

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS**

Minutes – Open Session May 17, 2024 via Google Meet

Approved by the Board on June 21, 2024

<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-Members</b>
Winnie Moore, LCPC, <i>Chair</i>	Shell-Ann Barnes Acting Executive Director(Interim)
Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC	Rhonda Edwards, AAG
Elizabeth Guroff, LCMFT	Shelly-Ann Barnes, Compliance Manager
Stacey Nelson, LCPC, LCPAT	Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator
Jeff Galecki, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Alexandria Langston, Licensing Manager
Lisa Connors, LCPC	Sandra Boxley, Licensing Coordinator
Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC	Janice Isaac, Licensing Coordinator
C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer	Grecia Whitehead, Licensing Coordinator
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT	Chakia Worthan, Licensing Coordinator
Sharita Sivels-Stevens, LCPC , <i>Secretary</i>	Zakiyyah Holmes, Licensing Coordinator
Kimberly-Poole-Sykes, LCPC	Mathew Karpus, Executive Director

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.*

- I. Attendance taken. Mark Donovan, Elizabeth Guroff, and Scott Frazier were absent.
- II. Review and Approve Open Session Minutes from April 19, 2024: Motion by Sharon Bolden and seconded by Karen Katrinic. Motion carried.
- III. Review and Approve the Agenda for May 17, 2024: Motion by Sharon Bolden and seconded by Karen Katrinic. Motion carried.
- IV. Reports

- a. Chair: Winnie Moore, LCPC
  - i. Introduction of Executive Director, Mathew Karpus
    - 1. He spoke and stated that he is happy to be here and he has a lot to do in 100 days.
  - ii. Joint Chairmen's Report 2024: The item is restricting funds for timely investigation goals.
- b. Board Counsel: Rhonda Edwards
  - i. No Report
- c. Legislation/Regulations Committee: Karen Katrinic, LCMFT
  - i. Sunset Bill expires in 2026; they are putting Legislation in 2025 to continue it and the plan is to ask for 5 to 10 years. Karen made a motion to continue with Bill. Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposition, motion carried.
  - ii. Working with Credentialing Committee to work on regulation.
  - iii. Working with other states nearby for reciprocity for Maryland in the summer.
- d. Credentialing Committee: Sharita Sivels, LCPC
  - i. Credentialing Committee Continue to meet and review applications.
- e. Discipline Review Committee: Jeff Galecki
  - i. Continue to meet and review cases.
- f. Alcohol & Drug Counselor Subcommittee
  - i. Continue to meet and contact others to begin working on a project for integrating documents; will have more reports in next month or so.
- V. Old Business: None
- VI. New Business
  - a. Compact Agreement, Lisa Connors
    - i. They are still working on contracts to help develop the website and will begin 2024 at the end of year or the beginning of 2025; the Financial Committee is working on a fee amount for 34 jurisdiction and other states are doing the same. D. C has not signed the agreement yet; ACA is still trying to work with D.C due to change of legislation.
- VII. Other/ Miscellaneous: None

VIII. Next Meeting June 21, 2024, at 10:30am

*The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.*

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Sharita Sivels-Stevens, Secretary