



West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 24, 2026 @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a board meeting on **04/24/2026**. The meeting was called to order at **10:07 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:

None.

Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2026

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 suggested revisions: E. Beeson suggested changing the effective date for new rules pertaining to degree specifications for licensure. This motion failed (M/S/F: Bowling/Beeson)

Enter Credentialing Committee: 10:07 AM



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A. The Committee recommends the following applicants for Licensure or ALPS distinction.

ALPS:

1. Kristina Clark (Pending receipt and approval of Revised Professional Statement)
2. Randy Glasscock
3. Thomas Lewis
4. Elisa McDonald
5. Brianna Monroe
6. Alexandra Owens (Pending receipt and approval of Revised Professional Statement)
7. Lacey Sawyers
8. Delania Szafraniec (Pending receipt and approval of Revised Professional Statement)

Full LPC:

1. Aimee Asbury
2. Janka Bell
3. Trisha Boggs
4. Angela Brogan
5. Justice Caldwell
6. Kara Flynn
7. Enis Fox-Schauffner
8. Allison Groves
9. Cameron Haynes
10. Tasia Holmes



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11. Jackson Hussey
12. Sarah Johnson
13. Angela King
14. Makenzie Lilly
15. Jarrod Martin
16. Brianna Mascara
17. Maryanna Mason
18. Hailey Mostacciuolo (Pending receipt and approval of revised Final SVA, showing 20:1 ratio met.)
19. Madeline Murphy
20. Jordan Waldron
21. Madison Wright

Endorsements (Option 1 & Option 2):

1. Nathaniel Alexander (Opt. 1)
2. Virginia Bizzell (Opt. 2)
3. Renee Davis (Opt. 2)
4. Janna Flower (Opt. 1)
5. Joy Fox (Opt. 1)
6. Jennifer Kim (Opt. 2)- Pending receipt and approval of syllabus for CAHC 565
7. Amanda Nest (Opt. 2)
8. Callie Salters (Opt. 2)
9. Sarah Strader (Opt. 1)



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Provisional:

1. Emily Bowen
2. Maryellen Lewis
3. Alexis Ottonello
4. Lora Plohal
5. Zachary Williams

NCE and/or TP:

1. Grace Ayers (NCE & TP)
2. Jonathan Burton (NCE only)
3. Ida Byers (NCE & TP)
4. Crystal Collins (NCE & TP)
5. Kristen DeRito (NCE & TP)
6. George Hairston (NCE & TP)- Pending receipt and approval of corrected pages and course descriptions/syllabus)
7. Mariah McCauley (NCE & TP)
8. Jamie McDavid (NCE & TP)
9. Ashley Meyer (NCE & TP)
10. Jamie Partlow (MFT-Perm to test only)
11. Gabrielle Pyles (NCE only)
12. Briana Warner (NCE only)

Universal Licensure

None.



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Motion to Approve List: (M/S/P: Warren/Allen, Onorato abstains for J. Hussey)

B. Appeal of Licensure Decision

- a. *J. Cassidy* – Appealing the Board’s denial of her licensure attempt at the previous Board meeting held on 4/24/2026; has over 20 years of experience counseling in other states (VA, OH, PA); has been a fully licensed LPC in Virginia for approximately 15 years; notes that the initial issue was related to degree type, not accreditation; cites Rule 5.3, asking the Board to waive specific degree requirements because of prior experience and full licensure status in other states bordering WV.

Executive Director’s Report:

- A. Certemy Update** – Tentative launch date for Certemy to replace all paper applications and forms is July 1, 2026; Credentialing Committee members will require training on the platform.
- B. Legislative Update** – Legislative rules have been revised and submitted, effective as of July 1, 2026.
- C. Jurisprudence Exam** – For cost efficiency purposes, CCE will administer the WVBE’s jurisprudence exam; \$25.00 exam fee.
- D. West Virginia Chapter 30 Licensing Boards Conference** – Being held Nov. 5, 2026; Board chair must attend, every other Board member must attend at least once during their tenure.
- E. Compact Update:** Background checks discussed, mandatory for the compact.

New Business:

- A. Multiple Exam Failures and the Issuance of Multiple Temporary Permits** – Board staff is requesting guidance from the Board regarding applicants potentially misusing the Approval to Test and Temporary Permit
- B. 2027 Budget:** 4/28 will be development meeting.
- C. Investigator Questions:** Discussing remuneration for investigators.

Enter Executive Session: 11:08 AM (M/S/P: Ward/Beeson)

Complaint Committee:

- A. 03-26 (New Complaint)**
- B. 04-26 (New Complaint)**
- C. 05-26 (New Complaint)**
- D. 07-25**
- E. 11-25**



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- F. 12-25**
- G. 13-25**
- H. 14-25**
- I. Licensure Denial Appeals**

Exit Executive Session: 12:24 PM (M/S/P: Warren/Ward)

The following motions were made regarding complaints and appeals:

- A. 03-26 (New Complaint)**
- B. 04-26 (New Complaint)**
- C. 05-26 (New Complaint)**
- D. 07-25** Motion to dismiss (M/S/P: Ward/Burgess)
- E. 11-25** – 6 months of corrective supervision.(M/S/P: Beeson/Ward, Onorato Recused)
- F. 12-25** – 6 months (6 session minimum) of corrective supervision.(M/S/P: Beeson/Burgess, Onorato recused)
- G. 13-25** – Motion to dismiss (M/S/P: Ward/Burgess)
- H. 14-25** – Motion to dismiss (M/S/P: Burgess/Ward)
- I. Licensure Denial Appeals** - Will be communicated to applicants

Notes:

- Next Board Meeting: **Friday, June 12, 2026, at 10:00 AM, in-person.**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 12:33 PM (M/S/P: Allen/Warren)

Respectfully Submitted,

RaJon E. Staunton
Administrative Assistant, WVBEC