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South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists Via Videoconference March 7, 2025

President Butler called the meeting to order at 9:01 am central and determined a quorum.

Board Members Present via Videoconference: Tiffany Butler, Mary Guth, Amy Hartman, Jill Janecke, Jay Trenhaile, Jeff Wangen, and Stacy Solsaa

Board Members Absent: Maureen Gustafson

Others Present via Videoconference: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary; Court Roper, Board Legal Counsel, Department of Social Services; Erin Handke, Assistant Attorney General; Tracy Mercer, Department of Social Services

Motion to approve the proposed agenda with the order of the agenda to be modified to accommodate attendees by Trenhaile. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion carried.**

Hartman provided the Board with an update on the recent AASCB Conference and Counseling Compact board meeting. Hartman attended on behalf of the Board. Hartman noted that over 30 states have joined the Counseling Compact. The Compact is working to finalize details about data transmission between boards and the Compact so privileges can be granted. The first privileges may be granted in August 2025, subject to state boards finalizing data transmission and background check approvals. Hartman also noted that the AASCB conference focused on artificial intelligence for completing session notes and the issues that come with that technology. AASCB has training available to state boards on the topic. The Board asked Stalley to schedule a training for an upcoming Board meeting to learn more about the topic. Hartman also noted that the American Counseling Association is working on an update Code of Ethics, but it has not been released.

Butler asked for comments from the public. No one from the public was present.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 22, 2024 by Janecke. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion carried.**

Motion to accept the financial report as of January 31, 2025 by Trenhaile. Seconded by Janecke. **Motion carried.**

Mercer reported that she did not have an update from the Department of Social Services.

Motion to go into executive session for the purposes noticed at 9:27 am by Trenhaile. Seconded by Janecke. **Motion carried.**

Butler declared the Board out of executive session at 9:58 am.

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2024-10 by Wangen. Seconded by Trenhaile. Motion carried.

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2024-12 by Solsaa. Seconded by Guth. Motion carried.

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2024-13 by Butler Seconded by Trenhaile. Motion carried.

Stalley provided an office update. The 2024 renewal cycle is completed. Stalley provided numbers for renewals, expirations and inactive licenses as of the final 2024 renewal date. The board office continues to wait on official reappointments and open position appointments for vacancies.

The Board announced its next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2025 at 1:00 pm (central) via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn at 10:08 am by Trenhaile. Seconded by Wangen. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary