

Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists
Minutes of February 13, 2009

Members Present: Ryan Melton, LPC, Chair
Linda White, LPC, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Wosley-George, LPC
Art Tolentino, LMFT

Members Excused: Julia Smith, LPC; Loretta Slepikas, Public Member

In attendance:

Becky Eklund, Executive Director	Russ Burchell, George Fox
Connie Brown, Board Staff	Katie Fickes, George Fox
Kelly Gabliks, AAG	Cayla Townes, George Fox
Dan Kelly, Contract Investigator	Larita Brown, George Fox
Craig Stoelk, Contract Investigator	Margaret Evans, George Fox
Lora Carson, DAS, SCS	Angela Ard, George Fox
Juvata Rusch	Christina Smith, George Fox
Nike Green, George Fox	

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists was called to order by Chair Ryan Melton pursuant to ORS 192.660(3) at 8:39 a.m. in the Second Floor Large Conference Room of the Morrow Crane Building, 3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, Oregon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

The Board did not have a quorum to vote for approval of the minutes. This will be done during a telephone conference meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Board Chair, Ryan Melton, proposed a few meeting date revisions for this year. Proposed changes would be to move the meeting dates to April 3rd, August 21st, and October 23rd.

Lora Carson presented the financial report. Credit card online renewal is going good. The Board will have to watch funds through the transition next year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (including working lunch)

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:53 a.m. to discuss complaints and investigations under ORS 192.660(2)(k).

BREAK 10:08 a.m.

The Board reconvened in Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION closed at 11:14 a.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 11:15 a.m.

The Executive Director, Becky Eklund, talked about the AASCB conference she attended. Other states have similar issues as the Oregon Board and are considering Practice Acts and a National Credentials Registry. Ms. Eklund also gave a legislative update on proposed legislation.

BREAK 11:40 a.m. for lunch

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 12:04 p.m.

WORK GROUPS – The Board agreed to form the following work groups:

- Board-Approved Graduate Program Reviews headed by Elizabeth Wosley-George and Ryan Melton. This work group will invite program directors from all ten Oregon Board-approved schools to develop and recommend guidelines and standards. They would develop a process for reviewing new schools and review existing schools and present a progress report at each Board meeting.
- Administrative Rules headed by Linda White. Becky Eklund talked about the recent rule change and the difficulty people have using the Direct Method of application coming from out of state. She suggested a temporary rule change immediately. The Board approved.
- Supervisor Registry headed by Art Tolentino

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Board discussed the process for dealing with special considerations in a more efficient manner. Suggestions included: setting a deadline in which to get all materials in to the Board before the next Board meeting; set a time limit of 10 minutes to discuss the special consideration; and grant authority to the Executive Director to decide the appeals.

1. Deanne Bishop – She has both the LPC and LMFT license and asked the Board to consider combining the licenses with one renewal fee. The Board decided that if she wants both licenses, she will have to pay for both.
2. Juvata Rusch – She appealed to the Board to reverse their decision of issuing a civil penalty on her continuing education audit. Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to uphold the Board's original decision to continue with the \$375 civil penalty. The motion failed. The Board decided to have further discussion at a later date.

The Board took the following actions on compliance cases:

Resolved: Case #2004-006 – Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to withdraw the impending notice of intent and issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2005-020 – Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to accept the settlement agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2005-036 – Art Tolentino moved and Linda White seconded the motion to close the investigation and issue a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2007-024 – Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint because it was not substantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-011 – Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to impose discipline in the form of revocation. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-012 – Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint because it was not substantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-017 – Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint because it was not substantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-018 – Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to approve the settlement agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-020 – Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint because it was not substantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-021 – Art Tolentino moved and Elizabeth Wosley-George seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint because it was not substantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-022 – Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint because it was not substantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-023 – Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to dismiss. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Case #2008-027 – Elizabeth Wosley-George moved and Linda White seconded the motion to dismiss the complaint because it was not substantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Susan Bramlette, LMFT – Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to approve the settlement agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: Holly Williams, LPC – Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to approve her request to return to practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to request a 30-day extension on the following compliance cases due to workload issues:

#2006-018; #2006-049; #2007-028; #2008-005; #2008-013; #2008-014; 2008-025; and 2008-028. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. **Christina Zimmerman** – Asked the Board to reconsider denial of her report #3 for the period of 10/01/07 through April 2008. Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to deny the appeal. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Barbara Tint** – Asked the Board to waive the civil penalty imposed for not passing the continuing education audit. The Board denied the appeal and instructed staff to set up a payment plan and stipulate a timeline and consequences for not paying.
3. **Stephanie Dickinson** - Asked the Board to reconsider denial of her intern report for March-September 2008. Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to deny the appeal. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Karin Thompson** – Asked the Board to reconsider denial of her intern report for November 12, 2007 to May 31, 2008. Art Tolentino moved and Linda White seconded the motion to accept the appeal because Ms. Thompson was able to produce a copy of the report originally submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Megan Chaloupka** – Asked the Board to reconsider denial of her intern report due to misunderstanding about dates and all previous reports were mailed early. The Board made a recommendation to accept her appeal and will vote during the March 3, 2009 special teleconference meeting.
6. **Lepha Johnson** – Asked the Board to allow her to register as an intern and accrue hours while taking a Lifestyle and Career Development class. The Board made a recommendation to uphold current rules and deny her appeal. They will vote on this recommendation during the March 3, 2009 special teleconference meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 3:05 p. m.

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