



**West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling Board**

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**Meeting Minutes**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017**

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a telephone board meeting on January 5, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.

**Board Members Present:**

Lori Ellison, Chair

Beth Wright Bragg, Secretary

Lisa Westfall

Jeff Jones

Guy Gage

**Others Present:**

Roxanne Clay, Executive Director

Kate Campbell, Attorney General Representative

Jason Newsome, President, WVCA

**Quorum Established:**

A quorum was established.

**Public Comment:**

Jason Newsome, President of the West Virginia Counseling Association, addressed the Board regarding the recent request by NECCO, Inc. to add a temporary permit so that for profit agencies could hire master's level unlicensed counselors. The WVCA Executive Committee is in support of a temporary permit for six months while newly graduated students could begin work while taking their NCE. Mr. Newsome stated that WVCA wanted to ensure the standards and ethics structure would not change. The Board thanked Mr. Newsome and the WVCA for their input.

**Old Business:**

A committee will meet to draft an outline of a Temporary Permit certification. Members of that committee are Jeff Jones, Lisa Westfall, Lori Ellison, Beth Wright Bragg and Roxanne Clay. They will bring their draft to the Board at a future scheduled meeting.



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**Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

M/S/P: Jones, Bragg

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Wright Bragg".

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Beth Wright Bragg, Secretary, LPC