Just putting that 9 out there. 10 And new business. The next 11 board meeting is going to be the 21st, so anyone 12 plans on being here at that meeting -- because 13 we've stated I will not be here. I will be in 14 Virginia. So Dr. Laura Fazio-Griffith will be 15 chairing that meeting. 16 And Dr. Airhia, you'll be where? 17 MR. AIRHIA: I will not be here. 18 I will be somewhere else. 19 MR. SALGADO: And you'll also 20 be -- 21 MS. JOHNS: I'll be back then. 22 MS. TROGDEN: July 21st? 23 MR. SALGADO: July 21, yes. 24 Hopefully, we will have a quorum. 25 MS. DOMING: And if I hear</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">77</p> <p>1 anything different, I will let you know as soon 2 as I know. I would imagine we would still be 3 able to host a board meeting. It's more of a 4 concern about the licensure hearings. 5 DR. JOHNS: I don't count for 6 the licensure hearings. 7 MS. DOMING: You do for LMFT, 8 so. 9 MR. AIRHIA: I really wanted to 10 ask something in the new business concerning 11 LASACT. I know LASACT will be having a 12 conference, I think, next month -- next two 13 months, July 29th, I believe. And I want to see 14 how we can be able to collaborate with them. I 15 know it has been a tug or war somehow to see -- 16 I also told (inaudible) before to see how we 17 could collaborate. Because I think we 18 (inaudible) ourselves in this community, 19 especially in Louisiana. Because there are 20 things that we do as (inaudible). And the 21 (inaudible) also do things that can also help. 22 And also FCCs and LSEs. The quite number of 23 people, about 400 and something is computed. 24 So they've been having this type 25 of program for a very long time, especially the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">78</p> <p>1 problem of LDCs not being able to diagnose and 2 they say "rendering the diagnoses." And that 3 word, "rendering diagnoses," just for me, very 4 vague. And if they contact you guys, especially 5 you, because they know you very well. 6 MS. DOMING: I talked to Lauren 7 on occasion. 8 MR. AIRHIA: They want us to be 9 in the meeting, so we can support them. Because 10 LDA, which is (inaudible) body that moves for 11 the petitions and training, they really need 12 backup people to help them out. So I'm just 13 asking if the time comes (inaudible) to the 14 legislators, if we can also support them for 15 them to be able to get to where we've been. 16 Because we know we've been going through this a 17 very long time. It was a big fight. 18 I also talked to Dr. Adrian 19 already. (Inaudible) 20 MS. DOMING: Just reach out and 21 let me know, and I'll reach out. 22 MR. AIRHIA: Thanks. 23 MR. SALGADO: Any other new 24 business or anything you would like to bring up 25 in this open forum?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">79</p> <p>1 MS. DOMING: We did discuss -- 2 I'll just bring this up -- reducing licensure 3 committees for LPCs and LBCs (phonetically). I 4 don't know if we want to go ahead and put that 5 in the minutes that we're going to -- that you 6 want to propose the rules committee to be a 7 committee of two. 8 MR. SALGADO: The rules 9 committee to be -- 10 MS. DOMING: The licensure. The 11 LPC Licensure Committee to be a committee of 12 two. You all can meet and make your decisions. 13 I don't think we can make that proposal since 14 you didn't have a meeting this morning for your 15 committee. I don't think you were in on -- when 16 we were discussing this. 17 We aren't able to make quorum 18 because there are large committees for licensure 19 for LMFT and LPC. So if somebody's absent, it's 20 very difficult to make a quorum. So the LPC 21 Licensure Committee has discussed reducing the 22 committee to two. 23 MR. SALGADO: Because if there's 24 two people absent from the overall general board 25 and it happens to serve on licensure</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">80</p> <p>1 committees -- no, no, no, no, no. Just -- 2 currently -- currently, we have so many on the 3 LDC side and the LMFT side, when two people are 4 absent, there's not enough to be able to form a 5 quorum for a hearing. And so by removing one 6 person from each committee, if you will, it 7 allows that space to be able to meet the quorum 8 for a hearing, so. 9 MR. REYNAUD: Also asking that 10 the MFT side to be reduced to two from four 11 currently. 12 MS. DOMING: Do we want to wait 13 until you meet -- 14 MR. REYNAUD: No. I just wanted 15 to clarify. 16 MR. SALGADO: So right now is 17 there a motion for the board to accept the 18 licensure committee to reduce the licensure 19 committee from the current member number of 20 three board members serving licensure committee 21 down to two, to offer that opportunity for 22 quorum for hearings, is there a motion? 23 DR. FAZIO-GRIFFITH: I'll move. 24 MR. NASH: Second. 25 MR. SALGADO: The motion passes.</p>

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1 Thank you very much.
 2 And so I suppose that at the
 3 next meeting we will hear a similar motion once
 4 the LMFT committee has met.
 5 I thank you all once again for
 6 your time and service. Is there a motion to
 7 adjourn?
 8 MR. AIRHIA: I move to adjourn
 9 so I can go back to New Orleans.
 10 MR. SALGADO: Is there a second?
 11 MS. BUTLER: I second.
 12 MR. SALGADO: All in favor?
 13 ALL: Aye.
 14 MR. SALGADO: Wonderful. You
 15 all have a great weekend.
 16 (Board meeting concluded at 1:33 p.m.)
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