



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

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**Meeting Minutes**

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM – Telephone mtg

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a telephone Board meeting on March 29, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

**Board Members Present:**

Members present in WVBEC Office:

Lori Ellison, Chair

Guy Gage

Members present on Telephone:

Christine Schimmel

Lisa Westfall

Marilyn Cassis

Members absent:

Jeff Jones – illness

**Others Present:**

Roxanne Clay, Executive Director

Michael Bevers, Attorney General Representative

**Quorum Established:**

A quorum was established.

**Public Comment:**

No one appeared before the board for public comment.

**Motion to enter executive session at 9:08AM. M/S/P (Gage/Cassis)**

**Licensee Complaints –**

**New Complaint Case(s):**

**Case #07-18:** (Received 9/21/2017, 18-month mark – 3/21/2019) – There was not a quorum of board members available to hear this case. Case tabled until 04/20/18 meeting.



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**Case # 10-18:** (Received 12/18/2017, 18-month mark – 6/17/2019) – The case involves an LPC that is working with a minor client and parents. The complainant alleges the LPC is causing problems between the parties involved in counseling, is showing bias against the complainant, and alleges the LPC is continuing treatment of minor child to make money when it is believed treatment is not needed.

**Motion to exit executive session at 9:19AM.** M/S/P (Cassis/Schimmel)

**Case #10-18:** The Board found that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant the Board taking disciplinary action and made a motion for the complaint to be dismissed. M/S/P (Cassis/Westfall)

**New Business**

**SUD Training :** The board received an email from Susie Mullens regarding any requests for advanced training/post graduate certificates for addictions work. Discussion centered around the Board's role in advising institutions on any offerings including post graduate certificates, etc. The Board discussed institutions need to make decisions about offerings.

**Board Appointments**

**Board Members**

Board member Beth Wright-Bragg has resigned from the Board.

Motion made to accept resignation. M/S/P (Gage/Westfall)

Discussion held regarding nominations for replacements. Two names were discussed as potential recommendations to be made to the Governor's office. Tony Onorato will be sent to the Governor's office as the Board's recommendation. Lisa Kaplan will be also be held in que as a recommendation.

**Investigative Committee Members**

The Board discussed making additions to the investigative committee. ED Clay recommended adding Curtis (Cam) Moore to the committee. Discussion was held regarding other options as well. Motion made to accept the recommendation of Curtis (Cam) Moore to the committee. M/S/P (Gage/Westfall)



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**Board Elections**

Formal elections will take place in June at the formal meeting. Motion was made to have Chris Schimmel fill in as interim secretary until that time. M/S/P (Cassis/Westfall)

**Executive Session**

**Motion made to re-enter executive session at 10:00AM.** M/S/P (Cassis/Westfall)

Board considered question posed by LPC currently under consent agreement regarding ability to supervise while under consent. The Board did not restrict the LPC from providing supervision in the consent agreement.

**Motion exit executive was made at 10:14AM.** M/S/P (Westfall/Cassis)

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:15AM. M/S/P (Westfall/Schimmel)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christine Schimmel", written over a horizontal line.

Christine Schimmel, LPC