

North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board
Meeting Minutes
Raleigh, NC
January 24, 2025

Members Present: Kendra Davis, *Stephanie Robinson (Zoom)*, Kathy Allen, Lauren Quick, Johnny Bass, Virginia Johnson, Katie Salmons, Anita Daniels

Members Absent: Flo Stein

Board Staff: Barden Culbreth, Donna Strickland, Catherine Lee, Carrie Duhon, Randolph Cloud

Public: None.

Call to Order: Board Chair Kendra Davis called the meeting to order at 12:03pm and asked all present to make introductions.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Kendra read the NC Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for any conflicts or appearances of conflicts with the business before the Board today. Kathy Allen announced that she would not participate in the Madden Hearing based on her service as Ethics Chair and having previously considered the case. With no more announced conflicts, the meeting continued.

Approval of the Agenda: Lauren Quick motioned to approve. Virginia Johnson seconded, and the motion carried.

Election of 2025 Officers: Kathy motioned to re-elect the current officers (Kendra Davis as Chair, Stephanie Robinson as Vice Chair, Johnny Bass as Treasurer, and Kathy Allen as Secretary). Anita Daniels seconded the nomination. Stephanie Robinson was recognized and asked for clarification on the nomination process. Catherine Lee described the nomination process as defined in the bylaws, and now other similar Boards nominated officers. Kathy asked Kendra to call the vote for the open motion. The nomination of officers was unanimously approved.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Kathy motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Virginia Johnson seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Approval of Financial Report: Barden walked through the recent financial report, which Kathy motioned to approve. Katie Salmons seconded, and the financial report was approved.

Board Chair Report: Kendra thanked the Board members for their work, especially in their committees.

Board Office Report: Barden presented on the Board's CEU training requirements. He shared that many practitioners were confused because the Board's training requirements are based on content, not providers, and many addictions-based training providers (ex. NAADAC) are providing training that is not in addictions treatment. He reported a recent meeting he had with the Addictions

Professionals of North Carolina on methods to make their trainings and conference more explicitly addiction-specific. Anita motioned and Stephanie seconded, and the report was approved.

Hearing – Jessica Madden

Kathy recused herself. Stephanie recused herself due to participation virtually.

The Board went into closed session to deliberate.

The Board resumed normal order. Anita Daniels motioned to revoke Ms. Madden's CADC-Registered status. Virginia Johnson seconded, and the motion carried. Ms. Madden was encouraged to engage her support network and re-apply in the future.

Committee Reports:

Ethics Committee Report- Committee Chair Kathy Allen gave an update on the committee's recent work. There have been 43 new cases in the last 6 months. She described the similarities of the complaint cases the committee has received and investigated.

Standards Committee Report – Committee Chair Stephanie Robinson provided a report on the committee's actions. She will be attending the Criteria C Summit in February. She discussed how the board's scrutiny of CE training is being received among practitioners. Kathy noted that she has been working with the community college system to help cultivate the SUD profession and education. She noted that community colleges informed her that these schools were pushing applicants to the social work direction rather than SUD. Anita noted that the university system was also pushing this direction and collaborating with the NC Community College system.

Quality Assurance Committee Report – Committee Chair Anita Daniels reported that the committee was seeing positive outcomes from the applicants it was interviewing.

Johnny Bass motioned to accept the committee reports. Virginia seconded, and the motion carried.

IC&RC Update – Stephanie reported that the IC&RC is updating its bylaws. Lauren motioned to accept the report. Johnny seconded, and the report was accepted.

Government and Policy Report – Randolph Cloud was recognized and provided an update on the 2024 legislative elections, and the incoming new Governor Stein administration and cabinet appointees.

Discussion followed on how Hurricane Helene affected addictions treatment agencies in NC.

Virginia motioned to approve the report. Katie seconded and the motion passed.

Legal Update: Legal counsel Catherine Lee noted that Office of Administrative Hearings has sent a recommended decision in the Edward Owens case this week. It will be presented for consideration at the following Board meeting.

Catherine noted that the Board has received a petition at OAH in the William Guest case.

Discussion followed.

Johnny motioned to accept the report. Anita seconded and the report was accepted.

Unfinished Business: Lauren noted that she was hearing an increasing number of supervisees who are being told to apply to the NCSAPPB when they cannot pass the LCMHC and LCSW Boards.

Carrie Duhon spoke on the Zibaie case where the Board is seeking an injunction in collaboration with the North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board.

Discussion followed on unlicensed practice in telehealth.

Katie spoke about how coaching was also becoming a way that addictions treatment was being done without a license.

Kathy recommended a newsletter which outlines the differences in counseling and coaching. Kendra asked that the newsletter go to everyone, not just supervisors. Stephanie asked about schools as well.

Katie asked about the transition of language from “abuse” to “use” or “misuse”. Discussion followed on person centered language and the Board’s appetite for pushing changes in language in statute.

Johnny asked if “addiction” was now perceived as negative, and Katie confirmed that there is an effort move away from “addiction” as well in some practice circles.

New Business: None.

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

Next Meetings in 2025: April 25, July 25, and October 24