

# *Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors*

## **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

**Monday, November 7, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.**

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The Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors met for a Board Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2022, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and Open Meetings Act. The meeting was held at 101 N.E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Steven Fritz presented the Statement of Compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the Mission Statement of the Board. Advance notice of this scheduled meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on September 21, 2021 and posted on the OBLADC website. The notice and agenda were posted in prominent public view on the front doors of the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision building located at 101 N.E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Ok 73105 on November 4, 2022.

Members present at roll call were:

Maureen Guerrero  
Ronald Wahkinney  
Steven Fritz  
Rita Maxwell

Ms. Cathy Christensen had previously notified the Board that she would be unable to attend today. Mr. Randy Honeycutt called this morning and notified Mr. Pierson that he was having car trouble and would not be able to attend today.

Mr. Don Burk was absent.

Others present were Ric Pierson, Executive Director of the Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors, Sandra Balzer, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel for the Board, and Kathy Pierson, Phillip Lewis, LADC Candidate, Susan Lollis Breeden, LADC/MH Candidate, Mark Attanasi, Executive Director for the IC&RC, and UCO students Julie Ely, Katie Bradford, Meagan Bryant, Amanda Greenfield, Michelle Abbott, Leigh George, Kylie Moak, and Paige Morse. One student signed in but the signature was illegible. James Stokes, Security, was present.

Minutes for the September 19, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. Ms. Maxwell made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Dr. Shaun Calix, Ph.D., with Cameron University was present by Zoom to request coursework and degree materials be approved as meeting the requirements for LADC/MH. After reviewing the materials and discussion, Ms. Maxwell made a motion to approved the coursework as meeting the requirements for LADC/MH degree. Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Amanda Hammack, LPC, was present via Zoom and requested that her current degree, experience, and continuing education may be substituted for the statutorily required college credit hours for LADC/MH. Ms. Maxwell made a motion to deny the request. Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	RECUSE
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Discussion and possible action was presented for initiating the Rule Making Process and Filing of the Notice of Rulemaking Intent for the following rules:

1. OAC 38:10-7-7 (b). Recognizing the National Counselor Certification (NCC) Master Addiction Counselor exam to have standards similar to, or higher than, the IC&RC exams. Ms. Maxwell made a motion to allow this rule change to go forward in the rule making process. Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	NO
Steven Fritz	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

2. OAC 38:10-9-5 (e) (3) (A). This rule will eliminate any restrictions on the number of supervision sessions that can be completed by virtual means. Ms. Guerrero made a motion to allow this rule change to go forward in the rule making process. Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

3. OAC 38:10-13-2 (a). This rule change allows all continuing education to be completed through virtual meetings, on-demand (pre-recorded) on-line training, and in-person trainings. No more than 10 hours may be obtained through pre-recorded on-demand on-line training. Mr. Fritz made a motion to allow this rule change to go forward in the rulemaking process. Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Susan Lollis-Breeden, LADC/MH Candidate appeared in person to discuss her corrective action plan with her agency and fitness for licensure. After discussion with Ms. Lollis-Breeden was completed, Mr. Fritz made a motion that Ms. Lollis-Breeden has complied with all requirements of her Corrective Action Plan with her agency and the complaint against her shall be dismissed and Ms. Lollis-Breeden may proceed with being licensed. Ms. Maxwell seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Phillip Lewis, Ph.D., LADC Candidate appeared before the Board to discuss his deadline to complete requirements before today's meeting, November 7, 2022. After discussion, Ms. Maxwell made a motion to extend Mr. Lewis' time to complete requirements until the Board meets on May 15, 2023. Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Steven Fritz	NO
Rita Maxwell	YES

Mr. Pierson presented the Financial Report and requested approval for two Medical Board invoices for September, 2022 and October, 2022. Ms. Maxwell made a motion to approve the invoices and Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Mr. Wahkinney made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Ms. Maxwell seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
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Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Mr. Pierson presented the Executive Director's report.

Under New Business, Mr. Pierson reported that the office received exam scores for two candidates after the posting of the agenda. Candidates that have completed all requirements and are eligible for licensure include:

Christopher Lund	LADC/MH	Jenks
Lauren Cox	LADC/MH	Oklahoma City

Maureen Guerrero made a motion to approve the candidates for licensure. Ms. Maxwell seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

There was no further business to come before the Board and the meeting was adjourned.