

LPC Board Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2012

Call to Order:

The Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors held a special meeting on Friday, June 21, 2012, at the Woolfolk Building, Jackson, MS.

Dr. Carol B. Jones, Board Chair, opened the meeting at approximately 12:10 p.m. and announced the purpose for the meeting of deliberating and considering decisions of the Board on Complaint number # 062011.

Members present were: Dr. Carol Jones, Chair, Dr. Glenn Waller, and Dr. Kenisha Gordon. Gloria Green, Assist. AG Attorney and Hearing Officer were also present.

Guest were Joyce Frazier, Michael Frazier, Michael Peterson, and his guest, Katherine Hall.

Old Business

In the Matter of Michael Peterson, Cause No # 062011

A motion was made by G. Waller that the Board enters into a closed determination session for the purpose of discussing whether it had cause to go into executive session. Lela Weems recused herself from the consideration and deliberation in this matter and, therefore, did not cast a vote regarding the closed determination session. The motion to go into a closed determination session was passed by the remaining three (3) Board members present at the hearing.

In closed determination session, a motion was made by Glenn R. Waller and seconded by Kenisha Gordon that the Board enters into executive session for the purpose of deliberating and considering whether the facts revealed at the hearing in Case Number 06-2011 constituted a violation of any law, rule and/or regulation governing Licensed Professional Counselors, which deliberation and consideration could also lead to litigation against the Board and/or an appeal of the Board's order. The motion carried with the following members voting for: Kenisha Gordon, Carol Jones and Glenn Waller; voting against: none; recusal: Lela Weems; absent: Leona Bishop.

The Board announced to the public the aforesaid reason as the Board's purpose for entering into executive session.

Executive Session

Within the Executive Session, the Board took the following action:

A motion was made by Kenisha Gordon, seconded by Glenn Waller, that the Board takes the following action with respect to Case Number 06-2011:

- 1) Finds that there was no clear and convincing evidence that Michael Peterson made inappropriate sexual advances as alleged by his former in her complaint dated August 3, 2011, that was filed with the Board.
- 2) Finds that, based on the clear and convincing evidence, Michael Peterson failed to comply with Section C.2.e of the American Counseling Association (ACA) Code of Ethics and, therefore, violated Sections 73-30-21(1)(g) and 73-30-23 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.
- 3) Finds that, within six (6) months from the entry of the Board's order, Michael Peterson must, at his own cost and expense, successfully complete six (6) hours of face-to-face continuing education in the area of professional ethics and boundary issues. The six-hours shall not count toward his satisfying his continuing education requirements for licensure.

- 4) Dr. Glenn Waller be the designated Board member to approve the continuing education course required in this matter.

The following action was taken on said motion: voting for: Kenisha Gordon, Carol Jones and Glenn Waller; voting against: none; recusal: Lela Weems; absent: Leona Bishop.

A motion was made by Kenisha Gordon and seconded by Glenn Waller for the Board to come out of executive session. The motion carried with the following action: voting for: Kenisha Gordon, Carol Jones and Glenn Waller; voting against: none; recusal: Lela Weems; absent: Leona Bishop.

The Board resumed in open session by announcing the above described action and votes taken in executive session.

Adjourn:

All of the Board business was finished and a motion made by G. Waller and seconded by K. Gordon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, 2012.



Signature of Chair

9/28/2012

Date