

Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners
March 17th, 2023
Board Meeting
LPC Board Office, Baton Rouge, LA
Approved

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by R Salgado at 12:00pm. N Pierce took the roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Members Present:

R Salgado
L Fazio-Griffith
N Pierce
A Hays
E Johns
K Hebert
K Tyner
F Nash
E Airhia
C Butler

Members Absent:

M Reynaud

Staff Present:

J Doming
R Lundin

Guests Present:

J Raines
S Morris
A Lowe
J Anderson
D Dobbins
T Clemons

Agenda

K Tyner motions to accept the agenda. K Hebert seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

LPC Licensure Hearings for Applicants Scheduled to Appear

Treasure Clemons <<see court report minutes>>

LMFT Licensure Hearings for Applicants Scheduled to Appear

Rhoda Britton <<see court report minutes>>

LPC Licensure Hearings for Applicants not Scheduled to Appear

Presented by J Raines. Board Members recused from LPC licensure hearings: E Johns, L Fazio-Griffith, and R Salgado.

Sharon Ellison case presented by J Raines. N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Sharon Ellison. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Catrice DeGruy case presented by J Raines N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Catrice DeGruy. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Rosalind Riley case presented by J Raines N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Rosalind Riley. A Hays seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Cynthia Williams case presented by J Raines N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Cynthia Williams. C Butler seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Kenyette Gaines case presented by J Raines N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Kenyette Gaines. A Hays seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Amy Jacobs case presented by J Raines N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Amy Jacobs. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Lori Singleton case presented by J Raines N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Lori Singleton. C Butler seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

No Public Comments.

Board Meeting Minutes

A Hays motions to accept the January Board Meeting minutes. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report: K Tyner, N Pierce, R Salgado, J Doming, J Raines

J Raines presents Consent Agreement #20/21-144, PLPC #PLC7936. N Pierce motions to accept Consent Agreement #22/23-31. F Nash seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Disciplinary Affairs Report presented by R Salgado.

Unofficial Complaints Received since January 15, 2023:

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| 1. 22/23-140 | Threatening Behavior |
| 2. 22/23-141 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 3. 22/23-142 | Test |
| 4. 22/23-144 | Unethical Behavior |
| 5. 22/23-148 | Not a Complaint |
| 6. 22/23-149 | Fraudulent Billing |
| 7. 22/23-156 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 8. 22/23-158 | Unethical Behavior |
| 9. 22/23-159 | Unethical Behavior |
| 10. 22/23-161 | Unethical Behavior |
| 11. 22/23-162 | Unethical Behavior |
| 12. 22/23-163 | Unethical Behavior |
| 13. 22/23-165 | Not Assigned to a Complaint |
| 14. 22/23-167 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 15. 22/23-171 | Unethical Behavior |
| 16. 22/23-172 | Unethical Behavior |
| 17. 22/23-173 | Unethical Behavior |

Official Complaints Received since January 15, 2023:

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| 1. 22/23-135 | Patient Abandonment |
| 2. 22/23-136 | Inappropriate Relationship/Abandonment |
| 3. 22/23-137 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 4. 22/23-138 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 5. 22/23-139 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 6. 22/23-143 | Substance Abuse |
| 7. 22/23-145 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 8. 22/23-146 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 9. 22/23-147 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 10. 22/23-150 | Unethical Conduct |
| 11. 22/23-151 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 12. 22/23-152 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 13. 22/23-153 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 14. 22/23-154 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 15. 22/23-155 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 16. 22/23-157 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 17. 22/23-160 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 18. 22/23-164 | Unethical Behavior |
| 19. 22/23-166 | Unethical Behavior |

20. 22/23-168	Failure to Disclose*
21. 22/23-169	Unethical Behavior
22. 22/23-170	Unethical Behavior
23. 22/23-174	Unethical Behavior
24. 22/23-175	Confidentiality/Unprofessional Behavior
25. 22/23-176	Unprofessional Behavior

Cases to Open:

1. 22/23-135	Patient Abandonment
2. 22/23-136	Inappropriate Relationship/Abandonment
3. 22/23-141	Unprofessional Behavior
4. 22/23-143	Substance Abuse
5. 22/23-144	Unethical Behavior
6. 22/23-145	Unprofessional Behavior
7. 22/23-146	Unprofessional Behavior
8. 22/23-149	Fraudulent Billing
9. 22/23-150	Unethical Conduct
10. 22/23-151	Failure to Disclose*
11. 22/23-152	Failure to Disclose*
12. 22/23-153	Failure to Disclose*
13. 22/23-154	Failure to Disclose*
14. 22/23-155	Failure to Disclose*
15. 22/23-157	Unprofessional Behavior
16. 22/23-158	Dual Relationship
17. 22/23-159	Unethical Behavior
18. 22/23-162	Unethical Behavior
19. 22/23-164	Unethical Behavior
20. 22/23-166	Unethical Behavior
21. 22/23-167	Unprofessional Behavior
22. 22/23-168	Failure to Disclose*
23. 22/23-169	Unethical Behavior

Cases to Close:

1. 17/18-1	Fraudulent Billing
2. 17/18-27	Medicaid Fraud
3. 18/19-71	Fraud*
4. 18/19-79	Unethical Conduct
5. 19/20-51	Unlawful Practice

6. 20/21-60	Unreported Arrest*
7. 20/21-83	Unreported Charges*
8. 20/21-86	Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct
9. 20/21-109	Unethical Conduct
10. 21/22-91	Failure to Provide Care
11. 21/22-92	Failure to Provide Care
12. 21/22-152	Unreported Arrest*
13. 22/23-58	Unprofessional Behavior
14. 22/23-59	Unethical Behavior
15. 22/23-60	Unethical Behavior
16. 22/23-62	Abandonment/Records
17. 22/23-64	Unprofessional Behavior
18. 22/23-69	Unethical Behavior
19. 22/23-70	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
20. 22/23-74	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
21. 22/23-75	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
22. 22/23-76	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
23. 22/23-77	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
24. 22/23-79	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
25. 22/23-82	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
26. 22/23-85	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
27. 22/23-98	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
28. 22/23-99	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
29. 22/23-101	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*
30. 22/23-113	Unethical Behavior
31. 22/23-118	Renewed Without Meeting Requirements*

Complaints to Dismiss:

1. 20/21-135	Unprofessional Behavior/Confidentiality
2. 20/21-137	Practicing without a license
3. 21/22-106	Not Licensed/Confidentiality
4. 22/23 -32	Unprofessional/Unethical Behavior
5. 22/23-42	Unprofessional Behavior
6. 22/23-35	Unprofessional Conduct
7. 22/23-54	Unethical Behavior
8. 22/23-65	False Application*
9. 22/23-105	Practicing Without a License
10. 22/23-108	Unreported Arrest*
11. 22/23-110	Unreported Arrest*

12. 22/23-112	Unreported Arrest*
13. 22/23-114	Inappropriate Relationship
14. 22/23-117	Unprofessional Behavior
15. 22/23-129	Failure to Disclose*
16. 22/23-137	Unprofessional Behavior
17. 22/23-138	Unprofessional Behavior
18. 22/23-139	Unprofessional Behavior
19. 22/23-140	Threatening Behavior
20. 22/23-142	Test
21. 22/23-147	Unprofessional Behavior
22. 22/23-148	Not a Valid Complaint
23. 22/23-156	Unprofessional Behavior
24. 22/23-160	Failure to Disclose*
25. 22/23-161	Duplicate Complaint
26. 22/23-163	Unprofessional Behavior
27. 22/23-165	Not assigned to Complaint
28. 22/23-170	Unethical Behavior
29. 22/23-171	Illegal Behavior
30. 22/23-174	Unethical Behavior

TOTAL OPEN CASES TO DATE: 131

Consent Agreements: 20/21-144

Overdue Responses:
 20/21-91
 20/21-107
 21/22-73
 22/23-19

N Pierce motions to accept the Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report. A Hays seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

Committee on Legislative Affairs Report: E Airhia, K Hebert

J Doming states that Wyoming and Arkansas have recently joined the Counseling Compact. No report from LCA.

E Airhia motions to accept the Committee on Legislative Affairs Report. A Hays seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report- LPC: L Fazio-Griffith, A Johns, R Salgado

The LPC Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report presented by L Fazio-Griffith

Total Number of LPC Applications Reviewed:				
February & March 2023				
Application	Feb	Mar	Expedited	Total
LPC Application for Licensure	10	8	16	34
<i>32 Approved; 2 Need Additional Information</i>				
LPC Endorsement Application	7	5	5	17
<i>16 Approved; 1 Need Additional Information</i>				
PLPC Application (Section 1, 2, 3)	18	42	63	123
<i>106 Approved; 14 Intent to Deny; 2 Incomplete; 1 Need Additional Information</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 1 Only	1	1	0	2
<i>2 Intent to Deny</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 1 and 2 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 2 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 2 and 3 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 3 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
LPC Supervisor Application	7	8	6	21
<i>21 Approved</i>				
Appraisal Privilege	1	0	1	2
<i>2 Approved</i>				
PLPC: Change/Add Supervisor	14	6	0	20
<i>20 Approved</i>				
PLPC Practice Setting Updates	41	38	0	79
<i>79 Approved</i>				
PLPC Audited Renewal Approvals				10
PLPC Standard Renewal Approvals				0
LPC Audited Renewal Approvals				2
LPC Standard Renewal Approvals				0
Telehealth Approvals				61
Total LPC Applications Reviewed	99	108	91	371
<i>Expedited: Totals from Approvals from 1/18/2022-3/14/2023</i>				

L Fazio-Griffith motions to accept the LPC Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report. E Johns seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

Committee on Licensure/Supervision- LMFT: A Hays, K Tyner, F Nash

The LMFT Committee on Licensure/Supervision Report presented by F Nash.

Total Number of LMFT Applications Reviewed:				
February & March 2023				
Application	Feb	Mar	Expedited	Total
LMFT Application for Licensure	2	1	0	3
<i>3 Approved</i>				
LMFT Endorsement Application	1	0	1	2
<i>2 Approved</i>				
PLMFT Application (Section 1, 2, 3)	2	2	3	7
<i>6 Approved; 1 Intent to Deny</i>				
PLMFT Application: Section 1 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLMFT Application: Section 2 and 3 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLMFT: Change/Add Supervisor	1	0	0	1
<i>1 Approved</i>				
PLMFT Practice Setting Updates	5	1	0	6
<i>6 Approved</i>				
LMFT Supervisor	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
LMFT Supervisor Candidate	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLMFT Audited Renewal Approvals				4
PLMFT Standard Renewal Approvals				0
LMFT Audited Renewal Approvals				3
LMFT Standard Renewal Approvals				0
Total LMFT Applications Reviewed	11	4	4	26
<i>Expedited: Totals from Approvals from 1/18/2022-3/14/2023</i>				

The board has received 6 requests to take the NMFTE. A total of 3 individuals took the exam. 2 Passed, 1 Failed.

K Tyner motions to approve the LMFT Committee on Licensure/Supervision Report. A Hays seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report: K Tyner, F Nash, A Hays

K Tyner presents the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee report. Dr. Tyner was reappointed by the Governor, and we have received a new appointment for C Guillotte's position. Mark Reynaud has been appointed but is unable to attend the meeting. The LAMFT conference is virtual this year. MFTAC will have the Board update on Thursday and then present supervision course. E Johns motions to accept the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report. E Airhia seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

Rules Committee

L Fazio-Griffith presents cultural competency continuing education requirement. Correspondence received and a meeting were held with Dr. Deatrice Green. There are currently two states that require cultural competency continuing education. New Jersey who requires 2 hours and Oregon who required 4 hours. Play Therapy also requires hours in cultural competency. The Rules Committee would like to have discussion and approval to consider drafting a rule proposal to require licensees to complete continuing education hours in cultural competency. These continuing education hours are already available and there are plenty of opportunities to obtain these hours. E Airhia expressed his support for the update but indicated that the timeframe is too long. J Doming went over the rule promulgation timeframe. A Hay stated that it would encompass LPC and LMFT continuing education requirements. L Fazio-Griffith motions to allow Rules Committee to draft continuing education requirements regarding cultural competency. F Nash seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Committee on Professional Assistance Program Report: E Airhia, L Fazio-Griffith

Committee on Professional Assistance Program Report presented by E Airhia. The committee currently has 6 active cases and 2 pending cases. PAP 30 recently requested to be dropped from program. E Johns motions to accept the Committee on Professional Assistance Program Report. A Hays seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

Committee on Budget Report: N Pierce, R Salgado, J Doming

Presented by J Doming. Review and Approval of December 2022, January, and February 2023 Financial Report. N Pierce motions to approve the Committee on Budget report. E Airhia seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Board Resolution to contract with BSW presented by R Salgado. R Salgado motions for this adoption and seconded by K Tyner. The resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Not voting: 1

J Doming stated that the Board will need to look for a second attorney as the state requires a contract once compensation gets to \$5000.

No public comments.

Executive Director Report: J Doming

Presented by J Doming

Discipline Work: Notification Letters, Correspondence w/Jim Raines; Reviewed Multiple Cases, Informal conferences and meetings, Disciplinary committee meeting and preparation; State Reports: Risk Property Exposure Report, Risk Exposure Mileage Report, Act 66 Report; Boards and Commissions report and updates; Website updates; Attended LCA Board Meeting and provided updates; Fiscal Economic Impact Statements for rules promulgation; Multiple Counseling Compact Commission meetings; American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) Conference (Welcome to our state; Counseling Compact progress); Atkinson Firm one day Conference for Louisiana regulators; Met with the bi-partisan policy institute re: teletherapy at the federal level; Monthly Team meetings and Administrative Support; Board Meeting Preparation/Committee Meetings; Preparation for the LAMFT Conference board update presentation; Financials and Deposits: QuickBooks management, Deposit preparation and record keeping, Accounts Payable , Authorize.net reports and reconciliations.

A Hays motions to accept the Executive Director report. E Johns seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

Deputy Director Report: R Lundin

Presented by R Lundin

New Applicant Orientation for Southeastern University and Louisiana State University students; State Reports: ACT 486 (Applicants w/ criminal record), ACT 270 (Sexual Harassment Complaints), ACT 483 (Renewals & New Licenses by Parish); Attended Rule Making Conference; Rules Notice of Intent: Name Change Fee & COAMFTE Internship Requirement; PAP Work: PAP meeting, Correspondence with PAP participants and Assurance Recovery Monitoring; Licensure Committee Meetings; Notice of Intent to Deny Letters; Discipline notification letters for licensees with unreported charges; Reviewed Rapsheets received; HR work for Civil Service; Staff Payroll; Expense Reports; General Licensee Correspondence via email and phone calls; Staff support and team meetings.

E Johns motions to accept the Executive Director report. A Hays seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

New Business

LAMFT Conference: March 23-25, 2023.

Tier 2.1 Statements due May 15, 2023.

Next Board Meeting: Date/Time May 19, 2023, at 12:00pm.

E Airhia motions to adjourn. E Johns seconds. The Board Meeting adjourns at 1:30 p.m.