

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS



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Board Administrator

MEETING MINUTES May 7, 2021

The Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors Meeting met via Zoom video conference on May 7, 2021. The following Board members were in attendance: Steven Hallbauer-Chair, Dr. Christopher Taylor-Vice Chair, Dr. Lia Amuna, Dr. Loretta Bradley, Brenda Compagnone, Vanessa Hall, Garrett Nerren, Roy Smith, and Janie Stubblefield. Also, in attendance was Cristina De Luna, Board Administrator of LPC.

Friday, May 7, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chair Steven Hallbauer.
2. The Board moved into Item II, Introduction of members and staff.
3. The Board moved into Item III, Meeting Minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR AND SECONDED BY DR. LORETTA BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2021 BOARD MEETING AS SUBMITTED. THE VOTE WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. The Board moved into Item IV, Discussion and possible action regarding continuation of recording meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JANIE STUBBLEFIELD AND SECONDED BY DR. LIA AMUNA TO ACCEPT THE RECORDING OF MEETING MINUTES IMMEDIATELY. THE VOTE WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. The Board moved into Item V, Board review and possible action regarding Application Denial(s).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA COMPAGNONE TO APPROVE LICENSURE UPON COMPLETION OF AGREED ELIGIBILITY ORDER WITH CONDITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. LORETTA BRADLEY. THE VOTE WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. The Board moved into Item VI, Discussion and possible action, regarding orders from second quarter to be executed by Board Chair.

NO NEW ORDERS FOR QUARTER. NO ACTION TAKEN.

7. The Board moved into Item VII, Report regarding final orders executed by Council Executive Director.

ORDERS EXECUTED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. NO MOTION NEEDED.

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8. The Board moved into Item VIII, Report regarding Enforcement Actions, Complaint Dismissals, and Status Report.

NO ACTION NEEDED

9. The Board moved into Item IX, Discussion and possible action related to State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) cases.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDED AN UPDATE NOTING BHEC LEGAL STAFF CONTINUE TO WORK ON SCHEDULING CASES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.

10. The Board moved into Item X, Discussion and possible action, regarding standardization of board rules with other member boards.

BHEC STANDARDIZATION COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN TO IDENTIFY AREAS TO STANDARDIZE ACROSS MEMBER BOARDS.

11. The Board moved into Item XI, Report regarding final orders executed by Council Executive Director.

ORDERS EXECUTED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. NO MOTION NEEDED.

12. The Board moved into Item XII, Discussion and possible action concerning Committee Reports:

A. Professional Development Committee Report.

JANIE STUBBLEFIELD NOTED THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THE NCE AND NCMHCE PROVIDED READINESS AND THEORY TO AN INDIVIDUAL BUT DID NOT FIND THAT EITHER EXAM SHOWS READINESS TO OPERATE A PRIVATE PRACTICE. NO MOTION NECESSARY.

B. Rules Committee Report regarding proposed changes to board rules;

- a. §681.2
- b. §681.91
- c. §681.92
- d. §681.93

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR AND SECONDED BY DR. LIA AMUNA TO ACCEPT PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR 681.2, 681.91, AND 681.93. JANIE STUBBLEFIELD OPPOSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR AND SECONDED BY DR. LIA AMUNA TO DENY PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR 681.92. JANIE STUBBLEFIELD OPPOSED.

13. The Board moved to Item XIII, Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council updates.

BHEC voted unanimously to video recording of meeting minutes. BHEC has created a Standardization Committee to identify rules and procedures across member boards. BHEC has reduced late fees for licensees to encourage on-time renewals rather than punitive. BHEC accepted LPC Board rules from February 2021 meeting and will be submitted to Texas Register.

14. The Board moved into Item XIV, Board Chair Report and update concerning current challenges and accomplishments; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of Board members; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the Board.

New addition to board, Dr. Lia Amuna. Dr. Loretta Bradley, Brenda Compagnone, and Dr. Christopher Taylor have been reappointed to the serve on the board. Recognize staff on all their work and dedication to the program.

15. The Board moved into Item XV, Board Administrator's Report concerning program operations; customer service accomplishments and challenges; workload processing; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program and enforcement compliance.

Board Administrator provided an update on licensing operations and processes. Also provided an update on Compliance Report for Agreed Orders.

16. The Board moved into Item XVI, Operations Manager Report and Update, including unit organization and staffing; customer service accomplishments and challenges; workload processing and general information regarding the routine functioning of the program.

Legislative inquiries have decreases significantly which speaks directly to the improvement of processes within the program at BHEC.

17. The Board moved into Item XVII, Council Executive Director report regarding legislation updates.

BHEC Executive Director Darrel Spinks discussed updates to Legislative Bills being monitored.

18. The Board moved into Item XVIII, Public comment.

- Board Administrator noted twenty-one written comments had been submitted and provided to the board members.
- Sandra Martin with Texas Christian Counselors of Texas. Appreciates that the board is not rushing rules and taking the time to review and consider all aspects. Conference is August 12-14, 2021 in San Marcos, TX, to discuss supervision issues.
- Jan Friese with Texas Counseling Association. Working on legislation to support the board, agency, and profession. Conference in November 2021 in Galveston, TX. Appreciates the board working to reduce the cost of late fees.
- Mario De La Garza with Texas Association for Counselor Education & Supervision. Appreciates the meetings being available online to view and attend. Requests the board to consider the fact that not all individuals who come into the profession have had the same educational requirements and may come in with less experience. In protecting the public and the public members may not fully understand the difference between LPC-Associates, LPC's, and LPC-Supervisors. Requests user guides for online modules.
- Tom Kennedy Ethics Chair with Texas Christian Counselors of Texas. Thank Darrel's team who have significantly reduced the application backlogs. Agree that having the meetings be virtual is great and hopes the board will continue with virtual meetings.

19. The Board moved into Item XIX, Items for consideration for future committee and Board meeting agendas.

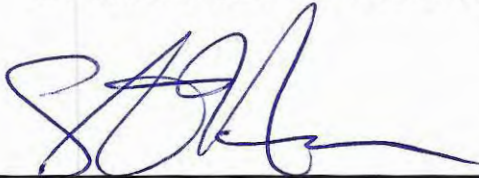
None

20. The Board moved into Item XX, Announcements and comments not requiring Board action, such as statements regarding conferences, future board meetings, and other recent or upcoming events.

- NBCC National Conference August 2021.
- Christian Counselors of Texas will have their conference August 12th – 14th.
- Next virtual board meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2021.
- TCA will have their conference November 3rd – 5th.

21. Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR AND SECONDED BY DR. LORETTA BRADLEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.



9/10/2021

Chair Steven Hallbauer