



Tennessee Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Pastoral Therapists Meeting

Monday September 22, 2025

MINUTES

The regular Board meeting of the Tennessee Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists was called to order at 08:31 a.m. virtually in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Kimberly Speakman, Board President.

Board members present: Kimberly Speakman, LPC/MHSP, Board President
Shelly Steel, LMFT
James Dalton, PhD, LPC/MHSP
Howard Nelson, LCPT, LCSW

Board member(s) absent: Vacant, Consumer Member

Staff present: Candyce Wilson, Board Director
Alexis Whitaker, Administrative Director
Stephanie Rigney, Board Administrator
Katherine Trawick, JD, General Counsel

Ms. Candyce Wilson read the required script into the record, noting all votes must be conducted by roll call. Ms. Wilson called the roll to establish a quorum. Dr. Howard Nelson was having difficulty with his sound at the time roll call was taken and expected to join the meeting with audio. Another preliminary vote was taken to establish all members were able to hear each other and that they had received meeting documents prior to the meeting, Dr. Nelson stated he was present and had been working on accessing the documents for the meeting. The meeting was turned over to Ms. Kimberly Speakman, Board President.

EMERGENCY REVISION TO RULES DUE TO PUBLIC CHAPTER 204: The Board met to discuss rule revisions for Board Rules, Ms. Trawick stated that there are no changes for these rules due to PC204.

Ms. Trawick stated that the Board meeting would still follow the conflict-of-interest policy and any topics for the Board to discuss are to be on record and not privately between Board Members.

LPC SUPERVISION POLICY AND SUPERVISION FORMS: The Board discussed the policy draft for LPC Supervision and Ms. Wilson made the changes to the document while discussion was happening.

Ms. Steel made a motion to approve of the drafted policy for LPC supervision contingent on the approval of the LPC supervision forms update. Dr. Nelson seconded, roll call was taken and the motion passed.

The Board discussed the changes to the LPC Supervision form and changes were made while the discussion was happening. Ms. Steel made a motion to approve the modified Request for Associate license form for LPCs. Dr. Nelson seconded, roll call was taken and the motion passed.

The Board discussed and renewed a new form for the change of supervisors for the LPCs. Ms. Steel made a motion to approve of the change of supervisor form for the LPCs. Dr. Nelson seconded, roll call was taken and the motion passed.

POLICY ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: The Board discussed the drafted AI policy by Ms. Speakman. Ms. Steel made a motion to approve the policy for AI in clinical practice. Dr. Nelson seconded, rollcall was taken and the motion passed.

POLICY ON CPT SUPERVISION: The Board discussed the drafted policy for CPT Supervision, Dr. Nelson stated he had no questions or comments on the policy drafted. Dr. Dalton made a motion to approve of the policy for CPT supervision. Ms. Steel seconded, roll call was taken and the motion passed.

POLICY ON CPT VS. CLERGY: The Board discussed the drafted policy regarding the differences between pastoral counseling and actions of clergy. Dr. Nelson stated that he had no questions or comments on the policy drafted. Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the policy on pastoral counseling. Dr. Dalton seconded, roll call was taken and the motion passed.

Dr. Dalton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Nelson seconded, roll call was taken and the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.