

**Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners  
September 20, 2024  
Board Meeting  
LPC Board Office  
11410 Lake Sherwood Avenue North, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
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The meeting was called to order by R Salgado at 12:02pm. N Pierce took the roll call and determined a quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

R Salgado  
N Pierce  
L Fazio-Griffith  
E Dossaji  
K Tyner  
F Nash  
M Reynaud  
C Butler

**Members Absent:**

E Airhia  
A Hays  
K Hebert

**Staff Present:**

J Doming  
R Lundin

**Guests Present:**

K Lockett  
V Guilbeau  
S Johnson  
D Dobbins (*via Zoom*)  
S Syed (*via Zoom*)

**Agenda**

E Dossaji motions to accept the agenda. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

**LPC Licensure Hearings for Applicants not Scheduled to Appear**

Sophie Miller case presented by K Lockett. N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Sophie Miller. C Butler seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Susan Knowles case presented by K Lockett. N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Susan Knowles. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Sopheia Jones case presented by K Lockett. K Tyner motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Sopheia Jones. E Dossaji seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Lonnie Renteria case presented by K Lockett. C Butler motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Lonnie Renteria. E Dossaji seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Amy Henley case presented by K Lockett. K Tyner motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Amy Henley. C Butler seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Brenda Eccles-Wiltz case presented by K Lockett. N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Brenda Eccles-Wiltz. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Desiree' Thomas case presented by K Lockett. M Reynaud motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Desiree' Thomas. E Dossaji seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Ruby Scroggins case presented by K Lockett. N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Ruby Scroggins. M Reynaud seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Jorajuri Woods case presented by K Lockett. K Tyner motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Jorajuri Woods. F Nash seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Rhonda Battle case presented by K Lockett. N Pierce motions to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Rhonda Battle. C Butler seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

**Board Meeting Minutes**

K Tyner motions to accept the July Board Meeting minutes. M Reynaud seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

**Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report: K Tyner, N Pierce, R Salgado, J Doming, J Raines**

K Lockett presents Consent Agreement #23/24-259, PLPC #PLC9223. N Pierce motions to accept Consent Agreement #23/24-259, PLPC #PLC9223. E Dossaji seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

K Lockett presents Consent Agreement #23/24-43, PLPC #PLC8299. N Pierce motions to accept Consent Agreement #23/24-43, PLPC #PLC8299. C Butler seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

K Lockett presents Consent Agreement #22/23-205, LPC #7738. N Pierce motions to accept Consent Agreement #22/23-205, LPC #7738. E Dossaji seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

K Lockett presents Consent Agreement #23/24-52, LPC #3359. L Fazio-Griffith motions to accept Consent Agreement #23/24-52, LPC #3359. E Dossaji seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

K Lockett presents Consent Agreement #22/23-233, LPC-S #4354. N Pierce motions to accept Consent Agreement #22/23-233, LPC-S #4354. E Dossaji seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

K Lockett presents Voluntary Surrender of License, Lapsed LPC #6342. M Reynaud motions to accept Voluntary Surrender of License, Lapsed LPC #6342. N Pierce seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

Disciplinary Affairs Report presented by R Salgado.

**Unofficial Complaints Received since 7/19/2024:**

1. 24/25-7 Unprofessional Behavior
2. 24/25-8 Unprofessional Behavior
3. 24/25-9 Unprofessional Behavior
4. 24/25-11 Failure to Notify\*
5. 24/25-14 Fraud
6. 24/25-15 Unethical Behavior
7. 24/25-16 Unprofessional Behavior
8. 24/25-18 Unprofessional Behavior
9. 24/25-19 Failure to Report\*
10. 24/25-20 Inappropriate Behavior
11. 24/25-21 Unethical Behavior
12. 24/25-22 Inappropriate Behavior
13. 24/25-27 Unethical/Unprofessional Behavior
14. 24/25-28 Unethical/Unprofessional Behavior
15. 24/25-29 Failure to Follow PLPC Rules\*
16. 24/25-30 Unethical Behavior
17. 24/25-31 Unprofessional Behavior
18. 24/25-32 Unprofessional Behavior
19. 24/25-33 Unprofessional Behavior
20. 24/25-34 Unethical Behavior
21. 24/25-36 Unethical Behavior
22. 24/25-41 Unethical Behavior
23. 24/25-43 Fraud

**Official Complaints Received:**

1. 24/25-6 Inappropriate Relationship
2. 24/25-10 Unprofessional Behavior
3. 24/25-12 Unprofessional Behavior
4. 24/25-13 Unethical Behavior
5. 24/25-17 Unprofessional Behavior
6. 24/25-23 Unethical Behavior
7. 24/25-24 Confidentiality/Unethical Behavior
8. 24/25-25 Unprofessional Behavior
9. 24/25-26 Unethical Behavior
10. 24/25-35 Unethical Behavior
11. 24/25-37 Unethical Behavior
12. 24/25-38 Unprofessional Behavior
13. 24/25-39 Unethical Behavior
14. 24/25-40 Unethical Behavior
15. 24/25-42 Unprofessional Behavior

**Cases to Open:**

1. 24/25-5 Unethical Behavior
2. 24/25-6 Inappropriate Relationship
3. 24/25-10 Unprofessional Relationship
4. 24/25-11 Failure to Notify\*
5. 24/25-12 Unprofessional Relationship
6. 24/25-16 Unprofessional Relationship
7. 24/25-17 Unprofessional Relationship
8. 24/25-18 Unprofessional Relationship
9. 24/25-19 Failure to Report\*
10. 24/25-20 Inappropriate Relationship
11. 24/25-21 Unethical Behavior
12. 24/25-24 Confidentiality/Unethical Behavior
13. 24/25-29 Failure to Follow PLPC Rules\*
14. 24/25-32 Unprofessional Behavior
15. 24/25-33 Unprofessional Behavior

**Cases to Close:**

1. 22/23-107 Unreported Arrest\*
2. 23/24-19 Unethical Behavior
3. 23/24-31 Unethical Behavior
4. 23/24-33 Unethical Behavior

5. 23/24-65 Confidentiality
6. 23/24-71 Unethical Behavior
7. 23/24-197 Unreported Offense\*
8. 23/24-67 Unethical Behavior
9. 24/25-05 Unethical Behavior
10. 24/25-10 Unprofessional Behavior
11. 24/25-18 Unprofessional Behavior
12. 24/25-32,33 Unprofessional Behavior

**Complaints to Dismiss:**

1. 22/23-106 Client Abandonment
2. 22/23-111 Client Abandonment
3. 22/23-172 Unethical Behavior
4. 22/23-173 Unethical Behavior
5. 22/23-204 Unethical Behavior
6. 22/23-254 Unethical Behavior
7. 23/24-44 Unethical Behavior
8. 23/24-249 Unethical Behavior
9. 23/24-251 Unknown
10. 24/25-2 Unethical Behavior
11. 24/25-8 Unprofessional Behavior
12. 24/25-9 Unprofessional Behavior
13. 24/25-13 Unethical Behavior
14. 24/25-14 Fraud
15. 24/25-22 Inappropriate Behavior
16. 24/25-23 Unethical Behavior
17. 24/25-25 Unprofessional Behavior
18. 24/25-30 Unethical Behavior
19. 24/25-31 Unprofessional Behavior
20. 24/25-34 Unethical Behavior
21. 24/25-36 Unethical Behavior
22. 24/25-38 Unprofessional Behavior
23. 24/25-39 Unethical Behavior

**TOTAL OPEN CASES TO DATE: 157**

**Consent Agreements:**

22/23-205, LPC #7738  
 22/23-233, LPC-S #4354  
 23/24-43, PLPC #PLC8299

23/24-52, LPC #3359  
23/24-259, PLPC #PLC9223

Voluntary Surrender of License, Lapsed LPC #6342

**Pending Legal Action:**

**Overdue Responses:**

22/23-19  
22/23-97  
23/24-79  
23/24-90  
23/24-101  
23/24-102  
23/24-246

N Pierce motions to accept the Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Report. L Fazio-Griffith seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

**Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report- LPC: L Fazio-Griffith, A Dossaji**

The LPC Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report presented by L Fazio-Griffith.

<b>Total Number of LPC Applications Reviewed:</b>				
<b>Application</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Expedited</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>LPC Application for Licensure</b>	10	24	30	<b>64</b>
<i>59 Approved; 5 Intent to Deny</i>				
<b>LPC Endorsement Application</b>	3	6	4	<b>13</b>
<i>12 Approved; 1 Incomplete</i>				
<b>PLPC Application (Section 1, 2, 3)</b>	9	31	42	<b>82</b>
<i>70 Approved; 7 Intent to Deny; 3 Pending Information; 2 Incomplete</i>				
<b>PLPC Application: Section 1 Only</b>	1	1	0	<b>2</b>
<i>2 Intent to Deny</i>				
<b>LPC Supervisor Application</b>	13	8	7	<b>28</b>
<i>28 Approved</i>				
<b>Appraisal Privilege</b>	1	2	0	<b>3</b>
<i>3 Approved</i>				
<b>PLPC: Change/Add Supervisor</b>	24	21	0	<b>45</b>
<i>45 Approved</i>				
<b>PLPC Practice Setting Updates</b>	53	38	0	<b>91</b>
<i>91 Approved</i>				
<b>PLPC Audited Renewal Approvals</b>				<b>5</b>
<b>PLPC Standard Renewal Approvals</b>				<b>54</b>
<b>LPC Audited Renewal Approvals</b>				<b>9</b>
<b>LPC Standard Renewal Approvals</b>				<b>0</b>
<b>Telehealth Approvals</b>				<b>61</b>
<b>Total LPC Applications Reviewed</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>403</b>

L Fazio-Griffith provided updates on what the committee has been working on. Discussion of the Supervisor Orientation topics and request to form sub-committee. R Salgado and E Dossaji volunteered to join the committee. Discussion on allowing LPCs to obtain continuing education hours for teaching a course similar to the LMFT rules. L Fazio-Griffith motions to accept the Committee on Licensure/Supervision/Appraisal Report. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

**Committee on Licensure/Supervision- LMFT: A Hays, K Tyner**

The LMFT Committee on Licensure/Supervision Report presented by F Nash.

<b>Total Number of LMFT Applications Reviewed:</b>				
<b>Application</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Expedited</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>LMFT Application for Licensure</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>LMFT Endorsement Application</b>	1	2	0	<b>3</b>
<i>3 Approved</i>				
<b>PLMFT Application (Section 1, 2, 3)</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>PLMFT Application: Section 1 Only</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>PLMFT: Change/Add Supervisor</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>PLMFT Practice Setting Updates</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>LMFT Supervisor</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>LMFT Supervisor Candidate</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>NA</i>				
<b>PLMFT Audited Renewal Approvals</b>				<b>0</b>
<b>PLMFT Standard Renewal Approvals</b>				<b>1</b>
<b>LMFT Audited Renewal Approvals</b>				<b>0</b>
<b>LMFT Standard Renewal Approvals</b>				<b>0</b>
<b>Total LMFT Applications Reviewed</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

C Butler motions to accept the LMFT Committee on Licensure/Supervision Report. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.



**Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report: K Tyner, F Nash, A Hays, M Reynaud**

Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee Report presented by K Tyner. K Tyner stated that Kansas and Ohio are establishing their own passing scores for the National Marriage and Family Therapy Examination. Kansas also has an LMFT license which is not required to pass the examination, but they are required to be under supervision. They also have the LCMFT which requires passage of the examination. LAMFT has expressed that they've had communication with other states. Minnesota is considering removing the examination requirement all together. California is now considering the National examination. Discussion on the possibility of adding language in the Statement of Practice or Position Statement on the use of AI in therapy and the disclosure to the client. J Doming mentioned the recent COAMFTE graduate internship change affecting state licensure requirements. Many states have the 500-hour requirement in their statute and are now unable to approve those who graduated from a COAMFTE accredited program and completed 300 hours. L Fazio-Griffith motions to accept the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee report. E Dossaji seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

**Rules Committee: L Fazio-Griffith, E Dossaji, A Hays, R Salgado**

Rules Committee report presented by L Fazio-Griffith. Code of Ethics Notice of Intent published in August Register. Multicultural CE requirement Notice of Intent published in September Register with effective date of April 1, 2027. LPC & LMFT Endorsement Notice of Intent published in September Register. LMFT and PLMFT continuing education updates published in September Register. PLPC videotape requirement for supervision Final Rule published in September Register. Discussion on licensure exclusion and telehealth registration. K Tyner motions to accept the Rules Committee report. N Pierce seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

**Committee on Professional Assistance Program Report: E Airhia, L Fazio-Griffith, C Butler**

Presented by L Fazio-Griffith. The committee has six active participants and two new possible participants. Two participants were recently discharged successfully from the program. The committee will be updating the PAP handbook to specify who is able to provide the evaluations that are requested by the committee. F Nash motions to accept the Committee on Professional Assistance Program report. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed. No public comments.

**Committee on Budget Report: N Pierce, R Salgado, J Doming**

J Doming presented the June and July 2024 Financials, and FY24/25 and FY25/26 budgets. N Pierce motions to accept FY24/25 budget with proposed amendments. K Tyner seconds. J Doming states that the Board will need to re-review the budget regarding counseling compact and telehealth registration once researched is completed.

**Deputy Director Report: R Lundin**

Deputy Director report presented by R Lundin. Licensure Committee Meetings; Notice of Intent to Deny Letters and Licensure Hearing Preparation; Review of incoming rapsheets; PAP work: Several meetings with committee and potential participants, Correspondence with committee, PAP participants and Assurance Recovery Monitoring; Staff Payroll; Expense Reports; Hiring of Student Worker and training. HR updates to Civil Service; E-Newsletters for provisional licensee renewals; Teletherapy ; Approvals; Public Record Requests; General Licensee Correspondence via email and phone calls; Staff Support; State Report: Annual Publications Report; Rule Submissions: Code of Ethics NOI, Multicultural CE Requirement NOI, LPC & LMFT Endorsement NOI, PLPC Videotape requirement for supervision Final Rule. K Tyner motions to accept the Deputy Director report. C Butler seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

**Executive Director Report: J Doming**

Executive Director report presented by J Doming. Discipline: Meetings with licensees and complainants, Review Multiple Complaints and Draft CAs, Preparation for Meeting with the Committee, Reviewing complaints and writing notification letters; Counseling Compact meetings; Whole Health LA meetings and requests for information; Legislative Audit; Performance Audit follow-up for compliance; Review of NPDB and updated procedures for compliance; AMFTRB conference; Submitted State Reports: SEFA, OSRAP AP Report, AFR, Risk Exposure Report, Litigation Summary Report; Website updates for public viewing and Licensee Dashboard updates; Working on Telehealth Act provisions for Teletherapy Licensure in LA; Team meetings and correspondence with staff members re: updates; Fiscal Statements for new rules and presentation of rules to the OLRC; Preparation of the new Fiscal budgets and analysis of Actual Revenues and Expenses over the last five years; Financials: Deposits, Accounts Payable, Authorize.net report/reconciliation, Updates to Lasers accounts in accordance with new legislation. N Pierce motions to accept the Executive Director report. K Tyner seconds. All in favor. No opposed.

**New Business**

Next Board Meeting: Date/Time November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 12:00pm

Board Officers Election in November

LCA Conference October 13-16. Board Update on October 14 at 1:00pm

F Nash states that LDH has a new information bulletin on how they will treat PLPCs who will be able to receive Medicare reimbursement.

K Tyner motions to adjourn. L Fazio-Griffith seconds. The Board meeting adjourns at 1:17pm.