



West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 13, 2026 @ 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a board meeting on **02/13/2026**. The meeting was called to order at **10:22 AM**.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Regina Burgess

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:

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 written:

December 12, 2025 (M/S/P: Beeson/Bowling)

Enter Credentialing Committee: 10:23 AM

The Committee recommends the following applicants for Licensure.



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ALPS:

1. Jacob Glaser
2. Tanya McClung
3. Chelena McCoy
4. Chelsea Pingley
5. Kristina Sellers

Full LPC:

1. Brooke Anderson
2. Shelby Babbington
3. James Evans
4. Amber Harris
5. Taylor Pennington
6. Eric Scalph (MFT)
7. Rachel Smith
8. Jamie Williams
9. Ashley Woody

Endorsements (Option 1):

1. Amanda Bailey
2. Shawn Brammer
3. Jennifer Cassidy
4. Thelma Costello
5. Dawn Gallagher
6. Cassie Jewell
7. Nicholas Whited

Endorsement (Option 2):

1. Brandy Cassidy
2. Jevona Green
3. Heather Stackus
4. Sarah Wiggins

Provisional:

1. Skylar Brogan
2. Katherine Darabant
3. Cassidy Daye (MFT)



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4. Ashely DeAngelis
5. Katelin Hall
6. Alaina Hilditch
7. Emily Horne
8. Marley Kesterman
9. Kathryn Kramer
10. Darlene Murphy
11. Melissa Nauss
12. Tiffany Okieme
13. Gina Stalnaker
14. Beth Sypult

NCE and/or TP:

1. Anthony Bailey (NCE and TP)
2. Jenny Coleman (NCE only)
3. Carey Gruenwald (NCE and TP)
4. Johanna Guz-Montgomery (NCE and TP)
5. George Hairston, III (NCE and TP)
6. Ryan Henson (NCE and TP)
7. Hailey Keiffer (NCE only)
8. Julia Kirby (NCE and TP)
9. Cassandra Lawhorn (NCE and TP)
10. Lisa Madagan (NCE only)
11. Megan Noble (NCE and TP)
12. Cameron Short (NCE and TP)
13. Chloe Sosa (NCE only)
14. Kaylene Talkington (TP only)
15. Andrew White (NCE and TP)
16. Krista Williams (NCE and TP)

Universal Licensure

NONE

Motion to Approve List: (M/S/P: Warren/Bowling, Ward abstains)

Motion to Deny Selected Applications for Licensure: (M/S/P: Warren/Ward)

Enter Executive Session: (M/S/P:) 12:19 PM



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Complaint Committee:

- A. 01-26 (New Complaint)** – LPC is alleged to have had a dual, inappropriate relationship with a client.
- B. 02-26 (New Complaint)** – LPC is alleged to have performed a bio-psychological assessment on the adult daughter of the complainant and medical power of attorney without notification of consent.
- C. Legal Updates**

Exit Executive Session: (M/S/P:) 1:35 PM

Executive Director's Report:

- A. Certemy** – DB is constructed, going through each workflow currently and ensuring that the proper information is being collected for each application type.
- B. Investigator's Meeting Update** – Met with investigators on Jan. 9; agreed to hiring Jack Childers part-time and lightening each investigator's workload.

New Business:

- A. Development of ALPS Jurisprudence Exam** – Mock questions have been created; awaiting approval from the Purchasing Division.
- B. Counseling Compact Update** – All that is left to determine is the fee.
- C. Finance Committee Report**

Notes:

- Next Board Meeting: **Friday, April 24, 2026.**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 2:10 PM (M/S/P:)

Respectfully Submitted,

RaJon E. Staunton

Administrative Assistant, WVBE