

MINUTES March 18, 2022
Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners
APPROVED

The meeting was called to order by R Salgado at 12:30 PM. N Pierce took the roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Members Present:

R Cathey
L Fazio-Griffith
K Hebert
C Guillotte
E Airhia
J Mims
F Nash
N Pierce
R Salgado
K Tyner

Members Absent:

E Johns

Guests Present:

J Raines
G Hornsby
P Paige

Guest Via Zoom:

R Taylor
M Kyser
R Kelley
V Lemott

Agenda

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

Hearings:

LPC Licensure Hearings for Applicants Scheduled to Appear:

Gaynell Hornsby
Rashida Taylor
Paulette Paige

LMFT Licensure Hearing for applicants Scheduled to Appear:

Maure Kyser

[Administrative Hearing Minutes Available upon request]

Recess

R Salgado motions to recess at 3:34 PM.

R Salgado motions to reconvene at 3:48 PM

LPC Licensure Hearings for Applicants not Scheduled to Appear

J Raines presents that there was no service on Avis Johnson and therefore will move to next applicant.

Applicants were informed by letter for opportunity of formal hearing and if they did not choose formal hearing then it will go as informal hearing and will be done by default.

Will provide a brief explanation of each case. Will review each case and then Board members will deliberate.

Delores Briscoe case presented by J Raines.

Detria Jenkins case presented by J Raines.

Dominique Elphage case presented by J Raines.

J Raines presents that there was no service on Effie Seals-Ransome.

Jacinta Jamison case presented by J Raines.

Janette Nussbaumer case presented by J Raines.

Jennifer Slavich case presented by J Raines.

Keyonia Iglus case presented by J Raines.

Latanya Franklin case presented by J Raines.

Miranda Joseph case presented by J Raines.

Shereva Lewis case presented by J Raines.

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Facts and Findings for each case presented and voted on by board members. (Administrative Hearing minutes)

R Salgado asks if there are any public comments.

V Lemott presents question about PLPC license. In predicament as some of those who have presented regarding six years.

R Salgado informs V Lemott that the Licensure Committee will present a report and there will be a time for public comments.

Board Meeting Minutes

L Fazio-Griffith motions to accept the January Board Meeting minutes. F Nash seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

E Airhia motions to amend agenda to add V Kannan to agenda for Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

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

Consent Agreement #20/21-74, 20/21-133, 20/21-158, LPC #2059 presented by J Raines.

N Pierce motions to accept Consent Agreement #20/21-74, 20/21-133, 20/21-158, LPC #2059. F Nash seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

J Raines presents V Kannan. Licensee previously had hearing approximately one year ago and currently has pending cases in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. V Kannan has agreed to suspension of license to avoid hearing. N Pierce motions to accept indefinite suspension of license while criminal cases are ongoing and must observe entire sentence. J Mims seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

R Salgado presents Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report:

Unofficial Complaints Received since January 21, 2022:

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. 21/22-98 | Unethical Behavior |
| 2. 21/22-105 | Unethical/Unprofessional Behavior |
| 3. 21/22-106 | Not licensed/Confidentiality* |
| 4. 21/22-107 | Unethical Conduct |

Official Complaints Received since January 21, 2022:

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. 21/22-94 | False Application* |
| 2. 21/22-95 | Unethical Behavior |
| 3. 21/22-96 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 4. 21/22-97 | Unethical Behavior |
| 5. 21/22-99 | Unethical Behavior |
| 6. 21/22-100 | Unethical Behavior |
| 7. 21/22-101 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 8. 21/22-102 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 9. 21/22-103 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 10. 21/22-104 | Inappropriate Relationship |
| 11. 21/22-108 | Unprofessional Conduct |
| 12. 21/22-109 | Unprofessional Conduct/Confidentiality |
| 13. 21/22-110 | Failure to Disclose |

Cases to Open:

- | | |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 1. 21/22-94 | False Application* |
| 2. 21/22-95 | Unethical Behavior |
| 3. 21/22-97 | Unethical Behavior |
| 4. 21/22-98 | Unethical Behavior |
| 5. 21/22-100 | Unethical Behavior |

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| 6. 21/22-101 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 7. 21/22-102 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 8. 21/22-103 | Failure to Disclose* |
| 9. 21/22-104 | Inappropriate Relationship |
| 10. 21/22-106 | Not Licensed/Confidentiality* |

Cases to Close:

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. 21/22-42 | Scope of Practice |
| 2. 21/22-66 | Confidentiality/HIPAA Violation |
| 3. 21/22-68 | Unethical/Unprofessional Behavior |
| 4. 21/22-85 | Unethical Behavior |
| 5. 21/22-93 | Working without License* |
| 6. 21/22-94 | False Application* |
| 7. 21/22-103 | Failure to Disclose* |

Complaints to Dismiss:

- | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 21/22-96 | Unprofessional Behavior |
| 2. 21/22-99 | Unethical Behavior |

TOTAL OPEN CASES TO DATE: 94

Consent Agreements:

20/21-74, 20/21-133, 20/21-158

Pending Legal Action:

20/21-34
20/21-60

Overdue Responses:

20/21-34
20/21-91
20/21-107
21/22-27
21/22-76

N Pierce motions to approve the Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report. F Nash seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Committee on Legislative Affairs Report: C Guillotte, J Mims, E Airhia, K Hebert, A Trogden

C Guillotte states that House Bill 582, Counseling Compact, legislation has been filed. Thorough and complex bill. Sets up separate commission that has authority to make rules. Falls under federal jurisdiction. Intent is to make licensing portable state to state. You would be licensed with home state and then privileged in other states. If there is a complaint, it shuts you down from practicing in all states. If you choose to seek licensure in a non-member state, you may apply for a single state license. Compact is expanding quickly. Need 10 states for the

commission to be formed. Board member from each state would serve on commission and will elect others. LCA is fully behind bill.

J Mims would strongly suggest making recommendation to LCA to hold public forums; however, those who are not a member of LCA, you will not receive notifications.

C Guillotte indicates that the bill does include military family provisions. Spouses can be privileged in other states without a lot of trouble.

J Mims states that Board needs to develop or consider a jurisprudence exam. If privileging in state, should be aware of our state rules and requirements.

J Doming- you can watch House Bill 582 while they are in session on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

E Airhia- bill is a work in progress but how do we take it to the next step, so all states are in unison.

R Cathey- looking at compact and it will interest those who want to make one board.

C Guillotte- LMFTs would need separate legislation to have compact.

No questions. No comments. No public comments. E Airhia motions to accept Committee on Legislative Affairs Report C Guillotte seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

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

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

Total Number of LPC Applications Reviewed:				
February 2022 & March 2022				
Application	Feb	Mar	Expedited	Total
LPC Application for Licensure	4	15	24	43
<i>39 Approved; 1 Incomplete; 3 Intent to Deny</i>				
LPC Endorsement Application	5	4	4	13
<i>11 Approved; 1 Incomplete; 1 Intent to Deny</i>				
PLPC Application (Section 1, 2, 3)	12	19	19	50
<i>40 Approved; 2 Incomplete; 8 Intent to Deny</i>				
PLPC Application: Section 1 Only	0	1	0	1
<i>0 Approved; 1 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	5	2	14
<i>14 Approved</i>				
Appraisal Privilege	1	0	0	1
<i>1 Approved</i>				
PLPC: Change/Add Supervisor	8	8	0	16
<i>16 Approved</i>				
PLPC Practice Setting Updates	27	17	0	44
<i>44 Approved</i>				
PLPC Audited Renewal Approvals				9
PLPC Standard Renewal Approvals				0
LPC Audited Renewal Approvals				3
LPC Standard Renewal Approvals				0
Telehealth Approvals				48
Total LPC Applications Reviewed	64	69	49	242
<i>Expedited: Totals from Approvals from 1/19/2022-3/15/2022</i>				

L Fazio-Griffith motions to accept the Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report. J Mims seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Public comments:

V Lemott states that she submitted an email on March 11, 2022, regarding PLPC license. Trying to see if there is anything she can do about expired license.

J Doming let her know she received an automated letter regarding a renewal date which is two years after the last renewal. The letter also stated the provisional licensee would expire effective 6 years after original date of licensure. J Doming states that her dashboard also reflected her 6-year expiration date.

V Lemott responded that the only time she uses dashboard is to upload CEHs. If she wouldn't have received an email from teletherapy training, she would not have known that provisional license had expired. Would have attempted to test again prior to January. Does not have an issue with reapplying. Only issue is with accruing the hours again when she thought she had until October to apply for licensure. Has taken exam for a total of 3 times. Does have test anxiety. Would have tested prior to January if she would have known that license was going to expire in January. Has been working with expired license from January until March has been practicing and signing as PLPC. Once she found out that her license was expired, she stopped signing as a PLPC. Never received email or mail correspondence about license expiring. Knew that her license was going to expire in 2022. Thought she was going to expire in October because that is what her licensure card displayed.

L Fazio-Griffith asks V Lemott how long she was working with an expired license.

V Lemott states that she expired in January but did not know until March and that is when she contacted the Board. At current job, works with her substance abuse credential but has signed credentials with PLPC and doing PRN work.

R Salgado states that the Board will discuss in executive session later in the meeting and that she can present her case at a hearing.

L Kelley stated that her 6 years has also passed and reapplied in January and has not received anything about an approval or denial.

R Lundin informed L Kelley that her application is being considered today and that her online dashboard will be updated following the meeting.
No further public comments.

Committee on Licensure/Supervision- LMFT: C Guillotte, R Cathey, K Tyner, F Nash

The LMFT Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report presented by C Guillotte:

Total Number of LMFT Applications Reviewed:				
February 2022 & March 2022				
Application	Feb	Mar	Expedited	Total
LMFT Application for Licensure	0	2	3	5
<i>5 Approved</i>				
LMFT Endorsement Application	0	2	0	2
<i>1 Approved; 1 Intent to Deny</i>				
PLMFT Application (Section 1, 2, 3)	0	3	1	4
<i>3 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	0	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>				
PLMFT Practice Setting Updates	2	3	0	5
<i>5 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				0
PLMFT Standard Renewal Approvals				0

LMFT Audited Renewal Approvals				0
LMFT Standard Renewal Approvals				0
Total LMFT Applications Reviewed	2	10	4	16
<i>Expedited: Totals from Approvals from 1/19/2022-3/15/2022</i>				

C Guillotte reports that one individual took the NMFTE and failed. C Guillotte motions to accept the LMFT Committee on Licensure/Supervision. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No questions or comments.

Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report: R Cathey, C Guillotte, K Tyner, F Nash

Presented by K Tyner. Discussion with Jennifer Rush about state of professional organization. AAMFT has decided not to renew LAMFT as a geographical interest network. There will be no Board, president, conference, or continuing education approval. However, J Rush and others will turn into independent operation. Lobbyist for LAMFT was let go by AAMFT but still interested in working with organization once LAMFT has things figured out.

C Guillotte has been reappointed to the Board for another term. There is a tentative replacement for R Cathey's position. Hopefully will see that for May meeting.

R Cathey states that there are other state models that have moved from AAMFT very successfully. Once state is larger than AAMFT as a while in their operations.

No questions or comments. No public comments.

C Guillotte motions to accept Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

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

Presented by E Airhia. First time that PAP has not had a lot of activity with current or new participants. PAP 25 has been dismissed due to a failure to meet the MOU requirements.

The committee proposes to deny the request of PAP 22's reinstatement based on a professional evaluation that reported she is not fit to work as an LPC.

E Airhia motions to accept the Committee on Professional Assistance Program Report. F Nash seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

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

J Doming presents January 2022 financial report.

N Pierce motions to accept financial report. C Guillotte seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

E Airhia motions to accept Board Resolution to contract with Data Systems Internationale. N Pierce. All in favor. No opposed

R Cathey motions to accept Board Resolution to contract with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed

R Cathey motions to accept Board Resolutions to contract with Tom Devillier. N Pierce seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

No public comments

Executive Director Report: J Doming

9 state reports; PAP and Discipline work; correspondence and call; website revisions; audits; hiring PT staff; LAMFT Conference; criminal records correspondence and tracking; board meeting preparation; contract negotiations; financials and deposits

No public comments.

N Pierce motions to accept Executive Director Report. F Nash seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

New Business

Tier 2.1 Annual Financial Statements Due May 15, 2022

Next Board Meeting Date/Time: May 20th, 2022, at 12:30PM

J Doming states that Board does not need to enter executive session. Individual will receive letter to have formal hearing. E Airhia motions to adjourn. C Guillotte seconds.

Board Meeting adjourns at 5:18pm.