

The Board reviewed the March 3rd, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Ms. Steel motioned to approve the minutes with corrections noted. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

The following report was presented by Mr. Grayson Carter, Legislative Liaison with the Tennessee Department of Health.

Noteworthy Health-Related Legislation

- The Department of Health’s administration bill successfully extended current opioid prescription protections that were put into place in 2018 under the Tennessee Together Act.
- The Department of Health was extended to June 30, 2027, following an audit and subsequent sunset hearings.
- Multiple boards administratively attached to the Department of Health were extended by the legislature following audits and subsequent sunset hearings.

Non-Health Related Legislative Activity of Note

- June 19th is now designated as a state holiday for Juneteenth.
- State employees are authorized to use sick leave from a sick leave bank to care for a sick minor child of the employee.
- State employees must be provided six paid weeks of leave for the birth of the employee’s child or because of the employee’s adoption of a child.
- “Send Me” is now an additional state motto.
- The legislature passed an extensive transportation modernization act.
- The legislature passed a teacher paycheck protection act that, among other things, raises the minimum teacher salary to \$50,000 by 2026.
- Law enforcement officers and the district attorney general’s office may extend criminal immunity to persons who are experiencing a drug overdose and who are seeking medical assistance.

Pertinent Public Chapters

*All Public Chapters are hyperlinked to the actual document on the Secretary of State’s website.

[Public Chapter No. 1—SB1/HB1—Johnson/Lamberth](#)

This law prohibits a healthcare provider from knowingly performing or offering to perform on a minor, or administer or offer to administer to a minor, a medical procedure if the performance or administration of the procedure is for the purpose of enabling a minor to identify with or live as an identity inconsistent with the minor’s sex. This bill does not prohibit such medical procedure if the performance or administration is to treat a minor’s congenital defect, precocious puberty, disease, or physical injury or the medical procedure began prior to the effective date of this act and concludes on or before March 31, 2024. This law also prohibits a person from knowingly providing a hormone or puberty blocker by any means to a minor if the provision of the hormone or puberty blocker is not in compliance with this bill. This bill is effective on July 1, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 41—SB256/HB75—Johnson/Lamberth](#)

This law allows law enforcement or the district attorney general’s office to extend criminal immunity from being arrested, charged, or prosecuted to persons who are experiencing a subsequent drug overdose. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2023. *This was a Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse’s legislative initiative.*

[Public Chapter No. 42—SB266/HB314—Johnson/Lamberth](#)

This law makes changes regarding assignment of benefits to a healthcare provider and the collection of out-of-network charges by healthcare facilities, by removing existing notification requirements

and duplicative language within code to adhere to the federal No Surprises Act. This law was effective on March 14, 2023. *This was a Department of Commerce and Insurance legislative initiative.*

Public Chapter No. 55—SB680/HB895—Reeves/Hurt

This law clarifies that the Medical Assistance Act of 1968 does not require a vendor, healthcare provider, or telehealth provider group that provides healthcare services exclusively via telehealth to have a physical address or site in this state in order to be eligible to enroll as a vendor, provider, or provider group for that program. This law defines telehealth provider as two or more healthcare providers that share a common employer and provide healthcare services exclusively via telehealth. This law was effective on March 21, 2023.

Public Chapter No. 70—SB29/HB195—Roberts/Ragan

This law extends the Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists to June 30, 2027.

Public Chapter No. 91—SB454/HB609—Watson/Hawk

This law authorizes family leave insurance to be written as an amendment or rider to a group disability income policy or life insurance policy, included in a group disability income policy or life insurance policy or a separate group policy purchased by an employer. Under this law, family leave insurance means an insurance policy issued to an employer related to a benefit program provided to an employee to pay for a percentage or portion of the employee's income loss due to the birth or adoption of a child by the employee, placement of a child with the employee for foster care, care of a family member of the employee who has a serious health condition, or status of family member of the employee who is a service member on active duty or has been notified of impending duty. This law will be effective on January 1, 2024.

Public Chapter No. 114—SB255/HB74—Johnson/Lamberth

This law changes the terms "general education development credential," "high school equivalency test," and variations of the terms to "high school equivalency credential" as referenced throughout the code. This law also replaces any references in code from GED(R) or HiSET(R) classes, coursework, testing, or services with the phrase "adult education programming to include preparation and testing toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential" throughout the code. This law is effective on July 1, 2023. *This was a Department of Labor and Workforce Development legislative initiative.*

Public Chapter No. 156—SB40/HB206—Roberts/Ragan

This law extends the Department of Health to June 30, 2027. This law was effective on April 17, 2023.

Public Chapter No. 168—SB600/HB90—Hensley/Moody

This law prohibits counties, municipalities, and metropolitan governments from expending funds for the purpose of assisting a person in obtaining a criminal abortion. This prohibition includes using funds as part of a health benefit plan or for travel to another state for the purpose of obtaining an abortion. This law was effective on April 17, 2023.

Public Chapter No. 188—SB277/HB325—Johnson/Lamberth

This law extends legislation enacted in 2018 to preserve opioid prescription limitations for acute care. In addition, this law exempts individuals who had recent cancer treatment from this prescription limitation. "Recent cancer treatment" is defined as six months following the end of an active cancer treatment. This law creates an exception for informed consent where a healthcare practitioner who issued the initial prescription does not have to obtain and document informed consent, if the subsequent prescription is for the same opioid and for the same episode of treatment. Outside of this exception, informed consent must be updated periodically. This law also requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health to provide a letter, in consultation with the health-related boards, no to certain elected officials that includes information on the impact and the effects of this legislation in

each even-numbered year. This law was effective on April 24, 2023. *This law was a Department of Health legislative initiative.*

[Public Chapter 190—SB350/HB294—Campbell/Freeman](#)

This law creates the “Save Tennessee Students Act” and requires public institutions of higher education to include, among other thing, the telephone number of the suicide and crisis lifeline on student identification cards for students enrolled in the institution. This law takes effect July 1, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 201—SB721/HB498—Massey/Martin](#)

This law exempts a patient who is receiving an initial behavioral health evaluation or assessment from the requirement from an in-person encounter between the health care service provider, the healthcare services provider's practice group, or the healthcare system and the patient to be within sixteen months prior to the interactive visit. This law also authorizes a physician assistant who is authorized to prescribe drugs and who provides services solely via telehealth to arrange for chart review by a collaborating physician via HIAA-compliant electronic means. This law was effective on April 24, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 221—SB678/HB1194—Reeves/Williams](#)

This law makes changes to the Alzheimer's and dementia respite care program. These changes include adding a new definition for “respite care” to mean temporary, substitute support or living arrangements to provide a brief period of relief or rest for informal caregivers. This law also adds new requirements for which the program must comply. This law was effective on April 25th, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 270—SB859/HB982—Reeves/Terry](#)

This law protects a person's statement regarding the use or possession of marijuana to a healthcare provider through the course of a person's medical care for the purpose of obtaining medical advice on the adverse effects of marijuana with other medications or medical treatments. Under this law, such statement is not admissible as evidence in a criminal proceeding in which the person is a defendant unless a person expressly waives this prohibition and requests that the statement be admitted as evidence. This law was effective on April 28, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 300—SB551/HB448—Lowe/Davis](#)

This law requires governmental entities to provide a period of public comment for public meetings but authorizes the governmental entities to place reasonable restrictions on the period for public comment. This does not apply to a meeting of a governing body, or a portion thereof, where the governing body is conducting a disciplinary hearing or a meeting for which there are no actionable items on the agenda. This takes effect July 1, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 306—SB924/HB577—Rose/Parkinson](#)

This law adds as an enhancement factor that can be considered during sentencing if a defendant has been convicted of aggravated assault or attempted first degree murder on the grounds or premises of a healthcare facility. Healthcare facility is defined as a hospital licensed under title 33 or 68. This law takes effect July 1, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 316—SB1426/HB1004—Roberts/Darby](#)

This law requires an appointed member of a governing body for a state entity to serve in such capacity until the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified. Under this, an appointed member of a board, commission, or other governing body for a state governmental entity may be removed by the member's appointing authority with or without cause. A vacancy created by the removal of a member must be filled by the appointing authority in the same manner as the original appointment. This law also creates an advisory council on state procurement. This law was effective on April 28, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 353—SB1443/HB727—Roberts/Fritts](#)

This law requires an LEA to obtain the written, informed, and voluntary signed consent of a student’s parent or legal guardian, or the student if they are 18 years of age or older, before the student participates in a survey, analysis, or evaluation. A parent or legal guardian who wishes to excuse the

student from participating in health screenings as part of a coordinate school health program must submit a request in writing to the school's nurse, instructor, school, counselor, or principal. As used in this law, "health screening" means vision, dental, blood pressure, and hearing screenings. This law makes other changes regarding a student's receiving of instruction of sexual orientation curriculum or gender identity curriculum or a student's membership of a club or organization. This law is effective July 1, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 399—SB1458/HB0983—White/Sexton](#)

This law requires local education agencies (LEAs) to provide licensed employees of the LEA 6 paid workweeks after a birth or stillbirth of the employee's child or employee's adoption of a newly placed minor child. This law is effective May 11, 2023, and applies to leave taken on or after that date.

[Public Chapter No. 426—SB0458/HB0496—Watson/Martin](#)

This law requires certain health related boards to either render a decision on the application or inform the applicant of the need to appear before such board within 60 days from the date the respective board receives a completed application for licensure from either an initial applicant or an applicant who is licensed in another state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia. This law was effective on May 11, 2023, and applies to applications submitted on or after that date.

[Public Chapter No. 438—SB102/HB158—Gardenhire/Zachary](#)

This law prohibits an LEA, public charter school, or public institution of higher education from requiring an educator or other employee of the LEA or public charter school to complete or participate in implicit bias training or take an adverse employment action against them for failure or refusal to complete or participate in implicit bias training. "Implicit bias training" means a training or other educational program designed to expose an individual to biases that the training's or educational program's developer or designer presumes the individual to unconsciously, subconsciously, or unintentionally possess that predispose the individual to be unfairly prejudiced in favor of or against a thing, person, or group to adjust the individual's patterns of thinking in order to eliminate the individual's unconscious bias or prejudice. This law took effect May 17, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 443—SB296/HB779—Gardenhire/Helton-Haynes](#)

This law requires the Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Osteopathic Examination, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Physician Assistants, and the Board of Applied Behavioral Analysts to, upon the receipt of a completed application for licensure from an applicant who is licensed in another state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia, render a decision on the application or inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board within 45 days from the date the board receives the application. This law requires the Board of Athletic Trainers to, upon the receipt of a completed application for licensure from an applicant who is licensed in another state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia, render a decision on the application or inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board within 60 days from the date the board receives the application. "Completed application" means an application that satisfies all statutory and board rule requirements. This law takes effect May 17, 2023.

[Public Chapter No. 448—SB466/HB1269—Rose/Cochran](#)

This law provides that a teacher or other employee of a public school or LEA is not required to use a student's preferred pronoun when referring to the student if the preferred pronoun is not consistent with the student's biological sex. Under this law, a teacher or other employee of a public school or LEA is not civilly liable for using a pronoun that is consistent with the biological sex of the student to whom the teacher or employee is referring, even if the pronoun is not the student's preferred pronoun. Under this law, a teacher or other employee of a public school or LEA are not subject to adverse employment action for not using a student's preferred pronoun if the student's preferred pronoun is inconsistent with the student's biological sex. This law took effect May 17, 2023

[Public Chapter No. 486—SB1440/HB239—Roberts/Bulso](#)

This law defines “sex” in code to mean a person's immutable biological sex as determined by anatomy and genetics existing at the time of birth and evidence of a person's biological sex. “Evidence of a person’s biological sex” includes, but is not limited to, a government-issued identification document that accurately reflects a person's sex listed on the person's original birth certificate. This law takes effect on July 1, 2023.

Please note that these are high-level overviews of each public chapter. They do not include every detail or provide all bill information. Please review the text of the bill in its entirety at your own discretion. If you have any questions or need further clarity, please reach out to your attorney.

The Board discussed public chapter 426 and its relation to the Board.

JOHNSON UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAM EQUIVALENCY REQUEST

Mr. Shawn Ridge, Core Faculty for the Graduate Program, appeared before the Board.

The board discussed at great length the requirements for a Marriage and Family Therapists license. Dr. Dalton, Ms. Speakman, and Ms. Steel gave information as to why and how the courses do not meet Tennessee requirement for Marriage and Family therapy license. Ms. Steel made a motion to grandfather in students whom received a Marriage and Family Therapist degree from Johnson University, so long as they apply before March 1st of 2025 and are otherwise eligible. Dr. Dalton seconded motion and the motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANTS

E. Chadwick: was present in person. Per the motion of accepting post graduate classes for Johnson University, the application for temporary license was approved by the motion made for Johnson University.

B. Nolen: was present in person. Per the motion of accepting post graduate classes for Johnson University, the application for temporary license was approved by the motion made for Johnson University.

K. Lee: was present via phone, the Board reviewed Ms. Lees file and determined that her courses do not meet requirements as a licensure program for a counseling degree. The Board offered the opportunity for Ms. Lee to withdrawal her application, and the verbal response from Ms. Lee was “I can withdraw it.” Ms. Steel motioned to allow the withdrawal, Dr. Nelson seconded, roll call and motion passed.

T. Frye: was not present, the Board reviewed Mr. Frye’s file and determined that the degree earned was only 48 hours and did not meet the TN statute requirement of a 60 Hour Counseling degree. Dr. Dalton made a motion to allow Mr. Frye to withdraw his application and if he did not withdraw that the board would deny the application based on the statutory requirement of 60 hours. Dr. Nelson seconded, and the motion passed.

T. Kennard: was present via phone. The board reviewed the file and determined that Ms. Kennard had edited the documentation and will be required to do extra hours and Continuing education hours to meet boards contingency. Ms. Steel made a motion to table the application for 6 months, with a contingency to require Ms. Kennard provide documentation of her supervisor so that it can be preapproved before she starts the 25 hours of individual supervision. It also requires that she submit proof of the 3-hour ethics course that she intends to complete so that can be preapproved. Within that 6-month time frame Ms. Kennard shall submit that preapproval and requirements to our office, at which point the board consultant will review for consideration and approval of the license. Should we not receive that information within the 6-month time frame, her file will administratively be closed. Dr. Dalton seconded and the motion passed.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. Roger Knowlton presented the year-to-date report

1. All license types open 45 complaints and closed 43 complaints
 - a. 5 closed were insufficient evidence.
 - b. 10 were referred to office of General counsel.
 - c. 24 were closed no action.
 - d. 1 received a letter of concern.
 - e. 3 received a letter of warning.
 - f. the allegations were:
 - g. 2 for substance abuse
 - h. 1 for criminal charges
 - i. 36 unprofessional conducts
 - j. 2 were lapsed license.
 - k. 1 was a criminal conviction.
 - l. 3 were outside the investigative scope.
2. Licensed Professional Counselor there were 34 opened complaints and 37 were closed.
 - a. 4 were closed insufficient evidence.
 - b. 10 were referred to the office of general counsel.
 - c. 21 were closed with no action.
 - d. 1 received a letter of concern.
 - e. 1 received a letter of warning.
 - f. Allegations were 1 substance abuse and 1 criminal charges.
 - g. 28 unprofessional conduct.
 - h. 2 lapsed licenses.
 - i. 1 criminal conviction.
 - j. 1 outside the investigative scope.
3. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist 11 complaints open and 6 were closed.
 - a. 1 was closed insufficient evidence.
 - b. 0 were referred to the office of general counsel.
 - c. 3 were closed with no action.
 - d. 0 received a letter of concern.
 - e. 2 received a letter of warning.
 - f. 1 allegation substance abuse.
 - g. 0 allegation criminal charges.
 - h. 8 unprofessional conduct.
 - i. 0 lapsed license.
 - j. 0 criminal conviction.
 - k. 2 outside the investigative scope.

No Complaints opened or closed for associate counselors, No Complaints opened or closed for Certified professional counselors, No Complaints opened or closed for certified marital and family therapists, No Complaints opened or closed for Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE

Ms. Wilson let the Board know that we had emailed the financial office for a report, and they responded there was not one for this Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Wilson Board Director read aloud the administrative report. As of July 6, 2023, there are:

Licensed Professional Counselors:

- a. Active License- 3665
- b. Temporary licenses- 443
- c. Mental health providers- 3202
- d. Approved supervisors- 711
- e. Clinical Professional Therapists- 11

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist:

- a. Active License- 1028
- b. Temporary license- 288
- c. Certified Marriage and Family Therapists- 5

Clinical Pastoral Therapists:

- a. Active License- 18
- b. Temporary license- 0

Since the last Board meeting, we have received:

Licensed Professional Counselors:

- a. New Applications- 358
- b. Reinstatements- 8
- c. Licenses Issued- 134
- d. New Temporary Issued- 86
- e. Renewed- 564
- f. Percent renewed online- 81%
- g. Expired- 23
- h. Retired- 2

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist:

- a. New Applications- 112
- b. Reinstatements- 2
- c. Licenses Issued- 41
- d. New Temporary Issued- 27
- e. Renewed- 146
- f. Percent renewed online- 84%
- g. Expired- 12
- h. Retired- 1

Clinical Pastoral Therapists:

- a. New Applications- 1
- b. Reinstatements- 0
- c. Licenses Issued- 0
- d. New Temporary Issued- 0
- e. Renewed- 2
- f. Percent renewed online- 100%
- g. Expired- 0
- h. Retired- 0

Applications totals as of July 6, 2023

Licensed Professional Counselors: 386 Open and pending.

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists: 129 Open and pending.

Clinical Pastoral Therapists: 4 Open and pending

The list of upcoming Board meetings are scheduled as follows:

October 6th, 2023

January 12th, 2024

April 5th, 2024

July 19th, 2024
October 4th, 2024
January 10th, 2025

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Trawick gave the report from the Office of General Counsel which included the following updates:

1. Finance is asking us to put the fee changing process on hold due to expenses increasing.
2. As of July 1st, 2023, there were 11 open cases against licensees.
 - a. 1 Consent order
 - b. 1 Agreed order
3. There are the number of these Boards licensees currently being monitored.
 - a. The total number of Licensed Professional Counselors being monitored for discipline is 17.
 - b. The total number of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists being monitored for discipline is 0.
 - c. The total number of LCPTs being monitored for discipline is 0.
 - d. The total number on reprimand is 2 with terms and \$1700 in fines and fees
 - e. The total number on probation is 7 with terms and \$2700 in fines and fees
 - f. The total number on suspension is 4 with terms and \$4050 fines and fees
 - g. The total number with a revoked or surrendered license is 4 with 11,000 in fines and fees

CONDUCT NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence

Ms. L Harrison: Appeared before the Board via phone call. Ms. Harrison expressed that she holds a Temporary Licensed Professional Counselors license and then was battling Covid restrictions, and some personal extenuating circumstances is having difficulty getting hours started. Ms. Harrison is requesting an extension to complete the supervision hours with Mr. George Tsirgiotis. The Boards response was that since the Statute change Ms. Harrisons temporary license now expires on May 14th 2025, and asked for a letter of documentation for the circumstances for potential requests in the future.

Ms. L Castleman: Appeared before the board via phone call. Ms. Castleman is requesting approval of CEUs for two past events. The Board discussed the content of the training and the way that the content changes for every training. The decision from the Board is that there isnt a full set of information in the proposal to be reviewed and that once the proposal is complete to resubmit.

Ms. L. Cohen was present at the board meeting and is requesting an extension of her supervision time due to some personal extenuating hardship circumstances. The Board discussed the number of hours Ms. Cohen had and the approximate time she may need to complete the hours required. Dr. Dalton made a motion to extend the post masters time one year beyond the January 15th 2024 expiration date, Dr. Nelson seconded and the motion passed.

CPT Jurisprudence Exam

The Board discussed at great length the process and requirements of the exam that needs to be created and proctored. Dr. Dalton made a motion that until the CPT Jurisprudence Exam is approved by the Board

that in the meantime the Administrative Office would accept the Jurisprudence exam from one of our other professions on our board either the Licensed Professional Counselors or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists Jurisprudence Exam as an acceptable alternative. Dr. Nelson seconded, and the motion passed.

D. Thornton: Mr. David Thornton was present in person to ask that we accept his passing of the National Licensed Professional Counselors exam and Jurisprudence in lieu of the Clinical Pastoral Therapist Exam and Jurisprudence. Per the motion to accept Licensed Professional Counselors or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Jurisprudence Mr. Thorntons license was approved and ratified as he was an applicant for Clinical Pastoral Therapist.

Correspondence Continued

C. Babb: Requesting approval for a CEU course, the board reviewed the information provided from Ms. Babb. There was discussion as to the Certificate, the date of service, and the number of Continuing Education Units, and how those would be tracked. This resulted in a request that Ms. Babb email Ms. Rigney the missing dates and sample certificate for another review at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Ratification of New Licensees

The Board read aloud the newly licensed individuals since the last Board meeting. The board decided that from this meeting 07/07/2023 they would no longer read off the individual names of approved applicants. Dr. Nelson motioned to ratify all names on the list. Ms. Steel seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Request to ratify Jordan Sanders Temporary Licensed Professional Counselor #6490. Dr. Dalton made a motion to ratify. Ms. Steel seconded and the motion passed.

Update on the Counseling Compact

Ms. Speakman went over the latest update for the counseling compact. There is a database that is in the works and we can continue to move forward in getting that process started.

CE Broker

There was a conversation that CE Broker was working on the system setups and that there is no target date proposed at this time. We are in contact and will have a meeting and information for applicants once the process has been completed and active.

Board Consultant

Ms. Trawick requested the Board consider approving a second consultant for this Board. There was a proposition that Dr. Susan Hammons-White would be the backup consultant in the event there was a conflict of interest or Kay Arnold was unavailable. Ms. Steel made a motion that the Board accept Susan Hammonds-White as the second consultant. Dr. Nelson seconded and the motion passed.

North Carolina Reciprocal Agreement

Ms. Trawick provided an update on the North Carolina reciprocal agreement. She and the North Carolina board attorney met for a while and went through the agreement. Both boards have signed off on the agreement, we are working on applications and making sure they are similar in process.

Disciplinary Order(s)

Consent Order(s)

Courtney Edwards - did not appear before the Board nor did legal representation appear on her behalf. Ms. Katherine Trawick represented the state. Respondent has been licensed as an Licensed Professional Counselor with Mental Health Service Provider designation since June 26, 2020, with license number 5082. In or around September 2018, Respondent began seeing a client for approximately two years. While seeing the client professionally, Respondent began texting and emailing the client on a personal level. During this time, Respondent admits to an emotional connection but not a sexual connection. In or around October 2020, Respondent stopped seeing the client on a professional level and began a sexual relationship with him. After the therapeutic relationship ended, Respondent moved in with the client and signed a joint lease agreement. Respondent is currently in the romantic relationship with the client. The facts stipulated are sufficient to establish grounds for discipline. This order shall revoke the Respondents license, the Respondent shall voluntarily surrender the license. The Respondent must pay one (1) Type A civil penalties for a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Respondent must pay all actual and reasonable costs of this case not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Dr. Dalton motioned to approve the consent order. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion and it passed.

Agreed Order(s)

Joseph Bean – did not appear before the Board nor did legal representation appear on her behalf. Ms. Katherine Trawick represented the state. A complaint arose when the respondent violated the Ethical Boundaries for clients KC, JB and OH. Including but not limited to taking KC to lunch and paid for her meal, then hugging all three clients and discussions that were or alluded to inappropriate sexual situations. Respondent has agreed to voluntarily surrender his license, respondent requested time to “wind down” his practice. Respondent to shut down no later than October 15th, 2023, and within 30 days of this meeting July 7th, 2023, respondent must provide proof to the disciplinary coordinator that he has given notice to his clients that the practice will close on October 15th, 2023. Respondent must submit proof of the practices final closure no later than October 31st, 2023. Respondent is to pay costs not to exceed a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) paid no later than October 15th, 2023. Ms. Steel motioned to accept the agreed order. Dr. Nelson seconded and the motion passed.

Order of Compliance

Brandon Canter - did not appear before the Board nor did legal representation appear on his behalf. Ms. Katherine Trawick represented the state. Respondent applied for an order of compliance and submitted proof that all requirements have been met. These have been reviewed by the disciplinary coordinator and the Boards attorney, Ms. Trawick, and they agree terms have been met. Dr. Dalton made a motion to approve the request for order of compliance. Dr. Nelson seconded and the motion passed.

Request for Grant Proposal for Impaired Professionals

Currently Ms. Trawick is reviewing current contracts to create a proposed contract for this Board.

Discuss and consider revisions to all Board rules.

The Board read through and discussed the latest proposed draft rules. These minutes are not an exact recount of every discussion of the Board but does highlight many rules discussed in the order in which they occurred. All meetings are recorded and available to watch at a later date on the tn.gov/health website.

Professional Counselor Rules

The Board read through and discussed all the latest revisions of the proposed draft rules this included the conversation on how supervisors are claiming clinical hours and individual hours on supervision forms.

Ms. Trawick made note and edits to rules as the board discussed and voted.

Dr. Dalton made a motion to approve Rules 1450-01-.01 through 1450-01-.04 as written not including grammatical or punctuation error or citation error that does not change the substance of the rule. Dr. Nelson seconded and the motion passed,

These rules will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Marriage and Family Therapist Rules

The Board read through and discussed all the latest revisions of the proposed draft rules.

These rules will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Clinical Pastoral Therapists Rules

The Board read through and discussed all the latest revisions of the proposed draft rules.

These rules will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Board scheduled to meet on August 17th, 2023, to continue rule revisions.

This meeting adjourned.