

Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists

Minutes of March 3, 2009 Telephone Meeting

Members Ryan Melton, LPC, Chair Art Tolentino, LMFT
Participating: Linda White, LPC, Vice Chair Lee Anne Wichmann, LMFT
Elizabeth Wosley-George, LPC

Members Excused: Julia Smith, Loretta Slepikas

Participants: Becky Eklund, Executive Director; Martha Steen, Board Staff

Chair Melton called the public meeting to order at 2:28 p.m. via telephone conference call.

Meeting Minutes

Liz Wosley-George moved and Art Tolentino seconded a motion to approve the December 12, 2008 Board meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda White moved and Liz Wosley-George seconded a motion to approve the January 9, 2009 Board meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Date Changes

Board members reviewed proposed 2009 meeting date changes. Liz Wosley George moved and Linda White seconded a motion to change the April, August, and October meeting dates as follows:

- * From April 10 to April 3
- * From August 14 to August 21
- * From October 9 to October 23

The motion passed unanimously.

Special Considerations

1. **Christina Zimmerman** – Asked the Board to reconsider denial of her report #3 for the period of 10/01/07 through April 2008. Linda White moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to deny the appeal. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Stephanie Dickinson** - Asked the Board to reconsider denial of her intern report for March-September 2008. Art Tolentino moved and Liz Wosley-George seconded a motion to deny the appeal. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Karin Thompson** – Asked the Board to reconsider denial of her intern report for November 12, 2007 to May 31, 2008. Liz Wosley-George moved and Art Tolentino

seconded a motion to accept the appeal because Ms. Thompson was able to produce a copy of the report originally submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Megan Chaloupka** – Asked the Board to reconsider denial of her intern report due to misunderstanding about dates and all previous reports were mailed early. Art Tolentino moved and Lee Anne Wichmann seconded a motion to accept her appeal because staff had provided Chaloupka with written, inaccurate information.
5. **Lepha Johnson** – Asked the Board to allow her to register as an intern and accrue hours while taking a Lifestyle and Career Development class. Linda White moved and Liz Wosley-George seconded a motion to uphold current rules and deny her appeal. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Juvata Rusch** – She appealed to the Board to reverse their decision of issuing a civil penalty on her continuing education audit. After her previous appeal, Ms. Rusch submitted half of the penalty and returned her LPC license to the Board. The Board took no action on the appeal, leaving existing denial and penalty in place. Board members suggested that she may be interested in a payment plan.
7. **Barbara Tint** – Asked the Board to waive the civil penalty imposed for not passing the continuing education audit. The Board took no action on her appeal, leaving the existing denial and penalty in place. The Board directed staff to set up a payment plan, stipulate a timeline, and establish consequences for not paying.

Special Considerations Process

During the February 13, 2009 meeting, staff presented a proposal for a way to handle special considerations and appeals to the Board. The proposal granted authority to the Executive Director to handle appeals of staff decisions. Appeals that raise policy questions or are because of staff providing erroneous information will be presented to the Board for decisions. Liz Wosley-George moved and Art Tolentino seconded the motion to approve the proposed policy as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Rule Change

During the February 13, 2009 Board meeting, staff submitted a recommendation to change the administrative rules that require supervisors of work experience needed for licensure so that those applying for LPC by the direct method need to have supervisors who have been licensed for three years. The rule that interns have supervisors who have been licensed in Oregon for three years would remain. Liz Wosley-George moved and Art Tolentino seconded a motion to approve the administrative rule change as outlined by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

Work Groups

During the February 13, 2009 Board meeting, Chair Melton asked Board members to volunteer for three work groups: 1) Graduate Program Reviews; 2) Administrative rules revisions; and 3) Establishment of policies for supervisors and a supervisor registry. Elizabeth Wosley-George volunteered to lead the graduate program review work group; Linda White volunteered to lead the administrative rule group; and Art Tolentino volunteered to lead the supervisory registry group.

The three Board members provided status reports on the progress of their respective work groups. Liz Wosley-George is finalizing a letter to faculty at the 10 Board approved graduate programs inviting them to participate in the graduate degree standards and programs work group. Linda White and Becky Eklund were meeting that day to develop a work group process. Art Tolentino has begun to identify work group members. He has received interest from ten supervisors.

After a brief discussion about background checks on license applicants and licensees during renewal, Chair Ryan Melton adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.