

North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board
October 22, 2021
Raleigh / Zoom
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Anita Daniels

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

Public: Valerie Arendt, Quintin Byrd, Charles Adams (Hearing Only)

Welcome and Introductions: Flo called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest: Flo shared the Conflict of Interest statement and asked for potential conflicts or appearances of conflicts. No conflicts were reported, and the meeting continued.

Approval of Agenda: Johnny motioned to approve the agenda. Kendra seconded and the agenda was approved unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Officers: Nyi nominated Flo Stein for Chair. There were no other nominations, and Flo was unanimously re-elected as Chair.

Nyi nominated Michael Daniels for Vice Chair. Kendra seconded and he was re-elected. Kathy noted that if he was unwilling to serve, she would be happy to serve.

Nyi nominated Johnny Bass as Treasurer. Kathy seconded, and Johnny Bass was re-elected Treasurer.

Nyi nominated Kendra as Secretary. Kathy seconded and she was re-elected as Secretary.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: Kathy motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Kendra seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Approval of the Financial Report: Johnny was recognized for the Financial Report. He presented the report of Revenues and Expenses for the first quarter of the fiscal year. Kathy motioned to approve the report. Myint seconded and the report was accepted.

Mike M. asked about expense line items that were higher than usual: Investigative Expenses and Office Supplies. Barden responded that these were one-time expenses and were unlikely to continue increasing during the year.

Mike asked if the Board could receive an investment report at future Board meetings. Discussion followed and Johnny stated he would present a report at the next meeting.

Hearings

Charles Adams, Jr. – Board determined to permanently revoke Adams' license.

Regular Order Reconvened

Policy and Government Relations Update: Flo recognized Randolph Cloud to give the Policy and Government Relations Update. Randolph discussed the budget negotiations between the General Assembly and the Governor.

Barden provided an update on S375, which remains in House Rules Committee.

Board Chair Report: Flo thanked the Board for all their work while she was out. She encouraged everyone to stay current on their mandated ethics training and Statement of Economic Interest with the NC Ethics Commission.

Flo asked that Kendra take the chair the Ethics Committee, and appointed Mike McGuire to the Standards Committee.

Board Office Report: Marcie shared that she was expecting a baby Boy in February 2022.

Barden reported that a new LearningBuilder update was coming.

He reported that the Board was working with Governor's Institute to expand dollars for LCAS applicants and CCS applicants.

Hearings

Board moved back to Hearings

Mark Sturgis – Johnny motioned to accept OAH recommendation. Myint seconded and the recommendation for 60-day suspension was accepted.

John Sappington – Kathy motioned to accept the OAH recommendation of permanent revocation. Myint seconded and the LCAS was permanently revoked.

Normal order resumed

Committee Reports:

Ethics Committee – Mike McGuire was recognized and thanked Kendra for her willingness to serve as Ethics Chair. He then presented a report on ethics activities. Average case length is now about 3 months to investigate and close.

Myint provided a report on social media and what other professional Boards were doing to police social media activities.

Standards Committee – Michael Daniels presented that the committee had approved Hazelden University's addictions master's degree for Criteria C.

Quality Assurance Committee – Marcie presented on the committee's activities. They have been meeting regularly and that included several meetings with applicants with criminal backgrounds.

Unfinished Business: Mike McGuire presented on the Board's discussion on the Professionals Health Program (PHP) proposal and the ongoing dialogue between PHP and the Board's ad hoc committee on

impaired professionals. Discussion followed. Flo thanked Mike McGuire and the committee for their work and noted that they would continue to look for impairment programs for the profession.

Kathy proposed a program that she was familiar with. Michael Daniels stated that Glenn Buck's program had a similar diversionary program that could help professionals in the field. Discussion followed.

New Business: None.

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