



NCASPPB
North Carolina Addictions Specialist
Professional Practice Board

Meeting Minutes
12:00pm, January 22, 2021
Governor's Institute, Cary, NC / Zoom

Board Members Present: Flo Stein, Kendra Davis, Glenn Buck, Kathy Allen, Johnny Bass, Anita Daniels, Nyi Myint, Michael McGuire, and Michael Daniels

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

Public: Rivette Cole

Call to Order: Board Chair Flo Stein called the meeting to order at 12:10

Approval of Agenda: Flo asked that the agenda for the meeting be reviewed and asked for motion to approve. Mike McGuire motioned to approve. Kathy seconded and the agenda was approved.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Nyi Myint motioned to approve. Kendra seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Hearings: The Board then considered two Hearings.

Rivette Cole – Petitioned the Board for additional time to take the LCAS Exam. Due to confusion during the transition from paper application to LearningBuilder, Cole maintained it was unclear how much time she had to take the exam. The Board approved a 225-day extension.

Alexander West – The Board suspended Mr. Alexander West's Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor credential for non-response to an Ethics Complaint.

Financial Report: Treasurer Johnny Bass was recognized and reviewed the financial statements that had been presented previously to the Board. Michael Daniels motioned to accept the report. Anita seconded and the report was accepted. Discussion followed on the Board's investments. Michael McGuire motioned to accept an investment report. Michael Daniels seconded, and the investment report was accepted.

Chair's Report: Flo asked that the Board remember providers who were struggling during the pandemic. She also reminded Board members that consumers were struggling, with data indicating higher fatalities due to drug use and drug-related pregnancies.

Flo asked Kathy Allen to serve on the Quality Assurance Committee.

She then asked everyone to make sure they completed their Ethics Commission Training and Statement of Economic Interest before the April 15th deadline.

Board office Report: Barden presented two proposals from Heuristics which would upgrade LearningBuilder. Discussion followed. Kathy asked that Board office schedule a presentation or

walkthrough of these products. Mike McGuire asked how the Board gauges its capital investments. Anita recommended that the Board send out a survey on these upgrades.

Government and Policy Update: Randolph provided an update on the General Assembly and COVID19 response. He also presented on Medicaid Expansion and Medicaid Transformation, as well as occupational licensing reforms. Michael McGuire motioned to approve. Anita seconded and the report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Ethics Committee – Michael McGuire presented a report on the recent cases. He also presented on the new structure of the Ethics Subcommittee which now includes the full 3-member Ethics Committee. The new model is working well, allows for transparency, diversity, and flexibility and has not taken more time than prior format.

Nelson commented that ethical complaints have declined over the year. He proposed that practitioners having less in-person contact with consumers has led to this decline. Michael Daniels motioned to accept the report. Nyi Myint seconded, and the report was accepted.

Standards Committee – Michael Daniels reported there was no activity since their last meeting. No new schools have applied for Criteria C status and there are no applicants with questionable degrees.

QA Committee – Anita provided a report on this committee. There have been several meetings, most recently the QA Committee met on January the 5th and addressed two applications with criminal histories. Kathy motioned to accept the report. Myint seconded, and the report was accepted.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Michael McGuire was recognized and spoke about the need for an impaired assistance program. He asked the Board members reach out to their colleagues and former Board members to re-engage on this project. Discussion followed. Flo volunteered to see what other Boards in other states were doing. Barden offered to reach out to the previous proposals submitted to the Board. Anita asked the Board to make sure to seek multiple proposals. Flo, Mike M. and Glenn agreed to be part of an ad hoc committee on impaired professional assistance programs.

Next Meeting: 12:00pm, April 23, 2021. Location TBD.

Adjourn: Kathy motioned to adjourn. Glen seconded, and the meeting ended.