



South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors &
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South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists
Via Videoconference
April 17, 2026

President Amy Hartman called the meeting to order at 9:04 am central and determined a quorum.

Board Members Present via Videoconference: Erin Davis, Cynthia Goehring, Maureen Gustafson, Mary Guth, Amy Hartman, Stacy Solsaa, and Jeff Wangen.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present via Videoconference: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary; Natalie Young, Administrative Assistant; Court Roper, Board Legal Counsel, Department of Social Services; Erin Handke, Assistant Attorney General; Tracy Mercer, Department of Social Services; Tiffany Butler, Conor P. Casey, Sam Gaster, Shane Larson, and Tegan Ronke.

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

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

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 5, 2025 by Wangen. Seconded by Solsaa. **Motion carried.**

Motion to accept the financial report as of March 31, 2026 by Wangen. Seconded by Guth. **Motion carried.**

Motion for a continuance of the Hearing in the Matter of the Application of Emily Gunn for Licensure as an LPC by Guth. Seconded by Davis. **Motion carried.**

The Board conducted the hearing in the Matter of the Application of Sam Gaster for Licensure as an LPC.

Motion to sustain the application review determination that the plan of supervision application of Sam Gaster is deficient in meeting the educational requirements for plan of supervision by Wangen. Seconded by Solsaa. **Motion carried.**

The Board conducted the hearing in the Matter of the Professional Counselor Licensing Status of Shane Larson.

Motion to go into executive session for the purposes noticed at 11:53 am by Guth. Seconded by Goehring. **Motion carried.**

Hartman declared the Board out of executive session at 12:51 pm.

Motion to find in Complaint 2025-03 and Complaint 2025-05 that Shane Larson violated the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics provisions A.4.a, C.1, I.1.a, and I.1.b and make Larson's licensure conditioned on him being supervised by a board approved supervisor for six months with one hour of supervision per week focused on ethical practice and his completion of 5 hours of continuing education related to each of the violated ACA provisions, for a total of twenty hours, in addition to the continuing education required for renewal of his license by Wangen. Seconded by Gustafson. **Motion carried.**

Motion to accept the proposed Settlement Agreement and enter a final order in Complaint 2025-11 by Goehring. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2025-21 and send the matter to the local state's attorney office by Solsaa. Seconded by Gustafson. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2025-25 by Goehring. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2025-26 and send the matter to the local state's attorney office by Wangen. Seconded by Guth. **Motion carried.**

Motion to authorize a settlement agreement offer or move the matter to a hearing in Complaint 2026-01 by Wangen. Seconded by Solsaa. **Motion carried.**

Motion to authorize a settlement agreement offer or move the matter to a hearing in Complaint 2026-02 by Gustafson. Seconded by Davis. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2026-03 by Goehring. Seconded by Guth. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2026-04 by Guth. Seconded by Gustafson. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2026-05 by Solsaa. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2026-06 by Davis. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion carried.**

Motion to dismiss Complaint 2026-09 by Gustafson. Seconded by Solsaa. **Motion carried.** Davis excused.

Motion to renew the contract for database software and maintenance services with Albertson Consulting in the amount of \$13,765.00 by Guth as proposed. Seconded by Wangen. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to offer a contract for services to complete an IT Interface with the national Counseling Compact with Albertson Consulting in the amount of \$14,000.00 by Wangen. Seconded by Solsaa. **Motion carried.**

Motion to renew the for the Board's administrative and executive services with Midwest Solutions with a 3% increase by Guth. Seconded by Gustafson. **Motion carried.**

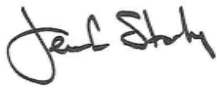
Motion to approve the purchase of a fireproof file cabinet for the Board office by Wangen. Seconded by Goehring. **Motion carried.**

The Board deferred the balance of the agenda to the next meeting.

The Board announced its next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2026 at 9:00 am (central) via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn at 1:08 pm by Guth. Seconded by Davis. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary

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