

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 3, 2023**

A special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors was held via teleconference on March 3, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Hannah Coyt  
Amanda Grigsby  
Dr. Andrea Brooks  
Beverly Martin  
Denise Hutchins  
Dr. Charles Pemberton

**DPL STAFF**

Lyndsay Sipple, Board Administrator  
Tasha Stewart, Admin Section Supervisor  
Kristen Lawson, Commissioner

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Sara Janes, OLS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jake Roberts

**OTHER**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Coyt called the meeting to order at: 10:03 a.m.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Janes announced to visitors, including board members from related Board, that they cannot speak on behalf of their perspective boards. The role of professional boards is advocacy, and there is concern that HB 470 violates the KCA code of ethics. Ms. Janes stated that as of today's meeting, mental health provider has been removed from HB 470. She explained that other board members' speaking could violate the open meetings act, and they cannot reach out to their board to discuss. Their specific Board would need to call a special meeting and have their representative speak there.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Brooks spoke and stated the purpose of the meeting was for board members to discuss what was going on and invite other board members to see if mental health boards could have a unified front. HB 470 was out of alignment with our code of ethics, and she had a meeting with KCA and other advocacy groups and lobbying personnel. Sheila Shuster created a letter and 112 organizations have signed this letter to show their support of mental health professionals, however, KCA has not signed off on the letter yet. The Board discussed how important those advocacy groups are, and our domain is the overreach of power in HB 470 as it restricts practice. Defining the scope of practice for a counselor is our domain, and HB 470 tries to limit our scope of practice. Ms. Janes was asked if the LPC board alone can present a letter to the representatives, and she stated no, they can only send letters as an individual. Dr. Coyt was concerned that we cannot rectify the situation if we cannot speak as a Board, as HB 470 goes against "protecting the public." Dr. Brooks also questioned how this Bill affects our profession when we cannot educate the legislation and our scope of practice is trampled by legislatures. Ms. Janes stated the Board could send a notification to licensees to make them aware of

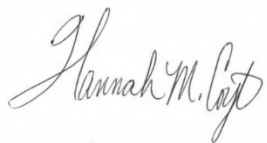
Bill. Ms. Lawson reminded the Board that the outcome is unknown. Once it is final, we can then discuss how we would handle a bill that goes against our regulation.

**PER DIEM**

Ms. Grigsby made a motion to pay per diem for today's meeting. Second by Ms. Hutchins, carried.

**ADJOURN**

Ms. Martin made a motion to adjourn at 11:09 p.m. Second by Ms. Hutchins, carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hannah M. Coyt".

Dr. Hannah Coyt, Board Chair