



South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists

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South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists
Via Videoconference
August 21, 2020

President Rice Brinkworth called the meeting to order at 10:36 am central and determined a quorum.

Board Members Present via Videoconference: Tiffany Butler, Sherry Bartels, Roswitha Konz, Cheryl Hartman, Jeff Wangen, Lynell Rice Brinkworth, Woody Schrenk and Jay Trenhaile

Board Members Absent: Bobbi Brown

Others Present via Videoconference: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary; Karen Cudmore, administrative staff; Erin Handke, Assistant Attorney General; Laura Ringling, Board Legal Counsel, Department of Social Services; Jeremy Lippert, Board Legal Counsel, Department of Social Services and Marilyn Kinsman, Department of Social Services

Board members introduced themselves to Jeremy Lippert, Board Legal Counsel, Department of Social Services.

Motion to approve the proposed agenda by Trenhaile. Seconded by Konz. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Konz, Hartman, Schrenk, Trenhaile and Wangen voted aye. **Motion carried.**

Rice Brinkworth asked for comments from the public. There were no comments offered.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 12, 2020 by Trenhaile. Seconded by Hartman. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Konz, Hartman, Schrenk, Trenhaile and Wangen voted aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion to accept the financial report as of July 31, 2020 by Hartman. Seconded by Schrenk. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Konz, Hartman, Schrenk, Trenhaile and Wangen voted aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion to go into executive session for consideration of contested cases and contractual matters at 10:50 am by Butler. Seconded by Konz. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Konz, Hartman, Schrenk, Trenhaile and Wangen voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion to proceed to a hearing for Complaint 2020-02 by Butler. Seconded by Trenhaile. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Hartman, Schrenk, Trenhaile and Wangen voted aye. Konz abstained. **Motion carried.**

Stalley provided an update on the database project and provided a live demonstration of the database. The online renewal process will be available Fall 2020.

Stalley provided the Board with an update on COVID-19. Executive order 2020-25 remains in place and allows for the temporary suspension of the examination requirements for licensed professional counselors-mental health as a pre-requisite of licensure. Proof of examination is required by November 30, 2020 to the Board. The Board's temporary policy regarding passage of the NCE as a prerequisite of approval of a plan of supervision application will expire September 1, 2020.

Stalley provided an update on the Administrative Rules process, implementation and next steps.

The Board reviewed updated application forms A through I. Motion to approve application forms A through I, subject to grammatical and formatting changes by Hartman. Seconded by Wangen. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Konz, Hartman, Schrenk, Trenhaile and Wangen voted aye. **Motion carried.**

Stalley provided an update on the Council of State Governments Interstate Licensing Compact. Butler volunteered to participate in future calls.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2020 at 9:00 am (central) via teleconference.

Motion to adjourn by Trenhaile. Seconded by Wangen. The Board voted by roll call. Rice Brinkworth, Butler, Bartels, Konz, Hartman, Schrenk, Trenhaile and Wangen voted aye. **Motion carried.**

The Board adjourned at 1:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary