

Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Monday, November 6, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

The Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors met for a Board Meeting on Monday, November 6, 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 November 3, 2023.

Members present at roll call were:

Maureen Guerrero
Ronald Wahkinney
Don Burk
Steven Fritz
Randy Honeycutt

Board member Billy Samuel had informed Mr. Pierson he would not be able to attend today's meeting. Cathy Christensen was not present.

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, Megan Patton with OMES, Susan Winchester, Cabinet Secretary with the Governor's office, Alisha Ward, LADC/MH, Lewis Berkowitz, Attorney, Karla (Wheeler) Daniels, LADC Candidate, and University of Central Oklahoma students Dianna Harvey, Tammy Bradbury, Sarah Mapes, Serenity Isom, Shawna Tyree, Dawn Robertson, Timilie Hughes, Riley Hancock, Chelsye Bacon, Benjamin Phillips, and Theresa Tsinya. One student's name was illegible.

Megan Patton, OMES presented the financial report.

Mr. Pierson presented the Medical Board Contract for Fiscal Year 2024. Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve the contract 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
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Burk made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Honeycutt 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
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Ms. Balzer offered a proposed Consent Order in the disposition of a complaint alleging non-sexual boundary issues with minor clients. Ms. Morgan agreed to complete by March 1, 2024, payment of a fine of \$500.00, continuing education approved by the Board of at least 60 minutes each on boundary issues with juvenile clients and Physical and mental harms and legal ramifications associated with a juvenile's use of vaping device for the delivery of marijuana or tobacco products, and a typewritten paper on what she learned from the continuing education programs to prevent re-occurring of boundary violations she believes resulted from "being too much grandma and not enough professional." Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the Consent Order as proposed and Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	RECUSE
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Carol Morgan, LADC/MH Candidate, petitioned the Board for an extension of time to complete requirements for licensure due to health issues. After reviewing materials submitted by Ms. Morgan, Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to extend Ms. Morgans' time to complete requirements until November 20, 2024. 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
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Karla Wheeler Daniels, LADC Candidate, was present to request a reinstatement of a voided application due to hardship. Mr. Fritz made a motion that the Board convene in Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(7) for the discussion of any matter where the disclosure would violate confidentiality requirements or state or federal law. 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
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Fritz made a motion to return to Regular Session and Ms. Guerrero 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
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Fritz made a motion to reinstate the application to active status, Ms. (Wheeler) Daniels must test within 90 days from today, and then revert to the previous rules that she was under before her application was voided. Ms. Guerrero 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
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Pierson discussed receiving an email from Thentia asking if OBLADC planned on continuing partnership with Thentia or if OBLADC wished to terminate any service/agreement with Thentia. Mr. Pierson also added that a second email was received the same day stating that the first email was intended for another "Richard" on another Board in another State. Mr. Pierson pointed out that the contract we had with Thentia was for one (1) year only with an option to renew each year for five (5) years. The Board determined that since we had not exercised the option to renew after the first year, 2020, that we had no contract with Thentia at this time and therefore there was no need to take any action at this time and the matter was tabled.

Mr. Pierson discussed his meeting with Senator Michael Brooks and Mr. Matt Levey regarding workforce shortages and efforts to alleviate reciprocity issues and certification/licensure issues to increase workforce shortages. Since there is nothing proposed as far as changes at this time, no action was taken.

The Board discussed the possibility of amending several rules this legislative session. Following the discussion, Mr. Fritz made a motion to engage in permanent rulemaking process for O.A.C. 38:10-13-2, Continuing Education Standards. Mr. Honeycutt 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
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Wahkinney made a motion to engage in the permanent rulemaking process to amend O.A.C. 38:10-13-5. Failure to complete continuing education or submit verification. Ms. Guerrero 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
Randy Honeycutt	YES

The Complaint Review Committee recommended finding NO PROBABLE CAUSE and DISMISSAL in the following complaints:

1. Complaint #631-0623. Unprofessional conduct.
2. Complaint #636-0923. Misrepresentation of credential with expired license.
3. Complaint #639-1023. Incompetent.

Regarding Complaint #631-0623, Unprofessional Conduct, Mr. Wahkinney made a motion to find no probable cause and dismiss the complaint. Mr. Honeycutt seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	RECUSE
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Regarding Complaint #636-0923, Misrepresentation of credential with expired license, Mr. Burk made a motion to find no probable cause and dismiss the complaint. Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	RECUSE
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Regarding Complaint #639-1023, Incompetent, Mr. Fritz made a motion to find no probable cause and dismiss the complaint. Mr. Wahkinney seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Maureen Guerrero	RECUSE
Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Don Burk	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Randy Honeycutt	YES

Mr. Pierson gave the Executive Director's report.

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

Nichole Baker	LADC/MH	Glenpool
Amy Gilbert	LADC/MH	Broken Arrow
Lynett Mitten	LADC/MH	Yukon
Kendra Morgan, LADC	LADC/MH	Edmond.

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