

**North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board
Meeting Minutes
12:00pm, April 17th, 2020
Phone and Video Conference / Board Meeting Room, Raleigh**

Board Members Present: Laura Veach, Mark Crabtree, Carol Hoffman, Johnny Bass, Elizabeth Ramos, Kate Gomes, Richard Hicks, Dennis Hagarty, Stephanie Robinson, Al Mooney, Danny Graves, David Turpin, Lea Tackett, Fran Gordon, Starleen Scott Robbins, Angie Banther, Michael McGuire

Board Members Absent: Cheryl Gentile, Flay Lee, Geri Miller, Sylvia Parsons – Excused

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Katie Gilmore, Marcie Blevins, Nelson Harris, Randolph Cloud

Call to Order: President Laura Veach called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Laura read the Ethics Awareness statements. Hearing no conflicts or appearances of conflicts, the meeting continued.

Welcome and Announcements: Laura asked the Board to observe a moment of silence and reflect for all those suffering and serving on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: David Turpin motioned to approve the agenda as written. Mark seconded and the agenda was approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Elizabeth Ramos motioned to approve the minutes as written. Dennis Hagarty seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Review and Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaws: Laura thanked Carol Hoffman, Geri Miller, Nelson Harris and Barden Culbreth for their work reviewing and drafting a set of revised Bylaws. Per the standing Bylaws, drafts of the proposed amendments were mailed to the Board members prior to the meeting.

Laura asked for a motion to approve. Angie made a motion to approve the amended Bylaws. David Turpin seconded. Laura asked for discussion.

Starleen was recognized and asked if Executive Director position should be defined in the Bylaws.

Nelson suggested an amendment to clarify the role of the Executive Director. Starleen proposed amendment to the motion considered to include clarifying language from Nelson. The amendment was accepted.

Dennis was recognized and asked if role of Deemed Status members should be added to the Bylaws. Discussion followed. It was decided that specific language was not required.

Mike McGuire was recognized. He asked if language about proxy voting contradictory to the proposed language about virtual meeting and in-person meetings. Nelson reported that virtual meetings should be considered in-person and proxy voting was not part of this section.

Al Mooney was recognized and spoke about in-person participation standards per the NC Medical Board.

David Turpin was recognized and spoke about Governor's Executive Order for participation.

Laura called for a close to discussion and asked for vote. The proposed Bylaws were approved, with amendment from Starleen to clarify Executive Director role.

Laura reported that the previous Board President Bert Wood had long called for amending the Bylaws and this was culmination of that work.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING – Victoria Lewis, LCAS-A. LCAS Associate was permanently Revoked.

The Board meeting resumed normal session.

Danny Graves was recognized and asked if Disciplinary Actions were posted on the Board website on a specific webpage (not in verification form). Barden reported that he had built a webpage for this function, but it was not up to date with disciplinary orders. He then shared the website via Zoom for the meeting attendees. He further reported that he would post it and begin updating the orders. Danny recommended that it be listed alphabetically, not chronologically. Barden reported he would make the changes.

Stephanie Robinson was recognized and asked if supervisors were informed of disciplinary actions on their supervisees. Danny indicated his support of this question. Barden reported that majority of times, the Ethical Complaints were filed by the Supervisors themselves and notification was not often needed. Danny reported that this should be standard practice. Barden and Nelson agreed to ensure supervisors were notified.

Treasurer's Report- Barden and Johnny provided the most recent financial report. Al Mooney was recognized and iterated his support for conservative investing of the public's money. Discussion followed. Mark motioned to accept the Report. David Turpin seconded and the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Government and Policy Update: Randolph Cloud was recognized and he provided an update on the NC General Assembly Session schedule as well as appointment updates from the Legislature and Governor.

Staff Report: Barden reminded everyone of the NC Ethics Commission's requirement to complete their Statement of Economic Interest, due April 15th each year. Al Mooney was recognized and asked how the recomposition of the Board on July 1st would affect their filing. Barden reported that filing was still required.

Executive Committee Report: Mark Crabtree was recognized and spoke about committee assignments to work on Bylaws and consider action on Impaired Professionals Program.

Ad Hoc Committee on Impaired Professionals Program: Mark was recognized again and spoke that committee of Angie, David Turpin, Carl Hoffman and Mark had met telephonically and decided next steps; to gather more information from other Boards with impaired professional programs and to work with incoming Board on recommendations and actions forward.

Unfinished Business: Danny Graves was recognized and asked about the proposed Board Scholarship in honor of Worth Bolton. He reported that since the Board was no longer doing scholarships that the Board should consider a gift to the UNC School of Social Work Alumni group that was raising funds in memorial to Worth. Angie was recognized and reported that the Addiction Professionals of North Carolina were actively issuing scholarships and recommended the Board partner with them. Discussion was also had in relation to a plaque in honor of Worth. Laura asked Barden to investigate options and asked Board members to continue to a fund by check to the Board office.

Discussion also followed that the Board should not commit itself to scholarships prior to the newly constituted Board convening July 1st.

New Business: Nelson was recognized and presented a Draft Resolution in response to the Governor's Executive Order to healthcare occupational licensing boards. Al Mooney was recognized and asked if this resolution addressed practice across jurisdictional lines. Nelson reported that the EO was very permissive in nature for practice across jurisdictions and this resolution would allow practice from professionals in other states as long as they followed the North Carolina Board's scope of practice.

Mark motioned to approve the Resolution and Fran Gordon seconded. The Resolution was approved unanimously.

Barden was recognized and reported that the database showed approximately 65 people who's applications were expiring between today and July 31st. These persons were being impacted lack of testing due to closed testing locations in response to COVID-19. Barden asked the Board to consider extending their Registration periods to August 31st, 2020. David Turpin motioned to extend the Registrations. Danny Graves seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the Board, Laura thanked everyone for their participation and asked that the Board consider holding a closing reception after the COVID-19 pandemic passed and gatherings were safely possible. The Board members agreed this was a good idea.

Adjourn: Johnny Bass made the motion to adjourn. Dennis seconded, and the meeting ended.