

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2023**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors was held via teleconference on March 17, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

DPL STAFF

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

LEGAL COUNSEL

Sara Janes, OLS

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHER

Dawn Hinton, KCA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Grigsby called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

MINUTES

- Motion by Ms. Martin to accept January 31, 2023, Special Meeting minutes. Second by Dr. Brooks and carried with Mr. Roberts recusing himself from the vote
- Motion by Dr. Pemberton to accept the February 17, 2023, Board Meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Martin, carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the February 2023 financial reports. No action is needed.

DPL REPORT

Ms. Lawson stated she would follow up in April on the review panel information presented, and the report is online and available. She also announced that we will have new staff starting April 3 to help the administrator.

NEW BUSINESS

- Application diversity information – the Board reviewed what criteria may be populated in the back office and online applications. Ms. Stewart said she would contact IT to add additional fields to our applications. The Board requested a list of options and inquired if options may be tailored to the licensee’s needs, including the ability to add more than one race. Once these changes are in place, the Board will need to gather information from existing licensees, and it was recommended to add diversity information to the annual renewal. Dr. Brooks motioned to

table the discussion until next month to gather more information. Second by Ms. Hutchins, carried.

- FAQs on the website – the committee has met several times to complete the FAQ document for the website. The Board would like to post what has been created while continuing to work on updates. The Board discussed adding a legal disclaimer to the top of the document to state it is not legal advice with appropriate links to regulations. Ms. Janes said she would create a legal disclaimer with Ms. Stewart. After adding the legal disclaimer, Dr. Pemberton motioned to add the current FAQs to the website. Second by Dr. Brooks, carried.
- HB 470 Update – HB 470 was merged into SB 150, and many changes have been proposed. Changes had to be submitted by midnight on 3/16/2023. SB 150 passed, although it is difficult to see what version was introduced.
- S.J. Accommodation Request – Ms. Martin motioned for standard accommodation per medical documentation. Second by Dr. Brooks, carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- KCA Update – Ms. Hinton stated that KCA was preparing preconference sessions, and all speakers are confirmed and under contract. KCA is attempting to involve more school counselors in the KCA conference. Ms. Hinton also stated that they are looking to create a handbook with specific criteria on how to respond to issues for the counseling community. Dr. Brooks emphasized the advocacy that KCA provides since the Board cannot advocate for counselors.
- Counseling Compact – Dr. Brooks provided an update from the Rules Committee meeting stating that Nate Brown from Georgia was elected Chair. The way the Compact is written, the professional identity of counselors is diluted as the proposal to join the Compact states you must have a degree in counseling. A degree from a CACREP-accredited program is preferred, and they are discussing what would be accepted for a qualifying exam.
- The Institute for Justice is a group that is anti-regulations, and they would like to remove licensure requirements as they feel counseling is just talk therapy which is a First Amendment right. If the Institute for Justice is successful, it will not remove licensure boards, but it would make them unnecessary and can impact how the rules are written.
- Regulations – Ms. Martin motioned for Dr. Brooks and Dr. Coyt to meet with Ms. Janes to finalize regulations and get them in the appropriate format. Ms. Lawson is working on updating all forms and will have a form number and date to match regulations making them more streamlined. Second by Ms. Hutchins, carried.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Roberts moved to go into closed session for the board to enter closed session, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c); (1)(j) and (1)(k) regarding deliberations of quasi-judicial bodies at which information protected by federal and state law may be discussed, to discuss pending litigation and applications. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion, which carried, and the board entered closed session at 11:08 a.m.

Dr. Brooks motioned to come out of the closed session at 12:09 p.m. Dr. Pemberton seconded the motion, which carried. No action was taken during the closed session.

M. L. - Request for extension of renewal denied per board discussion.

Ms. Hutchins motioned to approve recommendations from the applications committee, seconded by Ms. Martin. Carried.

Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)

The applications committee made a recommendation to approve the following applications:

Sherry Basore, Angel Birch, Carissa Conlin, April Cornett, Darla Davis, Lucretia Durias, Cindy Fields, Shelby Folkerts, Brittany Gilbert, Haley Gouine, Natausha Gunn, Alva Hall, Paula Hampton-Wilson, Kyleigh Howard, Kaysey Lawson, Brooke Lilly, Miranda Lowery, Ellen MacDonald, Stephanie Mace, Krystal Pfeiffer, Nicole Riley, Stacy Sowell, James Taylor, Brittini Tichenor, Janelle Urban, Amber Waddleton, Zoe Wafford

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)

The applications committee made a recommendation to approve the following LPCC applications:

Sammi Anders, Katherine Cahill, Shayna Campbell, Kimberly Combs, Ericka Grimes, Melinda Haaf, Megan Hayden, Kayla Holmes, Lacey Irvine, Savannah Martha, Courtney Morgan, Rachel Morton, Chad Nesmith, Steven Patrick, Alaina Phelps, Chastity Polston, Leah Powell, Holli Quinn, Marleyna Ritter, Tiffany Secula, Rachael Smith, Shauntay Sutherland, Eric Webb, Angelina Wedding, Sarah Wendell

LEGAL COUNSEL

- 2022LPC-00052 Agreed Order
- 2022LPC-00044 Agreed Order
- 2022LPC-00055 Agreed Order

Dr. Brooks motioned to accept the Agreed Orders listed above in full and second by Ms. Hutchins, carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

2022-KBLPC-0002 – Recommend dismissal by Administrative Hearing

2020-KBLPC-0014 – Recommend dismissal by Administrative Hearing

Dr. Brooks motioned to accept the dismissal recommendation for the Administrative Hearing cases listed above in full and second by Ms. Hutchins, carried.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

- 2022LPC-00049 – Motion to dismiss
- 2022LPC-00058 – Motion to dismiss
- 2022LPC-00059 – Motion to dismiss with the requirement for additional continuing education courses
- 2023LPC-00007 – Motion to investigate
- 2023LPC-00012 – Motion for Agreed Order requiring a letter of reprimand to be public
- 2023LPC-00015 – Motion for private reprimand

The complaints committee motioned to accept the above recommendations listed in full and second by Dr. Brooks, carried.

Continuing Education

Continuing education program request reviews and approved CEs can be found on the Board's website, <http://lpc.ky.gov>, under the Continuing Education tab, and then the LPC CE list.

PER DIEM

Ms. Hutchins made a motion to pay per diem for today's meeting, as well as the following dates for special meetings:

January 31, 2023: Dr. Coyt; Ms. Grigsby; Dr. Brooks; Ms. Martin; Ms. Hutchins, and Mr. Roberts

March 3, 2023: Dr. Coyt; Dr. Brooks; Ms. Grigsby, Ms. Martin, Ms. Hutchins, and Dr. Pemberton

March 10, 2023: Dr. Brooks; Ms. Hutchins; Ms. Grigsby; Dr. Coyt, and Dr. Pemberton

The motion also approves the following days for committee work:

March 8, 2023 (FAQ Committee): Dr. Brooks, Ms. Hutchins, and Ms. Martin

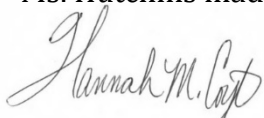
March 15, 2023 (FAQ Committee): Dr. Brooks, Ms. Hutchins, and Ms. Martin

March 16, 2023 (Complaints and Applications): Dr. Brooks, Ms. Martin, Ms. Grigsby, Mr. Roberts, and Ms. Hutchins

Dr. Brooks seconded the motion which carried.

ADJOURN

Ms. Hutchins made a motion to adjourn at 12:37 pm. Second by Dr. Pemberton, carried.



Dr. Hannah Coyt, Board Chair