



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

FRIDAY, April 8, 2022 @ 10:00 AM –12:30 PM

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a board meeting on April 8, 2022, via Zoom platform. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM.

**Board Members Present:**

Lisa Westfall, Chair  
Regina Burgess  
Anthony Onorato  
Lori Ellison  
Jeff Jones  
Patrick Ward  
Durand Warren

**Others Present:**

Cheryl Henry, Executive Director WV Bd. Of Counseling  
Joanne Vella, Attorney General Representative  
Rachelle Martin Program Manager WV Bd. Of Counseling

**Quorum Established:**

A quorum was established.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Draft minutes were distributed for review prior to the meeting. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the following minutes and approve as distributed/printed:

February 11, 2022, and March 18, 2022: (M/S/P: Onorato/Ward)

Enter Executive Session: (M/S/P: Ellison/Ward) 10:06 a.m.

Complaint Committee: Discussed cases 08-21, 09-21 and 15-21

Exit Executive Session: (M/S/P: Ellison/Ward) 11:41 p.m.



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**Case #08-21** – Discussed modification of consent agreement to strike the supervision requirement from proposed consent agreement and add cease all forensic evaluation. Tabled to next meeting. (M/S//P: Onorato/Burgess)

**Case #09-21** – discussed appointing a hearing examiner

**Case #15-21** - Motion to revoke license and draft a consent agreement (M/S/P Onorato/Ward)

**Credentialing Committee:** Committee recommended the following applicants for Licensure

**ALPS**

1. Melissa Nelson
2. Jamie Rice
3. Brandon Waggoner

**Provisional Licensure**

1. Brittany Bartley

**Endorsement Licensure**

1. Samantha Becklehimer (NC)
2. Barbara Case (KY)
3. Taylor Kidwell (OH)

**Full LPC Licensure**

1. Suzanne Fry
2. Zeni Huysmans
3. Nick Vindivich III

(M/S/P: Ward/Onorato)



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Discussed appeal by Brian Stephey to be allowed to use his hours prior to approval of signed contract even though rules say hours are not documented until contract signed. No motions made to grant the appeal.

Grace Edwards license applicant requested to be provisionally licensed based on unofficially passing the exam prior to getting formal documentation. Motion was made to grant the request, however if formal documentation does not show she passed provisional license will be revoked. (M/S/P Ward/ Onorato)

**Investigators**

The need to interview additional investigators was discussed

**Executive Director's Report:**

**Thentia Update:** Will go live 4/12/22 for renewals only

**ALPS training meeting was discussed**

**Telehealth Registration:** 8 registrations have been issued

**Conference Attendance and Registrations:** Board and staff will be attending and presenting at various conferences in April.

**Miscellaneous/Other Business:**

The appointment of a replacement for Jeff Jones was discussed.

Jeff Jones gave an updated financial report

Next Board Meeting: Friday, May 20,2022.



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**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 12:32 p.m. (M/S/P: Onorato/Ellison)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey T. Jones", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey T. Jones  
Secretary