



Tennessee Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Meeting

Friday, April 14, 2023

MINUTES

The regular Board meeting of the Tennessee Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors was called to order at 9:10 a.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. Mark Loftis, Board President.

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| Board members present: | Dr. Mark Loftis, Board President Dr. Jane Abraham, Board Secretary Terry Kinnaman, Board Member Britney Baker, Board Member |
| Board member(s) absent: | Major McNeil, Consumer Member |
| Staff present: | LaTonya Shelton, Administrative Services Assistant 3 Paul Richardson JD, General Counsel Leandra Houston, Board Administrator |

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Application Review(s):

Mr. Kinnaman made a motion to review the applicants' files and Dr. Abraham seconded the motion to review the following application files:

Rachel Bowie – Ms. Bowie applied for a level 2 LADAC license. Ms. Baker reviewed and approved Ms. Bowie to sit for the NCC AP level 2 written exam. Dr. Abraham seconded the motion. The motion passes.

Charlie Clemmons – Mr. Clemmons applied for a level 2 LADAC license. Dr. Abraham reviewed and approved Mr. Clemmons to sit for the NCC AP level 2 written exam. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. The motion passes.

Kendra Wiley – Ms. Wiley applied for a level 2 LADAC license. Ms. Baker reviewed and approved Ms. Wiley to sit for the NCC AP level 2 written exam. Mr. Kinnaman seconded the motion. The motion passes.

Kimberly Jenkins – Ms. Jenkins applied for a level 2 LADAC license. Dr. Abraham reviewed and approved Ms. Bowie to sit for the NCC AP level 2 written exam. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. The motion passes.

Leslie Sharp- Ms. Sharp applied for a level 1 LADAC license. Mr. Kinnaman reviewed and approved Ms. Sharp to sit for the NCC AP level 1 written exam. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. The motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Jane Abraham made a motion to accept October 21, 2023, and January 13, 2023, meeting minutes as written and Ms. Baker seconded the motion. This motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. Barbara Granum stated her office had a total of complaints four (4) newly opened and currently three (3) open. Ms. Granum informed the Board that she is not currently monitoring any practitioners..

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Latonya Shelton stated there are 531 licensees; four (4) level one application; eight (8) level two applications; one (1) reinstatement applications; and three (3) reciprocity applications. Ms. LaTonya Shelton stated eleven (11) licenses have been issued; zero (0) retired; eight (8) expired; fifty-five (55) renewals. Ms. LaTonya Shelton informed the Board there were renewed through eight (8) revenue, one (1) cash office and forty-six (46) online renewals.

Ms. Latonya Shelton stated the next meeting are July 14, 2023 and October 13, 2023

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Paul Richardson gave the report from the Office of General Counsel which included the following updates:

Conflict of Interest

A circumstance in which a Board member’s individual interest impairs or impedes, or gives the appearance of impairing or impeding, his or her ability to make full, unbiased decisions or to provide full, unbiased service to the Board.

Litigation

OGC currently has two (2) open cases concerning the Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors. There is one (1) Consent Order to present today.

Rules

1200-30-01 Rules Governing Licensure of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors – Internal Review

CONDUCT NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of New Licensees

The Board read allowed the newly licensed individuals since the last Board meeting. Dr. Abraham motioned to ratify all names on the list. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and it passed.

Initial Licenses

Astore, Nicholas Fiore
Beasley, Elizabeth
Clemmons, James Fremont
Driggs, Deborah Dr.
Ensley, Xyzeidria
Fields, Demetria
Golden, Brian David
Hines, Jonathan Todd
Jared, Patricia Carol
Reynolds, Christina Michelle
Schafer, Brian Kirk
Tennison, Christy

Reinstatement

Frierson, Katelynd Marie

Continuing Education Waiver/Exception Request(s)

Kyliene Acheson 8 Domains and Pharmacology Training – Ms. Acheson, LADAC II, QCS requested permission from the Board to provide 8 Domain and Pharmacology trainings at site location at Casey Wilson Consulting. After a brief discussion, Mr. Kinnaman made a motion to approve the 8 Domain and Pharmacology training courses and Dr. Abraham seconded. The motion carried.

Joseph Dabbs Instructor Casey-Wilson 8 Domains Training- Joseph Dabbs, LADACII, QCS requested permission from the Board to provide 8 Domain Training to new and already licensed counselors at site location at Casey Wilson Consulting. After a brief discussion, Mr. Kinnaman made a motion to approve the 8 Domain training courses and Dr. Abraham seconded. The motion carried.

Jessica Hirsch and Kristie Mechoso Strengthening Relationship with Boundaries and Communication Training- Ms. Hirsch LADAC II, QCS and Ms. Mechoso, LADAC II, QCS requested permission from the Board to provide strengthening relationship with boundaries and communication training at a private practice site. After a brief discussion, Mr. Kinnaman made a motion to approve the 8 Domain and Pharmacology training courses and Ms. Baker seconded. The motion carried

Disciplinary Order(s)

Consent Order(s)

Angela Shankle - did not appear before the Board nor did legal representation appear on her behalf. Mr. Paul Richardson represented the state. Respondent has been licensed as an LADAC since January 18, 2017, with license number 1245. On or about April of 2021, Respondent texted an acquaintance stating that she had made a major mistake. Respondent later revealed to the acquaintance that she was romantically involved with a client. for a period of five (5) months at the time of the conversation. Respondent stated that there was a 4-year gap between the client’s treatment and the beginning of her relationship with him. This relationship ended when the client. passed away in May of 2022. For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to the PROBATION of Respondent’s LADAC license number 1245, for one (1) year, to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Order. Pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 68-140-602, TENN.

COMP. R. & REGS. RULE 1200-30-01-.15, and Board policy, Respondent must attend six (6) hours of Ethics training, as approved by the Division within one hundred eighty (180) days from the ratification of this Order. Failure to submit proof of completion of courses within one hundred eighty (180) days will result in a SUSPENSION of Respondent's license until proof of completion is submitted to the Division. This PROBATION is a formal disciplinary action that will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). After a lengthy discussion Dr. Abraham made a motion to deny the Consent Order as written, this motion failed. Finally, after another discussion Mr. Kinnaman made a motion to accept the Consent Order as written and Dr. Abraham seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Public Comment

The Board discussed the upcoming Journey Together conference being held in September 4-7, 2023, in Nashville at Cool Springs Marriott.

Dr. Abraham suggested to the Board that when a licensee must reinstate their license, they must reinstate their qualified clinical supervision status as well, but they must complete another application. After a brief discussion this will require a rule change adding the appropriate language.

Mr. Kinnaman mentioned a concern of the process with applicants being approved to proceed with taking the written exam. After a lengthy discussion with the Board, Board Attorney and Administrative Staff moving forward all applications that are reviewed by the consultant must have their decision ratified at the next scheduled meeting before I can send the applicant notification that they may sit for the exam or become licensed by reciprocity.

The Board held a brief discussion regarding applicants sending completed applications sixty (60) days before the board meeting giving the applicant a thirty (30) grace just in case their file is not complete. If an applicant submits an application on the thirty first day that application file will go before the following board meeting.

This meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.