

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
Minutes – Open Session September 20, 2024, via Google Meet
Approved by the Board

Board Members Present	
Winnie Moore, LCPC, <i>Chair</i>	Sharita Sivels-Stevens, LCPC, <i>Secretary</i>
Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC	Lisa Connors, LCPC
Elizabeth Guroff, LCMFT	Karen Katrinic, LCMFT
Stacey Nelson, LCPC, LCPAT	C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer

Board Members Absent	
Jeff Galecki, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Kimberly Poole-Sykes, LCPC

Staff Present	
Matthew Karpus, Executive Director	Carla Boyd, AAG
Shell-Ann Barnes, Investigation Supervisor	Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator
Alexandria Langston, Licensing Manager	Tenia Parker, Administrative Assistant
Sandra Boxley, Licensing Coordinator	Donita Hardee, Licensing Coordinator
Janice Isaac, Licensing Coordinator	Anna Weinfield, Administrative Assistant
Grecia Whitehead, Licensing Coordinator	Myisha Maybin, Investigator
Sharon Rendon-Hoyt, Compliance Assistant	

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Attendance taken: Jeff Galecki and Kimberly Poole-Sykes were absent.

Review and Approval of Board Agenda and Minutes

The Board voted to approve the Open Board Meeting Agenda for September 20, 2024.
 Motion to Approve: Sharon Bolden Second: Karen Katrinic 10-0-0

The Board voted to approve the Open Board Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2024.
Motion to Approve: Karen Katrinic Second: Stacy Nelson 10-0-0

Reports

Chair Report-No Report

Executive Director Report: Matthew Karpus

Maryland Public Information Act Compliance Board: The Board issued two rulings related to the Board of Professional Counselors.

The Board has received several inquiries regarding applications and employment offers. The Board does not have a process to expedite applications because of employment offers. Applications take an estimate at least 90 days to be fully licensed.

There is a current posting for a Board Investigator on the Maryland Employment website.

An ADT Notice was sent out July 19, 2024, that effective September 1, 2024 Alcohol Drug Trainees (ADT) must submit renewal applications at least 30 days prior to becoming non-renewed because the COMAR regulations do not permit a way for individuals to reinstate if there is a lapse in their ADT status.

The Board has changed to a voice over internet protocol phone system. The phone number remains the same, 410-764-4732.

Committee Reports

Legislative/Regulations Committee: Karen Katrinic

The Committee continues to review regulations and fees.

Senate Bill 409 regarding Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists - Reciprocal Licensure Requirements go into effect on October 1, 2024. There is some changes to COMAR 10.58.06.06.

Motion for the Board to approve changes to COMAR 10.58.06.06.

Motion: Committee Second: Sharon Bolden 10-0-0

The Committee has been advised that State Delegate Heather Bagnall has been contacted regarding a proposed legislative suggestion regarding a new category for certification/licensure. The committee is reviewing the proposal.

The Committee has received a written request for the operational definition of the 6-year extension and has referred it to the Credential Committee.

Credentialing Committee: Sharita Sivels

Continues to review applications.

Discipline Review Committee: Scott Frazier

Continues to meet and review cases.

Alcohol & Drug Subcommittee: Winnie Moore

The Meeting in September was canceled because there were not sufficient Board Members in attendance. The Board will notify the public on the website of the rescheduled meeting date and time.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Other/Miscellaneous

None

Next Meeting: October 18, 2024, at 10:30am; In Person Only

Adjournment at 10:55 a.m.

Motion to Approve: Sharon Bolden

Second: Karen Katrinic

10-0-0