

# *Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors*

## **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 23, 2023 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, January 23, 2023 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, 2022 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 January 20, 2022.

Members present at roll call were:

Maureen Guerrero  
Ronald Wahkinney  
Don Burk  
Steven Fritz  
Cathy Christensen  
Rita Maxwell

Mr. Randy Honeycutt had previously notified the Board that he would be unable to attend today.

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, , Mark Attanasi, Executive Director for the IC&RC, Mfon Umana, LADC/MH Candidate, Temitope Rotimi, LADC/MH supervisor, and UCO students Julie Ely, Katie Bradford, Leigh George, Clay Tangner, and Chelsye Bacon.. One student signed in but the signature was illegible. Larry Carter, Security, was present.

Minutes for the November 7, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Burk made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Christensen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Mfon Umana petitioned the Board for an initial determination of eligibility to re-apply for LADC/MH following criminal charges. After lengthy discussion, Ms. Christensen made a motion to allow Mr. Umana to begin supervision anew and he is eligible to re-apply. Further discussion ensued and Ms. Christensen asked that her motion be withdrawn. After more discussion and review of the information provided in the initial determination of eligibility, Mr. Fritz made a motion that the Board that the Board has determined Mr. Umana is eligible to re-apply based on the information contained in the initial determination of criminal history. Ms. Christensen seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Discussion and possible action of amendments, final adoption or withdrawal of proposed permanent rules:

1. OAC 38:10-7-7 (b). Examination. Information was presented that the MAC examination can be taken after certification or licensure by the state or by passing the IC&RC AADC exam. Ms. Maxwell made a motion to withdraw this proposed rule and Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

2. OAC 38:10-9-5 (e) (3) (A). Supervisor responsibilities. This rule will eliminate any restrictions on the number of supervision sessions that can be completed by virtual means. Mr. Wahkinney made a motion of FINAL ADOPTION of this rule. Ms. Maxwell seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

3. OAC 38:10-13-2 (a). Continuing education standards. This rule change allows all continuing education to be completed through virtual meetings, on-demand (pre-recorded) on-line training, and in-person trainings. Ms. Maxwell made a motion of FINAL ADOPTION of this rule and Mr. Burk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Mr. Pierson presented the Financial Report and requested approval for two Medical Board invoices for November, 2022 and December, 2022. Mr. Wahkinney made a motion to approve the invoices and accept the financial report and Ms. Christensen seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

CANDIDATES THAT HAVE COMPLETED REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE:

Kohanna Hess	LADC/MH	Alva
Matt Matthews	LADC/MH	Oklahoma City
Ryan Hays	LADC/MH	Oklahoma City

Ms. Guerrero made a motion to license the candidates and Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	YES

Mr. Pierson presented the Executive Director's report.

Ms. Maxwell exited the meeting at this time.

The Complaint Review Committee recommends a finding of NO PROBABLE CAUSE AND DISMISSAL of the following:

Complaint #606-0222. Relapse. Mr. Burk made a motion to find no probable cause and dismiss the complaint. Ms. Christensen seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	ABSENT

The Complaint Committee recommends a finding of PROBABLE CAUSE in the following complaints:

Complaints #'s 617-0922, 618-1022, 619-1022 and 621-1022 for Boundary violations (multiple complaints on same person): Ms. Christensen made a motion to find probable cause in these complaints and Mr. Burk seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	ABSENT

Complaint #620-1022. Practicing and supervising without a license. Ms. Christensen made a motion to find probable cause in this complaint and Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	ABSENT

Complaint #623-1122. Unprofessional conduct. Ms. Christensen made a motion to find PROBABLE CAUSE in complaint 623-1122. Mr. Burk seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	YES
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Rita Maxwell	ABSENT.

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