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COUNSELING ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, June 30, 2023

Members Present: Janet O'Connor, Patricia Kerstner, Angel Branch Moore

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director, Elma Brambila, Assistant Director, Laura Zaragoza, Credentialing Specialist

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on June 30, 2023, at 10:03 a.m., with Dr. Kerstner presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

- A. *January 13, 2023, general meeting minutes*
- B. *May 19, 2023, general meeting minutes*

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the general meeting minutes for the January 13, 2023, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Branch Moore abstained.

Mrs. Branch Moore moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to approve the general meeting minutes for the May 19, 2023, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Kerstner abstained.

4. **Report from Chair**

- A. *Discussion regarding Human Growth and Development pursuant to R4-6-501(C)(3).*  
Tabled.

5. **Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

- A. *General agency operations*

*B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding the Election of Chair and Secretary.*  
Following review and discussion by members, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Mrs. Branch Moore, to elect Dr. Kerstner as Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to elect Mrs. Branch Moore as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding the 2024 meeting calendar.*

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to

approve the 2024 Board meeting calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Assistant Attorney General's Report:**

No report.

**7. Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action**

None

**8. Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding requests for deficiency extensions and examination**

- A. *Brenda Lara Smith, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- B. *Sophia Cohon, LAC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- C. *Sarah Beggs, LSAT Applicant (60-day extension)*
- D. *Lisa Stewart Demas, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- E. *Adriana Lopez-Piper, LCSW Applicant (60-day extension)*
- F. *Dawna Snider, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- G. *Precious Chapman, LAC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- H. *Macy D'Elia, LCSW Applicant (60-day extension)*
- I. *Elizabeth Arrington, LCSW Applicant (60-day extension)*
- J. *Joydev Chaudhuri, LCSW Applicant (60-day extension)*

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Mrs. Branch Moore, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Exam accommodation and/or 90-day waiver request: review, consideration and action**

- A. *Gloriana Woodie, LASAC Applicant*

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Mrs. Branch Moore, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. Applications for licensure: review, consideration, and possible action**

- A. *Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for licensure*

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to recommend to approve Alyssa Judd and Katie Neuschwanger as Licensed Associate Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to recommend to approve Dallin Schenk as a Licensed Associate Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the favorable fingerprint report. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Mrs. Branch Moore, to recommend to approve the following 8 as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam.

Rachel Katznelson	Mollie Rama	Daren Dirksen
Melanie Honey	Roxana Barajas	Stephen Chigas
Pamela Hoover	Taylor Amundson	

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 5 based on their failure to establish they meet minimum licensure requirements.

Kristina Soremekun	Tracy Freeman	Helen Hudson
Sarah McLaughlin Baize	Jacob Epel	

The motion passed unanimously.

Following review, members requested additional information on the following applications:

Krist-Anah Watkins	Estera Moldovan	Patrina Yazzie
Mauhasin Fagg-Daves	David Lopez	
Empress Gray	Sandra Verdugo	

The members tabled the review of the following 2 files:

Arllen Ade	Tiffany Avila
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*The Committee took a break at 1:25 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:55 p.m.*

### *B. Appeals*

#### *1. Robin Massey, LAC Applicant*

Tabled

#### *2. Qiana Adams, LAC Applicant*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to accept CED 603 Multicultural Counseling to meet the area of Social and cultural diversity; CED 637 School Counseling Research to meet the area of Research and program evaluation; Practicum hours; and to deny the appeal based on continued deficiencies in the areas of Professional orientation and ethical practice, Human growth and development and Assessment. The motion passed unanimously.

#### *3. Amanda Spirek, LPC Applicant*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant and Natalie Andersen, Clinical Supervisor participated telephonically and addressed the committee. Lezlee Hays, Clinical Supervisor participated in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, members agreed the applicant meets minimum licensure requirements.

### **11. Applications for educational programs: review, consideration, and possible action.**

None

### **12. Future agenda items**

**13. Call for public comment**

No one was present to respond to the call for public comment.

**14. Establishment of future meeting dates**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 04, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at 1740 West Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

**15. Adjournment**

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

*Angel Branch Moore*  
[Angel Branch Moore \(Aug 10, 2023 13:56 PDT\)](#)

Secretary/Treasurer

*Aug 10, 2023*

Date