

**Open Session Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

March 9, 2023

9:00 a.m.

**Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa**

A hybrid meeting was held in conference room #526 of the Lucas State Office Building. Some attendees attended in-person and some attendees attended virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Echo Kent, LMFT
Cody Samec, LMHC
Mary "Ramona" Wink, LMHC
Nolan Byrnes, Public Member
Maria Valdovinos, LBA
Kevin Allemagne, LMFT
Amy Mooney, LMHC
Blake Stephenson, LBA

Members Absent:

David Wolter, Public Member
Kerry Lust, Public Member

Staff Present:

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief
Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General
Tony Alden, Board Executive
Beth Jorgenson, Compliance Administrator
Lacy Hepp, Assistant to Board

Public Present:

Valeo Khan-Snyder, ACA of Iowa
Jennifer Becker, MHC
Lynn Linde, American Counseling
Jamie McWade, Lutheran Family
Danielle Bennett

Introductions

Were made by the Board members and staff present

Announcements

None

Approval of Open Session Minutes

February 16, 2023

Kent moved the Board approve the open session minutes of February 16, 2023. A second was received by Wink. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive Report

The compact bill has passed its first hurdle during this legislation session. Recent Bill #623 is pending legislation that would no longer allow therapist to work with transgender children under the age of 18.

Requests

Request for alternate supervision – Justin Derry

Licensee requests a third supervisor and wishes to keep the other two supervisors. This third supervisor would act as a back-up for the other two listed. Board consensus is to send a letter of warning and approve pending supervisors' information.

Mooney motioned to approve third supervisor pending additional information. Samec seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion approved.

Request to waive rule 645-31.8"e" regarding verification of supervision requirements – Angelica Williams
Board consensus to pass the denial.

Request to waive rule 645-31.3(1)"d" regarding exam requirements – Paula Cox
Samec motioned to deny exam requirements for Paula Cox. Kent Seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion approved. Stephenson abstained.

Request to renew Temp MFT license – Lianne Garcia
The Board expressed concern that the individual had not passed the exam yet, which is now required to receive a temporary license. Kent moved to deny the renewal request and seconded by Samec. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

The Board considered the following similar requests to waive rule 645-31.3(1)"d" as a block:

Taylor Bagley, Nathan Moline, Leigh Faaborg, Morgan Froehlich, Taylor Tittle, Ashley Ray-Wing and Carol Adolphson

The Board previously established a cut-off date of April 30, 2020 for granting similar waivers. All of the requests are from individuals who passed the exam after this date. Mooney moved to deny the block of requests, which was seconded by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Request to waive rule 645-31.6(2) regarding education accreditation requirements – Dr. Treye Rosenberger
Mooney moved to approve the waiver request with the condition that documentation from director stating that the students are following the CACREP standards and the

school is continuing towards CACREP accreditation for the upcoming graduating students. A second was received by Allemagne. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Request to waive rule 645-31.3(1)"a" regarding exam requirements – Krystle Herbert
A motion was made by Kent to approve the waiver request to waive 645-31.3(1)"a" for Herbert and seconded by Wink. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Request to waive rule 645-31.8"e" regarding verification of supervision requirements – Angelica Williams

The Board wanted additional information regarding who served as her supervisors and why she wasn't able to get supervision documentation. Given that the waiver request will be deemed denied before the next meeting, the Board decided to deny the request and advise the individual to submit a new petition with this information if she wished to pursue the waiver. Kent motioned to deny the request to waive 645-31.8"e" for Williams. Samec seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Request for alternate supervision approval – Dr. Lauren Welter
Wink moved to approve Dr. Welter as secondary supervisor only and denying her blanket request to be an approved supervisor. Allemagne seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Request for alternate supervision approval – Emberly Lashley
Wink moved to deny Lashley request for alternate supervision as the law states three years. A second was received by Byrnes. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Request for alternate supervision approval – Cheryl Moore
Kent motioned to approve Moore request for alternate supervision because Moore has two other supervisors who meet the Board's requirements. A second was received by Samec. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

New Business

Licensure Compact presentation and discussion

Lynn Linde from American Counseling presented on the national licensure compact initiative. This compact is currently in legislation session (HF494).

Closed Session Agenda

Allemagne motioned to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate license disciplinary investigations or proceedings, and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of 17A. A second was received by Samec.

A roll call was taken:

Mooney – Aye
Allegmagne – Aye
Kent – Aye
Samec – Aye
Wolter – Aye
Wink – Aye
Byrnes – Aye
Valdovinos – Aye
Lust – Aye

Began closed session at 10:25 a.m.

Returned to open session at 2:37 p.m.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2023

Allegmagne moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of February 16, 2023 as presented. A second was received by Mooney. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Moved to close the following complaints: 22-0387, 22-0370, 22-0274, 22-0252, 22-0249 (Recuse Kent), 22-0279 (Recuse Kent), 23-0064 (Recuse Kent), 22-0198, 22-0047 (Recuse Kent) and 22-0023.

Mooney motioned to close the following complaints: 22-0047, 22-0249, 22-0279, 23-0064 (Recuse Kent). Samec seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Wink moved the approve Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges in case 22-0136. Kent seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Samec motioned for a confidential order for evaluation on case 22-0305. Valdovinos seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Samec motioned to close cases 22-0370 and 22-0387. Wink seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Samec motioned to close cases 22-0023 and 22-0198. Mooney seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Kent motioned to approve a Notice of Hearing on case 23-0052. Mooney seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Kent motioned to approve a Notice of Hearing on case 22-0391. Allegmagne seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings

June 8, 2023

September 14, 2023

December 14, 2023

Adjournment

Allemagne moved the Board adjourn at 2:40 p.m. A second was received by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.