



West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling
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Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 12, 2025 @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a board meeting on **10/17/2025**. The meeting was called to order at **10:05 AM**.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Staff Absent:

None.

Quorum Established:

A quorum was established.

Public Comment:

Dr. Cheri Timko, LPC asked for updates concerning the counseling compact.
Ashley Niemann asked for clarification regarding ALPS for provisional MFTs.
A provisional licensee attended to hear their name called on approval list.

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 written:

October 17, 2025 (M/S/P: Beeson/Bowling)



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Enter Credentialing Committee: 10:06 AM

The Committee recommends the following applicants for Licensure.

ALPS:

1. Shawna Bumgardner
2. Lisa Chambers
3. Mallorie Dazen
4. Sofia Espana Perez
5. Kayla Hacker
6. Jessica Haring
7. Robyn Harrison-Taft
8. Allyson Kangisser
9. Alexander Lindsay
10. Mindy Mitchell
11. Dixie Myers- pending receipt and approval of revised Professional Statement
12. Valerie Nichols
13. Kacci Ratliff
14. Carrie Rogers
15. Elizabeth Tomasik
16. Jamie Wilson

Full LPC:

1. Erica Bradley
2. Ashley Coon
3. Ashley Lusk
4. Joelle Moray
5. Andrea Moya
6. Christina Savage
7. Kelli Yingling

Endorsements (Option 1):

1. Mary Klein
2. Thomas Lewis
3. Matt Nelson
4. Nancy Parfitt-Hondros
5. Kathi Scholz



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Endorsement (Option 2):

1. Dannica Conley
2. Joshua Flanagan
3. Maryland Lusk (Pending receipt and approval of revised TRS with courses listed correctly.)
4. Ima Paz Strother
5. Allison Swarts

Provisional:

1. Jessica Belcher
2. Abigail Burton
3. Kayli Carter
4. Alec Castilla
5. Kristin Cookson
6. Kalina Davis
7. Laura Gleason
8. Lauren Merrill
9. Megan Mitchell
10. Catherine Thomas
11. Eric Tucker

NCE and/or TP:

1. Mary Aquino (NCE & TP)
2. Katherine Bennett (NCE only)
3. Lauren Easter (NCE & TP)
4. Jennfier Eicher (NCE & TP)
5. Marissa Faulkner (NCE only)
6. Laiken Richmong (NCE & TP)
7. Maranda Sammons (NCE & TP)
8. Leigha Trippett (NCE & TP)

Universal Licensure

1. Ashley Niemann

Motion to Approve List: 10:10 AM (M/S/P: Bowling/Beeson)

Enter Executive Session: 10:15 AM (M/S/P: Ward/Bowling)



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Complaint Committee:

Case(s) Discussed: 15-24, 06-25, 08-25, and 09-25.

- A. **17-25** (New Complaint)
- B. **18-25** (New Complaint)
- C. **19-25** (New Complaint)
- D. **15-24** – Motion to Find Probable Cause. (M/S/P: Burgess/Ward)
- E. **06-25** – Motion to Dismiss. (M/S/P: Bowling/Beeson)
- F. **08-25** – Motion to Continue Ongoing Investigation. (M/S/P: Bowling/Allen)
 - Burgess, Onorato, and Beeson recused from discussion and voting.
- G. **09-25** – Motion to Find Probable Cause. (M/S/P: Warren/Burgess)
- H. **Legal Updates** – Case 09-25

Exit Executive Session: 11:32 AM (M/S/P: Ward/Warren)

Executive Director's Report:

- A. **Certemy** – In need of updated forms so they can be uploaded into the Certemy system.
- B. **Leadership West Virginia** – C. Henry recently graduated from her Leadership West Virginia cohort.
- C. **AASCB Conference, 2026** – C. Henry and A. Onorato are attending; request for R. Martin to attend the conference.

New Business:

- A. **Investigator and Other Board Staff Positions and Salaries** – Discussion of hiring Jack Childers as a part-time Board employee and investigator; discussion of hiring RaJon Staunton as the full-time Board Administrative Assistant.
 - Motion to Increase Investigator Compensation from \$250/case to \$500/case. (M/S/P: Beeson/Bowling)
- B. **Technology Updates** – A request has been filed to install new multi-line phone system in the WVBE office. Updates coming to the website ASAP.
- C. **Board ALPS Training Dates** – January 27th and 28th & February 3rd and 4th (three synchronous sessions per day, available asynchronously after.)
- D. **Jurisprudence Exam** – NBCC is contracted to create the jurisprudence exam content and testing materials; contract expires July 15, 2026. Considering asking the Marshall Skills Exchange to create this micro-credentialing interface, the Board makes the content for the exam. An exam is needed for both ALPS (by February) and new licensees.



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Notes:

- Next Board Meeting: **Friday, February 13, 2026, at 10:00 AM, in-person.**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at **12:14 PM** (M/S/P: Onorato/Beeson)

Respectfully Submitted,

RaJon E. Staunton
Administrative Assistant, WVBEC