



West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 12, 2026 @ 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a board meeting on **06/12/2026**. The meeting was called to order at **10:19 AM**.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

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

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 them as written:

April 24, 2026 (M/S/P: Bowling/Warren)

Enter Credentialing Committee: 10:22 AM

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



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ALPS:

1. Margaret Anable
2. Anthony Arthur
3. Micayla Hiles (Pending approval of additional CE training provided)

Full LPC:

1. Anne Bower
2. Terri Bubnar
3. Stephanie Freeman
4. Diana Gorham
5. Kayla Hart
6. Julia Lilly
7. Hollie McClanahan
8. Angela Persinger
9. Jessica Stowers

Endorsements (Option 1 & Option 2):

1. Meredith Crislip (1)
2. Alicia Divico (1)
3. Megan Farrar (2)
4. Marnie Leadman (1)
5. Holly Markley (1)
6. James McAndrew (1)
7. Brandi Neogra (2)
8. Becky Smith (2)
9. Elizabeth Turak (2)

Provisional:

1. Rayna Adamy
2. Hayli Baisden



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3. Whitney Covert
4. Hannah Decanio
5. Jocelyn Deneen
6. Riley Dworaczyk
7. Ashley Ford
8. David Good
9. Alvin Hall
10. Brianna Landis
11. Michaela Marshall
12. Frances McNeil
13. Aundrea Perry
14. Olivia Ranallo
15. Brittany Reggetz
16. Erin Smith
17. Jordyn Snider
18. Shara Stewart
19. Samantha Sullivan
20. Lauren Swarr
21. Ronald Woody

NCE and/or TP:

1. Kelli Bails (NCE only)
2. Anna Black (NCE & TP)
3. Madeline Boyd (NCE only)
4. Shelby DiBacco (NCE & TP)
5. Madison Essigmann (NCE & TP)
6. Linda Ireland (NCE & TP)
7. Caroline Kirkpatrick (NCE & TP)
8. Alexandria Macioce (NCE & TP)
9. Holly McCloy (NCE only)
10. Kathlyn Mazingo (NCE & TP)
11. Jordan Musgrave (NCE & TP)



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Universal Licensure

None.

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

Executive Director's Report:

- A. Certemy Update** – System construction is complete, just fine-tuning processes for the system's rollout.
- B. Board Staff Background Checks** – All background checks have been received for Board staff.
- C. ED Vacation Dates**
- D.** Anthony Onorato suggest FAQ sheet for renewal procedures.

New & Other Business:

- A. Multiple Exam Failures and the Issuance of Multiple Temporary Permits** – The Board acknowledges that all applicants are to be issued only one Temporary Permit per the Board's interpretation of the Rules.
- B. Audit of Coursework Prior to Initial Application** – What is the role of an academic advisor in relation to the Board staff and the handling of initial applications for licensure?
- C. Release Form for Complaints** – Good idea to create one, must promote that the release form is not common practice, just made available to those who may need it.
- D. New Payment Structure for Investigators**
- E. Approval of Part-Time Investigator Job Description** – Board voted to approve (M/S/P: Ward/Allen)
- F. Subpoena Received from Medicaid Fraud Unit**
- G. Election of Officers** – Chair for new term is Durand Warren and Secretary is Patrick Ward (M/S/P: Bowling/Allen)
- H. Corrective Supervision and Third-Party Interference**
- I. Draft Revised Language for Corrective Supervision**

Enter Executive Session: 12:20 PM (M/S/P: Ward/Allen)

Complaint Committee:

- A. 08-25** – Board finds probable cause and will require LPC to relinquish their license. (M/S/P: Bowling/Warren, Onorato and Burgess recused)
- B. 09-25** – Board revocation of license stands. (M/S/P: Ward/Warren)
- C. Kristin Pruitt – New Corrective Supervisor Needed** – Recommendation received. (M/S/P: Bowling/Warren)



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- D. 10-25** – Motion to dismiss. (M/S/P: Ward/Bowling)
- E. 15-25** – Motion to draft a non-disciplinary consent agreement for the LPC in question. (M/S/P: Warren/Allen)
- F. 17-25 & 01-26** – Sent to investigation.
- G. 07-26 (NEW)**
- H. 08-26 (NEW)**
- I. 09-26 (NEW)**
- J. 10-26 (NEW)**
- K. Legal Updates, J. Vella** – Email received about conversion therapy legislation and challenges to the First Amendment in CO related to the scope of practice for practicing LPCs.

Exit Executive Session: 2:13 PM (M/S/P: Ward/Bowling)

Notes:

- Next Board Meeting: **Friday, August 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM, virtual (Zoom).**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 2:21 PM (M/S/P: Bowling/Onorato)

Respectfully Submitted,

RaJon E. Staunton

Administrative Assistant, WVBEC