

*Oklahoma State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure (BBHL)*

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
Friday, August 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Open Meeting Act:** Announcement of filing of meeting and posting agenda in Accordance with the Open Meeting Act. Announcement of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on October 13, 2023, and the agenda was posted on August 6, 2024, on the front door of the Centennial Business Center and on the BBHL website.

Kelly Collins called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at 313 NE 21<sup>st</sup> St. OKC, OK 73105. A quorum was met with the presence of the following board members: Johnie Fredman, Kelly Collins, Matthew Brosi, Alice Caldwell, Amy Barnett, Sydney Black, Jennifer Cooper, Traylor Rains, Christopher Giles, and Laressa Beliele. Lea May joined meeting at 10:20 am. Other's present were Liz Stevens, Assistant Attorney General; Eric Ashmore, Executive Director; and Stephanie Miller, Office Manager. Emily Isbill enters Board Meeting to serve as legal advisor to the Board for agenda item 5.

4. Johnie Fredman makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 7, 2024. Sydney Black seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Abstain
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Abstain
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes

Disciplinary Hearing Start time 10:04 am

5. Kelly Collins presented Individual Proceeding for Complaint Number 2024-LPC-519, State of Oklahoma, ex rel., State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure v. Gail Cato, LPC #6790. Gail Cato does not have legal representation. Ms. Stevens presents opening statement and one (1) witness Gail Cato and introduced the exhibit listed below into evidence. Ms. Cato introduced the exhibit listed below into evidence. Ms. Cato was sworn in to testify.

Ms. Stevens questions the witness about Oklahoma County District Court case CF-2021-807 and admits document into evidence as exhibit one.

Ms. Cato testifies to the documents submitted to the Board as exhibit one.

Break at 10:36 am

Return from break at 10:46 am

Ms. Stevens objects to all documents as irrelevant. Objection overruled and exhibit is admitted into evidence. Ms. Stevens presents closing statements. Ms. Cato presents closing statements.

Johnie Fredman makes a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:18 am. Traylor Rains seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Recused

Matthew Brosi makes a motion to come out of Executive Session at 12:03 pm. Laressa Beliele seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes

Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Recused

Johnie Fredman makes a motion that the Prosecution has established by clear and convincing evidence each of the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 1-5 of the complaint and those factual allegations are adopted as the Board's finding of facts. Each of the conclusions of law contained in paragraphs 1-5 of the complaint is supported by clear and convincing evidence and by law and those conclusions are adopted as the Board's conclusions of law. The following penalty is entered by the Board against the Respondent an Administrative Fine \$2,500 is hereby assessed and the Respondent's license is hereby revoked. The Respondent may reapply immediately if conviction is overturned. This order shall be effective on the date the written order is issued following the review and approval of the Oklahoma Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 2015-33. Alice Caldwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Recused
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Recused

Traylor Rains makes a motion to adjourn the disciplinary hearing. Laressa Beliele seconded the motion. A roll call cote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Recused
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes

Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Recused

Hearing Adjourn at 12:06 pm  
Emily Isbill exits Board meeting at 12:07 pm.

6. Ms. Stevens presents information on State of Oklahoma, ex rel., State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure v. Heather Race, LPC #5638, Complaint Number 2024-LPC-524. Heather Race is not present. Ms. Stevens recommends accepting the agreed order that Ms. Race signed. Johnie Fredman makes a motion to accept the agreed order. Traylor Rains seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Recused
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

7. Ms. Stevens presents information on State of Oklahoma, ex rel., State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure v. Amanda Dunn, LPC #11986, Complaint Number 2024-LPC-451. Amanda Dunn is not present. Ms. Stevens recommends accepting the agreed order that Ms. Dunn signed. Matthew Brosi makes a motion to accept the agreed order. Laressa Beliele seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Recused
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes

Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

Amy Barnett returns to meeting at 12:13 pm.

8. Ms. Stevens presents information on State of Oklahoma, ex rel., State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure v. Brittain Keifer, LMFT #941, Complaint Number 2024-LMFT-56. Brittain Keifer is not present. Ms. Stevens recommends accepting the agreed order that Ms. Keifer signed. Traylor Rains makes a motion to accept the agreed order. Johnie Fredman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Recused
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

Matthew Brosi returns to meeting at 12:16 pm.

9. Ms. Stevens presents information to the Board on what is a disqualifying offense. Johnie Fredman makes a motion that the applicant has a disqualifying offense and there are no remedies to take at this time however a second request for consideration may be submitted five years from the sentencing date in 2021. Amy Barnett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes

Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

10. Mr. Ashmore presents his Executive Director’s report, which includes the following:

- a. Update on Agency Location.
- b. Update on Executive Orders.
- c. Update on Permanent Rule Amendments.
- d. Update on Requests for Inquiry.
- e. Update on Licensed Professional Counselor Annual Renewal.
- f. Update on Licensure/Application Statistics.
- g. Update on General Licensure/Licensure Statistics.

Since no motion was made, no action taken.

11. Amy Barnett makes motion to accept all candidates for licensure. Alice Caldwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

LICENSE TYPE: Licensed Professional Counselor

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|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Anderson Randi   | 9. Brigham Alicia      | Whitney                 |
| 2. Andrews Karmen   | 10. Burnham James      | 17. Ejalonibu Zellessia |
| 3. Arthur Claudia   | 11. Claybrook Whitney  | 18. Ekpo Nsima          |
| 4. Becker Marian    | 12. Collins Jesseca    | 19. Evans Cheryl        |
| 5. Beckloff Brenda  | 13. Cross Addie        | 20. Farmer Claire       |
| 6. Bivens Tricia    | 14. DeVore Sara        | 21. Finch Jasmine       |
| 7. Bolin Madison    | 15. Eads Samantha      | 22. Gabbard Natalie     |
| 8. Branson Cheyenne | 16. Edens Schneeberger | 23. Hardberger Lauren   |

24. Harris Hannah
25. Hassell Stephanie
26. Horner, II John
27. Iverson Karen
28. Kizer Jordan
29. Lebda Holly
30. Littledeer Kinsey
31. Lohr Jamie
32. Lung Nicole
33. Lynch Amirha
34. Mahan Cassie
35. Martinez Jordan
36. McClure Mercede

37. McGee Quincy
38. Melton Barbara
39. Merrill Charlott
40. Middleton Asheley
41. Minor Summer
42. Mize Elizabeth
43. Pickard Leah
44. Pipestem Melissa
45. Raglin Madeline
46. Rhodes Gary
47. Roylance Madison
48. Sadowsky Cooper
49. Sasser Linh
50. Shen Wuyinga

51. Smith Jerimee
52. Stantliff Scott
53. Stapleton Anna
54. Stephenson Megan
55. Stewart Alison
56. Sutton Chelsea
57. Thomas Patricia
58. Thompson Katie
59. Wagner Benjamin
60. West April
61. Williams Tyra
62. Wood Carla
63. Wright Lucas

LICENSE TYPE: Licensed Marital and Family Therapist

1. Ekhlasi Natalie
2. Herndon Abigail

3. Stover Sidney
4. Theisen Anastasia

5. Welch Timothy
6. Williams Ashley

Kelly Collins leaves the meeting at 12:48 pm.

Kelly Collins returns to meeting at 12:52 pm.

12. The LPC Licensure Committee presents their recommendations for LPC coursework. Laressa Beliele makes a motion to approve the University of Oklahoma-M. Ed. Professional Counseling coursework as presented. Johnie Fredman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

13. The LPC Licensure Committee presents their recommendations for the LPC graduate degree. Johnie Fredman makes a motion to deem Washburn University – M.A. Psychology a non-qualifying degree for LPC. Laressa Beliele seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

14. The LMFT Licensure Committee presents their recommendations for the LMFT graduate degree. Christopher Giles makes a motion to deem California Polytechnic State University – M.S. Clinical Psychology a non-qualifying degree for LMFT. Matthew Brosi seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

15. Laressa Beliele makes a motion to approve the reduction of 1000 hours for Hollie Blackstock. Johnie Fredman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes



Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

16. Johnie Fredman makes a motion to approve the new continuing education provider application received since the last board meeting as presented except the application for Dr. Dawn Elise Snipes as she did not complete the application herself. Kelly Collins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

17. Kelly Collins makes a motion to appoint Syndey Black for the LBP Complaint Committee and LBP Licensure Committee and Alice Caldwell for the LBP Rules Committee and LBP Licensure Committee. Amy Barnett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

18. Matthew Brosi makes a motion to approve and adoption of the agency budget. Sydney Black seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

19. Kelly Collins makes a motion to approve a 12% increase in Executive Director's pay. Sydney Black seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes
Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

20. Mathew Brosi makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Traylor Raines seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Matthew Brosi-	Yes
Amy Barnett-	Yes
Laressa Beliele-	Yes
Traylor Rains-	Yes
Alice Caldwell-	Yes
Christopher Giles-	Yes
Jennifer Cooper-	Yes
Johnie Fredman-	Yes

Sydney Black-	Yes
Kelly Collins-	Yes
Lea May-	Yes

Adjournment Time 1:11 pm