



West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling
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Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 11, 2025 @ 10:00 PM – 1:00 PM

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a board meeting on **07/11/2025**. The meeting was called to order at **10:47 AM**.

Board Members Present:

Alecia Allen
Karen Bowling
Regina Burgess
Durand Warren

Board Members Absent:

Anthony Onorato, Chair
Patrick Ward, Secretary
Eric Beeson

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 without revision:

June 12, 2025 (M/S/P: Burgess/Warren)

Complaint Committee:

Cases Discussed: 13-25, 13-24, 14-24, 16/24, 18-24, and 03-25

Case 13-25 (NEW)

Case 13-24 – Motion to dismiss. (M/DW/RB)

Case 14-24 – Motion to accept the investigative findings. (M/AA/RB)



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Case 16-24 – Motion to accept the investigative findings. (M/AA/RB)

Case 18-24 – Motion to dismiss (M/AA/RB)

Case 03-25 – Motion to dismiss (M/DW/RB)

Case 19-24 – Motion to dismiss (M/RB/AA)

Legal Updates (J. Vella) – Requested additional information pertaining to a potential Consent Agreement and Order

Enter Credentialing Committee:

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

ALPS:

1. Jerry Dowdall
2. Lauren Pavlic

Full LPC:

1. Christina Batelli
2. Kaitlin Christian-Webb
3. Elizabeth Ellsworth
4. Mia Jordan
5. Christopher May
6. Barbara Paul – pending receipt of revised Final SVA with corrected dates
7. Camella Polk
8. Kellie Toledo

Endorsements (1 & 2):

1. Oscar Aguillera-Orozco (LPC, Opt. 2)
2. Anissa Doan (LPC, Opt. 2)
3. William Welty (LMFT, Opt. 1)

Provisional:

1. AnnaMarie D'Annunzio
2. Emily Grandusky
3. Sarah Riedel
4. Carlee Milik



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NCE and/or TP:

1. Kiersten Coleman (NCE only)
2. Samantha Louis (NCE only)
3. Kelly Preston (NCE only)
4. Rhiannon Richardson (NCE only)

Completed Courses

1. Joy Messer (Opt. 2 Endorsement)
2. Cynthia Harford (Opt. 2 Endorsement)

Motion to Approve List: (M/DW/AA)

Executive Director's Report:

The 2025 renewal cycle successfully concluded using the new electronic licensing system. Work will resume on July 18, 2025, on the licensing and application portion of the system.

New Business:

The Board discussed an inquiry that was received pertaining to the creation of an Art Therapy license. The Board decided that at this time, there was not a need to create a new license because art therapists can become licensed as an LPC; the educational track is very similar.

Notes:

None.

Next Board Meeting: **Friday, August 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM.**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at **12:08 PM** (M/S/P: Burgess/Warren)

Respectfully Submitted,

RaJon E. Staunton



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