



West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 07, 2026 @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The WV Board of Examiners in Counseling held a board meeting on **08/07/2026**. The meeting was called to order at **10:04 AM**.

Board Members Present:

Durand Warren, Chairperson
Patrick Ward, Secretary
Alecia Allen
Eric Beeson
Karen Bowling
Regina Burgess
Anthony Onorato

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:

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 with the suggested revisions:

- June 12, 2026 (M/S/P: Warren/Bowling)



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Enter Credentialing Committee: 10:08 AM

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

ALPS:

1. Brittany Bartley
2. Kelli Cunningham
3. Sherry Dale (Pending receipt and approval of a revised Professional Statement)
4. Jonathan Dower
5. Alexis Ginn (Pending receipt and approval of a revised Professional Statement)
6. Eric Hupp
7. Mikee Krieg (Pending receipt and approval of a revised Professional Statement)
8. Marnie Leadman
9. April Lucas
10. Shanna Phillips
11. Kimberlee Richardson
12. Felicia Turner
13. Whitney Zemaitis

Full LPC:

1. Melody Akers
2. Kelly Arthur
3. Michael Graul
4. Erica Hampton



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5. Maggie LaBossiere
6. Amie McKinney
7. Courtney Murphy
8. Kimberly Pack
9. Cathy Schraeder
10. Jennifer Setter
11. Moriah Shepard
12. Rachel Talip

Endorsements:

1. Erich Edwards (MFT)
2. Margie Fletcher
3. Stephanie Hepler
4. Tiffany Kincaid
5. Kathryn Lorentz
6. Cydney McClain
7. Chrystal Ratliff
8. Mary Yockel (Pending Board discussion)

LPC-A:

1. Katelyn Abner
2. Josie Burgess
3. Anna Carr



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4. Meghan Conrad
5. Julie Frazee (Pending completion of an MFT course)
6. Rebecca Frederick
7. Logan Frumm
8. Makenna Gibson
9. Megan Huff
10. Goldie Kerns
11. Ben Love
12. Skylar Makuch
13. Casey McBeath
14. Rhonda Reed
15. Kylie Richo
16. Elizabeth Vaglia

NCE and/or TP:

NCE Only

1. Katelin Bryan
2. Kelli Contos
3. Kristie Dorado
4. Carole Ertl
5. Andrea Ferris
6. Ciera Haddad
7. Abriann Hartzell (Pending completion of MFT course)
8. Michelle Kirby



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NCE & TP

1. Shawn Bishop
2. Kristi McComas
3. Sallie Minor
4. Alexis Ramey
5. John Rothwell
6. Atalie Snow

Universal Licensure

None.

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

Executive Director's Report:

- A. Certemy Update** – Administrative functions in the system are ready to go; Board staff is currently seeking an outside applicant to test the other side of the database's application functions. R. Burgess has completed the Certemy training, E. Beeson is currently scheduling a training session.
- B. ALPS Jurisprudence Exam** – The exam has been constructed, just working on integration of the exam with the IT department; exam completion (with passing score) provides 1 CE hour, costs \$25 to attempt.
- C. Counseling Compact Update** – Board staff has been cleared to receive and process applicant's background check; Certemy is establishing a connection with the Compact system since they are handling the WCBEC's applicant data.

New & Other Business:



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- A. ALPS Roles and Responsibilities** – WVBE office staff has been made aware of an ALPS who is not fulfilling their supervisory duties, how does the WVBE proceed? Discussed the following: Filing a Board-initiated complaint; inviting the ALPS who brought this issue to light to speak to the Board at an upcoming meeting before committing to any disciplinary action.
- B. Clarity Regarding Counseling Psych. Degrees and Degree Hour Requirements for Endorsement Applicants** – Per the newest Board licensing rules, degree title and credit hour requirement no longer impact the Board's decision when approving Endorsement licenses (so long as the applicant is actively licensed in another state).

Enter Executive Session: 10:41 AM (M/S/P: Bowling/Onorato)

Complaints were addressed by the board.

Exit Executive Session: 11:53 AM (M/S/P: Onorato/Burgess)

Complaint Decisions:

- A. 16-25** – Motion to dismiss. (M/S/P: Bowling/Onorato)
- B. 18-25** – Motion to recommend corrective supervision (6 sessions over 3 months) and completion of Board-approved CEU courses. (M/S/P: Allen/Onorato)
- C. 19-25** – Motion to recommend 3 CEU hours in documentation and record-keeping, and 3 CEU hours in telehealth practices. (M/S/P: Bowling/Burgess)
- D. 11-26 (NEW)**
- E. Corrective Supervision for K. Pruitt** – New corrective supervisor has been selected.
- F. Legal Updates, J. Vella** – Finalizing several Consent Agreements; scheduling hearing for past complaint; changing verbiage in Consent Agreements moving forward (re: "At the Board's discretion...")

Notes:

- Next Board Meeting: **Friday, October 2, 2026, at 10:00 AM, in-person.**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:55 AM. (M/S/P: Onorato/Bowling)

Respectfully Submitted,

RaJon E. Staunton

Administrative Assistant, WVBE