

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2023**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors was held via teleconference on April 21, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

DPL STAFF

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

LEGAL COUNSEL

Sara Janes, OLS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Charles Pemberton

OTHER

Dawn Hinton, KCA

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Coyt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MINUTES

Dr. Brooks motioned to accept the March 3 Special Meeting minutes – HB 470. Second by Ms. Grigsby, with Mr. Roberts abstaining. Motion carried

Ms. Hutchins motioned to accept the March 3 Special Meeting minutes – Development of Frequently Asked Questions. Second by Dr. Brooks, with Mr. Roberts abstaining. Motion carried

Dr. Brooks motioned to accept the March 10 Special Meeting – Regulations minutes. Second by Ms. Grigsby, with Mr. Roberts abstaining. Motion carried.

Dr. Brooks motioned to accept April 21, 2023, meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Hutchins, carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

DPL REPORT

Ms. Lawson presented the Letter to Justice Safety Cabinet and opened it for questions. No action is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- FAQ Committee Update – Ms. Hutchins provided an update on the Frequently Asked Questions document created, which is now published on LPC.ky.gov. The document will be sent to KCA, as well as all licensees.
- Professional Identity – the Board discussed how a counselor is defined and how they are being trained. The Board is concerned that as the counselor identity is strengthened and what an LPCA and LPCC represent, the criteria in our statute may not be relevant. Insurance billing allowances and old statutes allow certain professions to be billable but are not held to the same standards. It is interpreted as bachelor-level people who can bill when they cannot diagnose and treat. The Board wants to protect our professional identity in these positions. The concern is protecting the term “counselor” and how to prevent unlicensed mental health associates from acting as counselors to protect the public better. Ms. Janes will review our options.
- LPCA Supervision – The Board was made aware that five LPCAs are not currently supervised by an LPCC-S, based on previous regulations. Dr. Brooks suggested that these licensees be made to find an LPCC-S as they are not grandfathered in and are subject to our current laws. Ms. Janes will draft the letter, allowing up to 90 days to transition. Dr. Brooks motioned to send the letter to LPCAs, seconded by Ms. Grigsby. Carried
- Ohio Reciprocity – Ohio cannot enter a reciprocity agreement because of current legislation; however, Dr. Brooks would like to contact Brian Carnahan to discuss one-way reciprocity to allow Ohio licensees to transition to Kentucky easily. Ms. Grigsby motioned to let Dr. Brooks discuss this possibility with Mr. Carnahan. Second by Ms. Hutchins, carried.
- CE Broker – Ms. Como has reached out to discuss the LPC Board using CE Broker. The Board tabled this discussion until another DPL board can use CE Broker, as several have already agreed, and the programming is being implemented.

OLD BUSINESS

- KCA Update – Ms. Hinton provided an update on the KCA Conference held in November 2023. Carrie Collins was introduced to the Board as the new KCA coordinator. May eNews will be published soon, and The Mental Health America Kickoff is next week at Crown Plaza.
- Counseling Compact – Dr. Brooks provided an update on the Counseling Compact. The rules committee is still creating the regulations for the Compact, and Nate Brown is the rules committee chair. They are working on general terms, professional identity, and qualifying exam definition. ACA is the primary funder, and CCE is also a high contributor.
- Regulations – Ms. Janes voiced concerns about language in previous additions, and she feels we must remove military reciprocity as the federal statute binds the board. She is still working on the updated regulations and should be ready to vote soon.

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. Ms. Hutchins seconded the motion, which carried, and the board entered closed session at 11:40 a.m.

Dr. Brooks motioned to come out of the closed session at 12:41 p.m. Ms. Grigsby seconded the motion, which carried. No action was taken during the closed session.

Dr. Brooks motioned to approve recommendations from the applications committee, seconded by Ms. Grigsby. Carried.

Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)

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

Amanda Brown, Ronique Coffie, Adam Fauver, Alante Gaines, Isaac Hout, Mihee Jeon, Christina King, Tammy Lewis, Emilie McCaffrey, Elizabeth Mitzlaff, Ramon Moon, Crystal Pendergrass, Bentley Vandever

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)

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

Daniel Bush, Cassandra Caudill, William Dewitt, Charlie Elrod, Dillon Espinosa, Erin Evans, Jessica Froedge, Alyssa Goudge, Kaila Hatch, Courtney Hutchins, Alexandra Jabs, Demetria January, Kristine Jarabeck, Ciara Krueger, Jordan McNeely, Hannah Mersereau, Heather Patterson, Amelda Rector, Brittany Riggins, Amera Sergie, Elizabeth Smith, Chelsea Spears, Sara Staker, Lucas Stinnett, James Thomas, Rita Vaughn, Cheryl Wargo, Lantrianne Worden, Lora Wright

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 complaints. Ms. Grigsby seconded the motion, which carried, and the board entered closed session at 12:58 a.m.

LEGAL COUNSEL

- 2020LPC-00016/2021-KBLPC-0003 Recommended Order – Ms. Hutchins motions to accept the Hearing Officer’s recommendation for a five-year revocation. Second by Ms. Grigsby, carried.
- 2022LPC-00050 – Dr. Brooks motioned to approve the Agreed Order, seconded by Ms. Hutchins. Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

2022LPC-00027 – Motion for a private admonishment with CEU requirement, with a copy sent to their supervisor

2023LPC-00003 – Motion to investigate

2023LPC-00004 – Motion to investigate

2023LPC-00005 – Motion to investigate

2023LPC-00006 – Motion to investigate

2023LPC-00008 – Motion to dismiss with caution; also refer complaint information to ADC Board.

2023LPC-00009 – Motion to dismiss with a warning; also refer complaint information to ADC Board.

2023LPC-00010 – Motion to dismiss with a warning; also refer complaint information to ADC Board.

2023LPC-00013 – Motion to dismiss

2023LPC-00014 – Motion to dismiss

2023LPC-00016 – Motion to issue a private admonishment

Ms. Grigsby motioned to come out of the closed session at 2:13 p.m. Ms. Hutchins seconded the motion, which carried. No action was taken during the closed session.

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 days:

April 15, April 19 (Complaints Committee): Beverly Martin

April 20 (Complaints Committee): Amanda Grigsby

April 19, April 20 (Applications Committee): Denise Hutchins

April 20 (Applications Committee): Dr. Brooks

March 23, April 7 (Regulation review with Counsel): Dr. Brooks

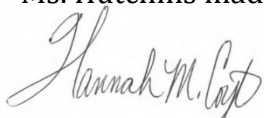
March 30, April 13 (FAQ Committee): Dr. Brooks, Ms. Martin, Ms. Hutchins

April 19 (Monthly review): Hannah Coyt

Ms. Martin seconded the motion which carried.

ADJOURN

Ms. Hutchins made a motion to adjourn at 2:15 pm. Second by Ms. Grigsby, carried.



Dr. Hannah Coyt, Board Chair