

**North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board**  
**October 27, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Flo Stein, Kendra Davis, Stephanie Robinson, Kathy Allen, Anita Daniels, Mike McGuire, Glenn Buck

**Board Members Absent:** Johnny Bass

**Staff:** Barden Culbreth, Donna Strickland, Randolph Cloud, Carrie Duhon, Catherine Lee, Lynn Bodenheimer

**Public:** Destiny Burgess, Philip Cooper

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**Call to Order:** Chair Flo Stein called the meeting to order and read the NC Government Ethics Act Statement and asked for and conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were reported and the meeting continued.

**Approval of Agenda:** Flo asked that two agenda items: Standards Committee Report and the Gov and Policy Report be moved earlier in the meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Hearing no objection, the Board moved into the Standards Committee.

Catherine reminded the Board members that the Board is a Public Meeting and that several members of the public who were going to participate in hearings later in the meeting were attending the meeting via Zoom.

**Standards Committee:** Mike was recognized and gave his committee report on the recent Criteria C School reviews.

**Government and Policy Update:** Randolph Cloud was recognized and gave an update on the activities at the NC General Assembly. He advised that the Budget was approved, which included Medicaid Expansion.

He spoke on redistricting and changes to legislative districts. There would be a primary election in March 2024.

Flo spoke about the patient brokering bill that was approved this year.

Randolph spoke about the proposal to have healthcare professionals carry ID badges provided by the occupational licensing board. This law did not pass.

Anita asked for more discussion on redistricting and how that could dilute minority representation.

Flo spoke about Medicaid Transformation.

**Public Comment:** Flo opened the floor to public comment. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

**Nominations Committee:** Myint was recognized and presented a slate of candidates for 2024 Officers: Kendra Davis was nominated for Chair, Stephanie Robinson as Vice Chair, Johnny Bass for Treasurer, and Kathy Allen as Secretary. The slate of candidates was accepted. Flo opened the floor for additional nominations. Hearing none, the slate of 2024 officers was unanimously approved.

**Financial Report:** Barden presented the financial report. Glen motioned to approve. Anita seconded and the report was approved.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Kathy motioned to approve the minutes. Kendra seconded and the minutes were approved.

The Board then moved into the Hearings.

**Hearing 1:** QA-64-23 Burgess –

Mike motioned to approve the registration application. Kendra seconded. The vote was Kendra, Mike, Flo, Stephanie, Myint in favor. Anita, Glen, and Kathy voted against the motion. Discussion followed.

Mike was recognized. He stated he was embarrassed with the proceedings.

Kathy stated his comments were out of order.

Flo asked for the discussion to be tabled and for the Board to move to the next Hearing. Ms. Burgess and the members of the public signed off Zoom.

Glen stated this proceeding was a waste of his time.

Carrie reminded the Board that evidence had to be read into the record.

Barden noted that the Board's attorneys have an obligation to best represent their client, the Board, and to protect the Board from exposure of appeals.

Anita noted that the respondent presented very differently today than her presentation.

Mike questioned the need for each criminal charge and conviction to be read into evidence. Discussion followed.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

**Hearing 2:** QA-43-23 Green – The Board reconvened.

Ms. Green was not present, and attempts were made to contact her by phone. She reported that she wasn't going to attend the hearing.

Kathy made a motion to dismiss the appeal. Kendra seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Hearing 3:** EC-797-23 Mitchell – Summary Suspension – Myint stated he was recusing himself since this was an Ethics Case.

Anita motioned to uphold the summary suspension, Stephanie seconded the motion, and it was approved.

**Board Chair Report:** Flo reported no matters to present to the Board.

**Board Office Report:** Barden reported on the audit and annual report.

**Quality Assurance Committee:** Anita was recognized, and she presented on the committee's work meeting with applicants who had significant criminal backgrounds. The committee meets monthly. Board staff are receiving more and more applications with criminal convictions.

**Ethics Committee:** Myint was recognized and shared actions of the committee. Catherine and Barden reported some additional activities of the Board and committee.

**New Business:** Stephanie was recognized and shared some information about the recent IC&RC stakeholders meeting. Specifically, she shared a slideshow presentation about examination development. She then shared the passage rates internationally and statewide.

Stephanie shared a Harm Reduction Certificate that Minnesota was now offering.

Kathy asked about a Board for Peer Support Specialist. Anita stated this credential should be regulated by this Board.

Barden provided some history of the discussion of this Board regulating the Peer Support Credential. He also reported that several agencies had called the Board about hiring CPSS to do clinical tasks.

Barden reported that there was a rumor that CADC-Intern was ending. This was not true.

Flo reported that there was a lot of chaos in the billing community during Medicaid transformation.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Adjourn:** Anita motioned to adjourn. Kendra seconded and the meeting ended.