



South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors &
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South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists
Via Videoconference
October 2, 2026

President Amy Hartman called the meeting to order at 9:05 am central and determined a quorum.

Board Members Present via Videoconference: Hande Briddick, Cynthia Goehring, Maureen Gustafson, Mary Guth, Amy Hartman, Amy Hunsley-McTighe, Stacy Solsaa, and Jeff Wangen.

Board Members Absent: Erin Davis.

Others Present via Videoconference: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary; Natalie Young, Administrative Assistant; Greg Tishkoff, Board Legal Counsel, Department of Social Services; Erin Handke, Assistant Attorney General; Laurie Yeshulas, Assistant Attorney General; Tracy Mercer, Department of Social Services; Patty Jonas, Wiletta Woodson, and Sam Heibult, members of the public.

Hartman welcomed new board member Amy Hunsley-McTighe. Hunsley-McTighe serves as a lay member of the Board.

Motion to approve the proposed agenda by Wangen. Seconded by Solsaa. **Motion carried.**

Hartman asked for comments from the public. No comments were offered.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 28, 2026, by Guth. Seconded by Goehring. **Motion carried.**

Motion to accept the financial report as of August 31, 2026, by Goehring. Seconded by Solsaa. **Motion carried.**

Hartman announced the hearing In the Matter of the Professional Counselor Status of Donna Bumann was deferred to the next meeting by agreement of the parties.

Hartman announced the hearing In the Matter of the Professional Counselor Status of Catherine Kingler was deferred for considerations of a settlement agreement and final order.

The Board conducted the hearing In the Matter of the Application of Patricia Jones for Licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor – Mental Health.

The Board conducted the hearing In the Matter of the Application of Wiletta Woodson for Licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor – Mental Health.

Tishkoff provided the Board with an overview of the open meeting laws and provided opportunities for the Board members to ask questions.

Motion to acknowledge the Board reviewed the open meetings laws as required by SDCL 1-25-13 by Wangen. Seconded by McTighe. **Motion carried.**

Motion to go into executive session for the purposes noticed at 10:12 am by Guth. Seconded by Gustafson. **Motion carried.**

Hartman declared the Board out of executive session at 11:52 am.

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2025-22 by Guth. Seconded by Solsaa. **Motion carried.**

Motion to approve the settlement agreement and enter a Final Order in In the Matter of the Professional Counselor Status of Catherine Kingler by Wangen. Seconded by Goehring. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2026-20 by Goehring. Seconded by Briddick. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2026-23 by Goehring. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2026-25 by Wangen. Seconded by Guth. **Motion carried.**

Motion to defer final action In the Matter of the Application of Patricia Jones for Licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor – Mental Health to the next meeting by Wangen. Seconded by Solsaa. **Motion carried.**

Motion to extend the Licensed Professional Counselor- Mental Health Plan of Supervision of Wiletta Woodson to June 30, 2027, on the condition Woodson complete all required hours of work experience and supervision, pass the national examination, and make application for licensure by that date by Solsaa. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion carried.**

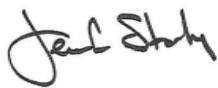
Stalley provided an office update. Renewal for licenses opened on October 1 and continues until November 30. Renewal is completed online. The office recently completed a Federal Bureau of Investigation background check compliance audit. No issues were found with the office's procedures for accepting, reviewing, and filing background check information. The 2027 AASCB/Compact annual meeting is February 7-9, 2027. Young and Hartman will attend.

Tracy Mercer provided an update from DSS.

The Board announced its next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2026, at 9:00 am (central) via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn at 12:24 pm by Gustafson. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion carried.** Solsaa was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Stalley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary

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