

Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners
September 15, 2023
Board Meeting
LPC Board Office, Baton Rouge, LA
Approved

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
E Airhia
A Hays
K Hebert
E Dossaji
K Tyner
F Nash
C Butler
M Reynaud

Staff Present:

J Doming
R Lundin

Guests Present:

J Raines
A Lowe
S Morris
A Trogden
B Holmes
C Dawson
M Hamilton
A Lee
B Hogeland
P Au-Earls
R Miller-Reed
B Moreau
D Dobbins
B Vidrine

Agenda

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

LPC Licensure Hearings for Applicants Scheduled to Appear

Beverly Holmes <<see court reporter minutes>>

Pui Yu Au-Earls <<see court reporter minutes>>

LMFT Licensure Hearings for Applicants Scheduled to Appear

Michael Hamilton <<see court reporter minutes>>

LPC Licensure Hearings for Applicants not Scheduled to Appear

Presented by J Raines. Board Members recused from LPC licensure Hearings: E Dossaji and L Fazio-Griffith.

Howard Clifton <<see court reporter minutes>>

Chasity Davis <<see court reporter minutes>>

Dana Neveu <<see court reporter minutes>>

Charlotte Gilmore <<see court reporter minutes>>

Lauren Parish <<see court reporter minutes>>

LMFT Licensure Hearings for Applicants not Scheduled to Appear

Samantha Jaffe <<see court reporter minutes>>

Board Meeting Minutes

N Pierce motions to accept the July Board Meeting minutes. A Hays 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 #22/23-124, PLPC #PLC9244. F Nash motions to accept Consent Agreement #22/23-124. N Pierce seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

J Raines presents Consent Agreement #22/23-116, PLPC #PLC8331. K Tyner motions to accept Consent Agreement #22/23-116. A Hays seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

J Raines presents Consent Agreement #22/23-152, LMFT, #MFT357. N Pierce motions to accept Consent Agreement #22/23-152. E Dossaji seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

J Rains presents Consent Agreement #22/23-38, PLPC #PLC9022. F Nash motions to accept Consent Agreement #22/23-38. A Hays seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Disciplinary Affairs Report presented by R Salgado.

Unofficial Complaints Received since: 7/21/2023

1. 23/24-20 Unethical Behavior*
2. 23/24-21 Unethical Behavior
3. 23/24-25 Unethical Behavior
4. 23/24-27 Unethical Behavior
5. 23/24-29 Unprofessional Behavior
6. 23/24-30 Unethical Behavior
7. 23/24-36 Unethical Behavior
8. 23/24-38 Unethical Behavior
9. 23/24-46 Unethical Behavior
10. 23/24-49 Failure to Disclose*
11. 23/24-50 Failure to Disclose*
12. 23/24-51 Failure to Disclose*
13. 23/24-52 Failure to Disclose*
14. 23/24-53 Failure to Disclose*
15. 23/24-54 Failure to Disclose*

Official Complaints Received since: 7/21/2023

1. 23/24-19 Unethical Behavior
2. 23/24-22 Unethical Behavior
3. 23/24-23 Unethical Behavior
4. 23/24-24 Unethical Behavior
5. 23/24-26 Unethical Behavior
6. 23/24-28 Unethical Behavior
7. 23/24-31 Unethical Behavior
8. 23/24-32 Unethical Behavior
9. 23/24-33 Unethical Behavior
10. 23/24-34 Unethical Billing Practices
11. 23/24-35 Practicing Unlicensed
12. 23/24-37 Unethical Behavior
13. 23/24-39 Unethical Behavior
14. 23/24-40 Unethical Behavior
15. 23/24-41 Substance Abuse
16. 23/24-42 Practicing without a License
17. 23/24-43 Violation of PLPC Rules
18. 23/24-44 Unethical Behavior
19. 23/24-45 Unethical Behavior
20. 23/24-47 Unprofessional Behavior
21. 23/24-48 HIPAA Violation
22. 23/24-55 Unethical Behavior

Cases to Open:

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| 1. 23/24-5 | Unethical Behavior |
| 2. 23/24-6 | Unreported Arrest |
| 3. 23/24-7 | Unreported Arrest |
| 4. 23/24-8 | Unreported Arrest |
| 5. 23/24-9 | Unreported Arrest |
| 6. 23/24-10 | Unreported Arrest |
| 7. 23/24-11 | Unreported Arrest |
| 8. 23/24-12 | Unreported Arrest |
| 9. 23/24-13 | Unreported Arrest |
| 10. 23/24-16 | Unreported Arrest |
| 11. 23/24-17 | Unethical Behavior |
| 12. 23/24-19 | Unethical Behavior |
| 13. 23/24-20 | Unethical Behavior |
| 14. 23/24-22 | Unethical Behavior |
| 15. 23/24-23 | Unethical Behavior |
| 16. 23/24-24 | Unethical Behavior |
| 17. 23/24-26 | Unethical Behavior |
| 18. 23/24-27 | Unethical Behavior |
| 19. 23/24-28 | Unethical Behavior |
| 20. 23/24-29 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 21. 23/24-31 | Unethical Behavior |
| 22. 23/24-32 | Unethical Behavior |
| 23. 23/24-33 | Unethical Behavior |
| 24. 23/24-34 | Unethical Billing Practices |
| 25. 23/24-35 | Practicing Unlicensed |
| 26. 23/24-37 | Unethical Behavior |
| 27. 23/24-40 | Unethical Behavior |
| 28. 23/24-41 | Substance Abuse |
| 29. 23/24-43 | Violation of PLPC Rules |
| 30. 23/24-44 | Unethical Behavior |
| 31. 23/24-51 | Failure to Disclose* |

Cases to Close:

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| 1. 22/23-144 | Unethical Behavior |
| 2. 22/23-146 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 3. 22/23-196 | Fraudulent Activity |
| 4. 22/23-198 | Fraudulent Activity |
| 5. 22/23- 200 | Non-compliance MOU |
| 6. 22/23-201 | Unreported Arrest* |
| 7. 22/23-202 | Unreported Arrest* |
| 8. 22/23-211 | Unreported Arrest* |
| 9. 22/23-281 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 10. 22/23-231 | Unreported Arrest* |
| 11. 22/23-232 | Unreported Arrest* |

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| 12. 22/23-238 | Confidentiality |
| 13. 22/23-240 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 14. 22/23-259 | Unethical Behavior |
| 15. 22/23-260 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 16. 22/23-261 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 17. 23/24-1 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 18. 23/24-11 | Unreported Arrest* |
| 19. 23/24-16 | Unreported Arrest* |
| 20. 23/24-29 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 21. 23/24-54 | Failure to Disclose* |

Complaints to Dismiss:

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| 1. 22/23-209 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 2. 22/23- 210 | Unethical Behavior |
| 3. 23/24-21 | Unethical Behavior |
| 4. 23/24-25 | Unethical Behavior |
| 5. 23/24-30 | Unethical Behavior |
| 6. 23/24-36 | Unethical Behavior |
| 7. 23/24-38 | Unethical Behavior |
| 8. 23/24-39 | Unethical Behavior |
| 9. 23/24-45 | Unethical Behavior |
| 10. 23/24-54 | Unreported Arrest |
| 11. 23/24-55 | Unethical Behavior |

TOTAL OPEN CASES TO DATE: 149**Consent Agreements:**

22/23-116
 22/23-124
 22/23-152
 22/23- 37

Reinstatements:

21/22-107

Overdue Responses:

22/23-19
 22/23-78
 22/23-97
 22/23-245
 22/23-248

N Pierce motions to accept reinstatement request for 21/22-107. E Dossaji seconds. All in favor.
 No opposed.

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

Legislative updates provided by A Trogden. Counseling Compact update provided by J Doming. E Airhia motions to accept the Committee on Legislative Affairs Report. C Butler seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

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

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

Total Number of LPC Applications Reviewed:				
August & September 2023				
Application	Aug	Sept	Expedited	Total
LPC Application for Licensure	12	10	32	54
<i>52 Approved; 2 Intent to Deny</i>				
LPC Endorsement Application	4	2	2	8
<i>5 Approved, 3 Intent to Deny</i>				
PLPC Application (Section 1, 2, 3)	25	23	42	90
<i>81 Approved, 9 Intent to Deny</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 1 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
LPC Supervisor Application	12	12	7	31
<i>30 Approved, 1 Intent to Deny</i>				
Appraisal Privilege	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLPC: Change/Add Supervisor	10	12	0	22
<i>22 Approved</i>				
PLPC Practice Setting Updates	34	71	0	105
<i>105 Approved</i>				
PLPC Audited Renewal Approvals				3
PLPC Standard Renewal Approvals				32
LPC Audited Renewal Approvals				18
LPC Standard Renewal Approvals				0
Telehealth Approvals				90
Total LPC Applications Reviewed	97	130	83	453
<i>Expedited: Totals from Approvals from 7/18/2023-9/11/2023</i>				

L Fazio-Griffith presented Ethics Content Area Requirement and ACA Code of Ethics. Proposal will be reviewed by Rules Committee.

L Fazio-Griffith presented Endorsement Proposal. Board requested rationale for November Board Meeting review.

Brenda Moreau presented case to Board.

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

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

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

Total Number of LMFT Applications Reviewed:				
August & September 2023				
Application	Aug	Sept	Expedited	Total
LMFT Application for Licensure	0	0	1	1
<i>1 Approved</i>				
LMFT Endorsement Application	0	1	0	1
<i>1 Approved</i>				
PLMFT Application (Section 1, 2, 3)	2	1	0	3
<i>3 Approved</i>				
PLMFT Application: Section 1 Only	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLMFT: Change/Add Supervisor	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLMFT Practice Setting Updates	1	1	0	2
<i>2 Approved</i>				
LMFT Supervisor	1	0	0	1
<i>1 Approved</i>				
LMFT Supervisor Candidate	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLMFT Audited Renewal Approvals				0
PLMFT Standard Renewal Approvals				3
LMFT Audited Renewal Approvals				1
LMFT Standard Renewal Approvals				0
Total LMFT Applications Reviewed	4	3	1	12
<i>Expedited: Totals from Approvals from 7/18/2023-9/11/2023</i>				

The Board received 6 requests to take the NMFTE. A total of 5 individuals took the exam. 3 Passed. 2 Failed. K Tyner motions to accept 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, M Reynaud

K Tyner presents the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee report. Review of correspondence and what is considered synchronous vs asynchronous. Online = prerecorded; In-Person=Live. Online dashboards are being updated. LAMFT has requested reconsideration of national examination requirements. E Dossaji motions to accept the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee report. L Fazio-Griffith seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

Rules Committee: L Fazio-Griffith, A Hays, R Salgado, E Dossaji

Rules Committee report presented by L Fazio-Griffith. CEH requirement and supervision requirement rule update will be published in the September 20 Louisiana State Register. K Tyner motions to accept the Rules Committee report. M Reynaud seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

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

E Airhia presents the Committee on Professional Assistance Program report. PAP currently has five active participants. Licensees may self-refer to the program. E Dossaji motions to accept the Committee on Professional Assistance Program report. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

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

Committee on Budget report presented by J Doming including June Financial Report and Review of FY 23/24 and FY 24/25 budgets. E Airhia proposes a change to add additional funding for board office equipment. N Pierce motions to approve \$70K for board office equipment. K Hebert seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

Executive Director Report: J Doming

J Doming presents Executive Director Report. Discipline: Meetings; Reviewed Multiple Cases and Draft CAs, Preparation for Meeting with Committee, Reviewing complaints and writing notification letters. NBCC Conference. Weekly Compact meetings. Civil Service reporting on personnel. Submitted State Reports: SEFA, OSRAP AP Report, AFR, Risk Exposure Report, Cash Management Report, Litigation Summary Report. Website updates. Fiscal Statements for rules and presentation of rules. New Fiscal budgets and analysis of Actual Revenues and Expenses. Financials: Deposits, Accounts Payable, Authorize.net report/reconciliation. K Tyner motions to accept the Executive Director report. N Pierce seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Deputy Director Report: R Lundin

R Lundin presents Deputy Director report.

PAP Work: PAP meetings, Correspondence with PAP participants and Assurance Recovery Monitoring; Licensure Committee Meetings; Notice of Intent to Deny Letters and Licensure Hearing Preparation; Review of incoming rapsheets and filing Board-initiated complaints due to unreported charges; Staff Payroll; Expense Reports; E-Newsletters to lapsed and expired LPCs and Supervisors, provisional licensees active in renewal; tracking of these emails and excel reports; General Licensee Correspondence via email and phone calls; Staff Support; Submission of Notice of Intents for Rules. F Nash motions to accept the Deputy Director report. L Fazio-Griffith seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

New Business

Next Board Meeting: Date/Time November 17th, 2023, at 12:00pm

LCA Conference October 8-10th, Baton Rouge Crowne Plaza, Board Update on Monday 9:40 a.m.

K Tyner motions to adjourn. L Fazio-Griffith seconds. The Board Meeting adjourns at 2:10pm.