



West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling
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Meeting Minutes
FRIDAY, October 11, 2024 @ 10:00 AM –3:00 PM

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a board meeting on **10/11/2024**. The meeting was called to order at **10:05 AM**.

Board Members Present:

Anthony Onorato, Chair
Regina Burgess
Durand Warren
Eric Beeson
Jeff Culpepper
Patrick Ward

Board Members Absent:

Alecia Allen, Secretary

Others Present:

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

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:

August 9, 2024: (M/S/P: Warren/Beeson)

September 16, 2024, Emergency Meeting: (M/S/P: Beeson/Ward)

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



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Complaint Committee:

Discussed Cases 02-24, 03-24, 04-24, 05-24, 07-24, 08-24, 09-24, 10-24, 11-24, 12-24, 01-23, and 09-23

Case 02-24 Dismissed. (M/S/P: Ward/Warren)

Case 03-24 Dismissed. (M/S/P: Warren/Burgess)

Case 04-24 Motion to request further investigation with a focus on the following questions being answered/clarified: Is there an order that directs specific services be provided by the LPC, and if so, which services? Who does the LPC understand to be their client? Who currently has custody of the minors in question? What was the original procedural posture of the case?

(M/S/P: Warren/Ward)

Case 05-24 Dismissed. (M/S/P: Ward/Warren)

Case 07-24 Return complaint file to investigative team for further review. (M/S/P: Warren/Culpepper)

Case 08-24 Return complaint file to investigative team for further review. (M/S/P: Warren/Culpepper, Burgess abstains)

Case 09-24 Complaint recanted; the Board finds no probable cause to pursue further investigation. (M/S/P: Warren/Ward)

Case 10-24 (New) LPC billing for services not provided.

Case 11-24 (New) Billing issues, possibly some form of bartering happening outside of regular billing methods.

Case 12-24 (New) Concerned citizen believes she has discovered a HIPAA violation; no basis for complaint, currently awaiting a response from the LPC whose practice is in question.

Case 01-23 (AG Joanne Vella) Awaiting the return of a signed consent agreement as of October 11, 2024; Send email requesting signed consent agreement (CC Joanne, client, and LPC).

Case 09-23 (AG Joanne Vella) Hearing scheduled for December 12, 2024. Per Board recommendation: Ability to supervise trainees is suspended for six months, LPC must complete ALPS training through an approved counseling organization.

Exit Executive Session (I): 1:25 PM (M/S/P: Burgess/Warren)

Enter Credentialing Committee: 1:29 PM

Credentialing Committee: Committee recommended the following applicants for Licensure.



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ALPS:

1. Marion Bean Moreland
2. Kimberly Bennett (pending approval of revised Prof Statement)
3. Allison Browning
4. Daniel Bryson, Sr. (pending receipt and approval of Prof Statement)
5. Tiffany Campbell
6. David Davis
7. Carole Erwin
8. Kari Kahl
9. Hannah Karr
10. Vanessa Landgrave
11. Janice McFarland
12. Kristina Wiley

Endorsement Licensure:

1. Emily Aust (2)
2. Sherry Barbour (MFT Opt. 1)
3. Daniel Bryson, Sr. (2-applied ALPS)
4. Chase Butala (1)
5. Alisha Dalton (1)
6. Alicia Fahr (Opt. 2, courses completed)
7. William Kraftt (2)

Full LPC Licensure:

1. Jacqueline Cavanagh
2. Linda Combs
3. Caleb Darling
4. Alexis Dixon
5. Melonie Dolin
6. Dakota Goldsberry
7. Jackie Hysell (not recommended for licensure, full Board review pending)
8. Christina Kincaid
9. Angela McLaughlin



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10. MaryJo Parsley
11. Jennifer Pulice (pending receipt of Final SVA)
12. Kristen Siers

Provisional Licensure:

1. Melody Akers
2. Kelly Arthur
3. Kayla Ashley
4. Diane Benish (PhD applicant)
5. Terri Bubnar
6. Kady DeSarno
7. Rebekah Lawson
8. Amie McKinney
9. Jessica Munoz
10. Courtney Murphy
11. Angela Persinger
12. Rachel Talip

NCE & TP

1. Mary Arthur
2. Stephanie Freeman
3. Cierra Haddad
4. Nicole Hruska
5. Julia Lilly
6. Brittany McCallister
7. Candie Schwartz
8. Brooke Thrasher
9. Ashley Wratchford

(M/S/P: Culpepper/Burgess, Ward abstains)



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Executive Director's Report:

- A. Database Update** – WVBECE has received bids from several database companies (Accela, Certemy, and GovOS), currently waiting on Purchasing to accept one of the bids (likely Certemy).
- B. Update of BMS meeting with Cynthia Parsons regarding renaming the Provisional License in West Virginia** – Began discussing logistics/reasons for implementing a licensure hierarchy similar to Ohio's (LPC -> LPCC -> LPCC-S)

New Business:

- A. Counseling Compact update – Anthony Onorato**
- B. 2024 AMFTRB Conference update – Patrick Ward** – Covered the integration of AI into counseling and other mental health services; handout from conference provided by P. Ward.
- C. Art Therapy licensure** – Should art therapists be encouraged to pursue licensure through the WVBECE instead of creating a standalone sub-specialty (less restriction on types of work that can be done, more opportunities with full LPC licensure)? Tabled for later discussion.
- D. 2025 AASCB Conference** – Takes place Feb. 9-11, 2025, in Myrtle Beach, SC. Possible attendants: Patrick Ward., Cherly Henry., Anthony Onorato.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, December 6, 2024.

Enter Executive Session (II): 1:34 PM (M/S/P: Beeson/Ward)

Re: J.H.: J.H. is not recommended for full licensure by ALPS. The Board has made the following decision regarding the completion of her licensure: J. H. must complete an additional 1700 supervision hours under a Board-approved ALPS who is not employed by her current employer. For final decision, must consider supervisor's (ALPS) judgements after new supervision period.

Motion to reject most recent supervision and move to appoint Board-appointed ALPS at supervisee's personal expense. (M/S/P: Ward/Warren)

Exit Executive Session (II): 2:14 PM (M/S/P: Ward/Warren)

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 3:20 p.m. (M/S/P: Beeson/Onorato)



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Respectfully Submitted,

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