



West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling
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Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 25, 2025 @ 10:00 AM –12:00 PM

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a board meeting on **04/25/2025**. The meeting was called to order at **10:04 AM**.

Board Members Present:

Anthony Onorato, Chair
Alecia Allen, Secretary
Eric Beeson
Karen Bowling
Regina Burgess
Patrick Ward
Durand Warren

Board Members Absent:

None.

Board Staff 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 with revision:
March 21, 2025 (M/S/P: Bowling/Burgess)

Enter Executive Session: 10:06 AM (M/S/P: Beeson/Bowling)

Complaint Committee:

Introduced Cases 05-25, 06-25, 07-25, and 08-25.



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Case 05-25 (NEW) – Provisionally Licensed Counselor accused of using time in sessions with clients to complete outstanding case notes.

Case 06-25 (NEW) – Charting negligence.

Case 07-25 (NEW) – LPC accused of asking intrusive questions to custodial guardian of truant student.

Case 08-25 (NEW) – LPC accused of misconduct and/or unethical behavior as witnessed by students and colleagues.

Legal Updates (J. Vella) – No new legal updates.

Exit Executive Session: 10:57 AM (M/S/P: Onorato/Ward)

Enter Credentialing Committee: 11:01 AM

Credentialing Committee: The Committee recommends the following applicants for Licensure.

Endorsement Licensure (Option 1, LPC):

1. Tasha Burnette
2. Jennifer Cline
3. Lance Griffin
4. Rebecca Kovar
5. Cheryl Mitchell
6. Luisa Nayhouse
7. Taqueena Quintana
8. Shannon Shoemaker
9. Maureen Stouter

Endorsement Licensure (Option 2, LPC):

1. Jennifer Gardner
2. Andrew Hedlesky
3. Julie Huff
4. Kelly Neverson
5. Rhonda Niemeyer



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Endorsement Licensure (Options 1 & 2, LMFT):

1. Roosevelt Brown
2. John Martin

Full LPC Licensure:

1. Leah Alderman
2. Carly Ball
3. Tori Breeding
4. Beatriz Cedeno Franco
5. Bailey D'Antoni
6. Matthew Essigmann
7. Diana Evans
8. Tori Garnes
9. Christa Harvey
10. Leah Kersey
11. Shayne Miller
12. Thomas Minkler
13. Kalvan Palmer
14. Kara Parrack
15. Emily Poznanski
16. Wendy Smith

Provisional Licensure:

1. Camille Frye
2. Jan Miller
3. Danielle Souza

NCE and/or TP

1. Shantessa Adkins (NCE)
2. Jason Blackwell (NCE)



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3. Brianna Hepler (NCE)
4. Jobe Murray (NCE)
5. Chase Woody (NCE)
6. Joshua Darnell (NCE & TP)
7. Haley Lynch (NCE & TP)
8. Dakota Maynard (NCE & TP)
9. Shannon Starsick (NCE & TP)
10. Cara Stewart (NCE & TP)
11. Allison Tolbert (NCE & TP)
12. Jacob Trump (NCE & TP)
13. Meilani Wilson (NCE & TP)

Motion to Approve List: 11:03 AM (M/S/P: Warren/Beeson)

Executive Director’s Report:

- A. Certemy update** – The database’s potential go-live date is May 01, 2025, barring any further issues with the system’s construction. Next phase: constructing and introducing applications for provisional and endorsement licensure.
 - a. Need to finalize rule changes prior to importing application information.

New Business:

- A. Counseling Compact update** – No new compact updates; mechanics for launch still being adjusted (ETA: August/September 2025?)

Notes:

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 12:00 PM.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at **11:27 AM** (M/S/P: Bowling/Warren)

Respectfully Submitted,

RaJon E. Staunton
 Administrative Assistant