

Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

The Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors met for a Board Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023 in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and Open Meetings Act. The meeting was held at 101 N.E. 51st 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. 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Ok 73105 on March 17, 2023.

Members present at roll call were:

Ronald Wahkinney
Steven Fritz
Cathy Christensen
Randy Honeycutt

Maureen Guerrero had previously notified the Board that she would be unable to attend today. Rita Maxwell notified Mr. Pierson that she is having car trouble today and won't be able to attend. MR. Burk arrived at 9:15 a.m.

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, Elexis Tyler, Executive Director of ODAPCA. Others present included Courtney Leming, Sandra Packham, Brent Katigan, Jessica Underwood, Melanie Johnson, Serenity Isom, Lew Berkowitz, Alisha Ortiz, Riley Hancock, Payton Pierce, Chelsye Bacon, Mandy Greenfield, Katie Bradford, Vaughn _____, Kris Kygar. Appearing via ZOOM was Megan Patton, OMES and Jody Mueller. Larry Carter, Security, was present.

Minutes for the January 23, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. Ms. Christensen made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES

Randy Honeycutt YES

Megan Patton, OMES, appeared via ZOOM and presented a financial report to the Board. Mr. Pierson presented an invoice from the Medical Board. Ms. Christensen made a motion to approve and pay the Medical Board invoice and Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Burk made a motion to approve the financial report and Ms. Christensen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Jody Mueller was present via zoom and is seeking reinstatement of her voided application with all completed requirements. Ms. Christensen made a motion to deny the request due to very clear rules in Title 38:10-7-6 (n): Supervised work experience hours, practicum, and continuing education completed within two years prior to the application becoming void, may carry over to a new application. Applicants may be required to retake the oral and written examinations. Mr. Burk seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Alisha Ortiz, LADC/MH Candidate was present with counsel to show cause why her application should not be denied. This item was tabled until May 15, 2023 when Mr. Fritz made a motion to table and Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Courtney Leming, LADC/MH Candidate was present to show cause why her application should not be denied. Mr. Fritz made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to O.S. 25 §307 (B) (7) for discussion of any matter where disclosure would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Fritz made a motion to Return to Open Session. Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Burk made a motion to deny the application of Ms. Leming. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

SB 1369 regarding Health Information Exchange was discussed. No action was taken

Mr. Pierson gave the Executive Director’s report.

The following candidates have completed all requirements for licensure and were presented to the Board for approval of licensure:

Lacey Bradley	LADC/MH	Oklahoma City
Marc Funk, LADC	LADC/MH	Oklahoma City
Kris Kygar, CADC	LADC/MH	Midwest City
Joseph Maple	LADC/MH	Newcastle

Tammy Otero	LADC/MH	Tonkawa
Melanie Reynolds	LADC/MH	Norman
Janae Rhodes	LADC/MH	Oklahoma City

Mr. Wahkinney made a motion to approve these candidates for licensure. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Under new business, Mr. Pierson brought an application received, after the posting of the agenda, from Mackenzie Brewer, LADC to be granted the credential of LADC/MH. Mr. Pierson verified that Ms. Brewer is eligible.

MacKenzie Brewer, LADC	LADC/MH	Oklahoma City
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Mr. Wahkinney made a motion to approve Ms. Brewer for the LADC/MH. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Cathy Christensen	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

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