

Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Monday, July 17, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

The Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors met for a Board Meeting on Monday, July 17, 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 July 17, 2023.

Members present at roll call were:

Ronald Wahkinney
Maureen Guerrero
Steven Fritz
Billy Samuel
Randy Honeycutt

Others present were Sandra Balzer, Assistant Attorney General and Council to the Board, Richard Pierson, Executive Director, Kathy Pierson, volunteer, Elexis Tyler, Executive Director of ODAPCA, Alisha Ward, Vance Fried, John Gilley, David Fried, Mark McCullough, and Lewis Berkowitz. Donna Watts and Frank Coolbroth present by zoom.

Mr. Honeycutt recused himself and left the Board Room.

Alisha (Ortiz) Ward, LADC/MH Candidate was present to settle a complaint that is to be resolved before she can be licensed. She was accompanied by her attorney, Mr. Berkowitz. After discussion, Mr. Fritz made a motion to grant Ms. Ward her LADC/MH license pursuant to having completed all requirements and move the complaint against her to a formal proceeding. Ms. Ward must remain under supervision and agrees to continue a self-care plan until the complaint can be resolved. Mr. Samuel seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	(RECUSED. NOT IN BOARD ROOM)

Mr. Honeycutt returned to the Board room.

Donna Watts, LADC Candidate, was present by zoom with her supervisor, Frank Coolbroth. Ms. Watts is requesting that she be granted an extension of time to complete requirements for her LADC. After discussion, Mr. Fritz made a motion to extend Ms. Watts' time to complete requirements until July 2024. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

David Fried is petitioning the Board to accept two of his college courses as equivalent for meeting degree requirements for LADC/MH. Following discussion and review of the courses, Mr. Wahkinney made a motion to accept Family Dynamics and sexuality as appropriate for a degree requirement. Mr. Samuel seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Samuel made a motion to accept Substance Abuse and Special Populations as an appropriate course to meet degree requirements and Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	YES
Steven Fritz	NO
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	NO

Mr. John Gilley, LPC Supervisor, Director of Valley Hope, petitioned the Board for approval to supervise CADCs and CADC Candidates at Valley Hope. Mr. Samuel made a motion and Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion to allow Mr. Gilley to supervise CADCs at Valley Hope only. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mark McCullough submitted a Petition for an Initial Determination of Eligibility for Licensure. After a review of charges, Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to allow Mr. McCullough to proceed

with his application and Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Pierson presented the contract for the Assistant Attorney General to provide services for FY 2024. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the contract. Mr. Samuel seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Megan Patton, OMES, was unavailable to present the Financial Report. Mr. Pierson gave an overview of the Budget for FY 24. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve the Budget for FY2024. Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Pierson presented the minutes for the May 15, 2023. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

The Complaint Review Committee recommends finding NO PROBABLE CAUSE AND DISMISSAL in the following complaint:

Complaint #633-0623. Unprofessional conduct.

Mr. Fritz made a motion to find NO PROBABLE CAUSE and DISMISSAL of this complaint. Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	RECUSE
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

The Complaint Review Committee recommends FINDING PROBABLE CAUSE in the following complaint:

Complaint # 634-0723. Boundaries and Substance Use.

Mr. Fritz made a motion to FIND PROBABLE CAUSE in Complaint # 634-0723. Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	RECUSE
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Pierson presented the Executive Director's report.

The following candidates have completed all requirements and are eligible for Licensure:

Alisha Blackwell	LADC	Yukon
Sherry Chennault	LADC/MH	Tahlequah
Ciarra Dozier	LADC/MH	Oklahoma City
Quailla Hazen	LADC/MH	Ponca City
Joseph Merenda	LADC/MH	Tulsa
Brandon Smith	LADC/MH	Seminole

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

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Maureen Guerrero	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Billy Samuel	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

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