



State of Nevada

The Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors

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Approved: 9/16/16

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, August 26, 2016

Nevada State Board of Examiners for Marriage and
Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors
9436 West Lake Mead Boulevard #11-J
Las Vegas, Nevada 89134-8342

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 8:33 A.M. by Mr. Erik Schoen, Vice President.

Board Members Present

Erik Schoen, Vice President
Richard Harrison, Secretary/Treasurer
Jeanne E. Griffin, Member
Hal Taylor, Member
Jake Wiskerchen, Member
Wendy Nason, Member

Board Staff Present

Quinn Kennedy, Interim Executive Director

Members Absent

John Nixon, Member

Others Present

Mr. Brett Kandt, Chief Deputy Attorney General (DAG)

2. Public Comment – No public comment.
3. Approval of the 8/28/15, 9/11/15, 9/25/15, 10/23/15, 12/4/15, 12/9/15/, 12/18/15, 1/22/16, 2/5/16, 6/24/16 and 7/20/16 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: To approve 8/28/2015 meeting minutes with changes: Mr. Jake Wiskerchen Second: Ms. Jean Griffin

Discussion: Mr. Erik Schoen points out in Item #16 it should be VC no BC.

Vote: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 1

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason due to her not being present at the meeting.

*Separate Motion: To approve 9/11/2015 meeting minutes: Ms. Jean Griffin Second: Mr. Hal Taylor

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Vote: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 2

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Jake Wiskerchen due to the both of them not being present at the meeting

*Separate Motion: To approve 9/25/2015 meeting minutes: Mr. Richard Harrison Second:
Ms. Jean Griffin

Vote: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 2

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Jake Wiskerchen due to the both of them not being present at the meeting

*Separate Motion: To approve 10/23/2015 meeting minutes: Ms. Jean Griffin Second:
Mr. Hal Taylor

Vote: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 2

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Jake Wiskerchen due to the both of them not being present at the meeting

*Separate Motion: To approve 12/4/2015 meeting minutes: Ms. Jean Griffin Second:
Mr. Richard Harrison

Vote: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 2

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Jake Wiskerchen due to the both of them not being present at the meeting

*Separate Motion: To approve 12/9/2015 meeting minutes: Ms. Jean Griffin Second:
Mr. Richard Harrison

Vote: Ayes - 3; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 3

Passed noting abstention of Mr. Hal Taylor, Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Jake Wiskerchen due to the none of them being present at the meeting

*Separate Motion: To approve 12/18/2015 meeting minutes: Ms. Jean Griffin Second:
Mr. Richard Harrison

Vote: Ayes - 3; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 3

Passed noting abstention of Mr. Hal Taylor, Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Jake Wiskerchen due to the none of them being present at the meeting

*Separate Motion: To approve 1/22/2016 meeting minutes: Ms. Jean Griffin Second:
Mr. Hal Taylor

Vote: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 2

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Jake Wiskerchen due to the both of them not being present at the meeting

*Separate Motion: To approve 2/5/2016 meeting minutes with changes: Ms. Jean Griffin
Second: Mr. Richard Harrison

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Discussion: Ms. Jean Griffin states that she would've recused herself on Item #12 due to her being Tristan Thibault's mentor.

Vote: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 2

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Jake Wiskerchen due to the both of them not being present at the meeting

*Separate Motion: To approve 6/24/2016 meeting minutes with changes: Ms. Jean Griffin
Second: Mr. Jake Wiskerchen

Discussion: Ms. Jean Griffin stated that she recused herself on Item #6 due to her being mentor to Tristan Thibault.

Vote: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 2

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Hal Taylor due to the both of them not being present at the meeting

*Separate Motion: To approve 7/20/2016 meeting minutes with changes: Ms. Jean Griffin
Second: Mr. Richard Harrison

Discussion: Ms. Jean Griffin states that she should be recused from Item #4

Vote: Ayes - 3; Nays - 0; Abstentions - 3

Passed noting abstention of Mr. Hal Taylor, Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Jake Wiskerchen due to the both of them not being present at the meeting

4. Discussion, nomination and election of officers pursuant to NRS 641A.140.

Discussion: Mr. Erik Schoen states to the Board know that he doesn't know very much, but that he knows that neither Dr. Colleen Peterson nor Ms. Joan Winkler's terms were renewed and they are no longer on the Board. With Ms. Joan Winkler being the Board's president it leaves the Board in a bit of a lurch and they need to re-nominate and elect officers going forward. He states that are two new members that have essentially taken a seat on the Board and they are present with us today; Ms. Wendy Nason and Mr. Jake Wiskerchen. They are both from the North. Ms. Wendy Nason states that in NRS 641A.140 it states that these elections will be held during a regular meeting and she feels that this isn't a regular meeting due to it being telephonic; She asks for Mr. Brett Kandt to give insight. Mr. Brett Kandt states that it is considered a meeting under the Open Meeting Law, it a meeting for you exercising the power as a Board under the Practice Act and he doesn't see any limitation on electing officers under that statute.

Motion to nominate Mr. Erik Schoen as President: Ms. Jean Griffin Second: Mr. Jake Wiskerchen.

Discussion: Mr. Hal Taylor asks Mr. Erik Schoen if he is really ready for this position. Mr. Erik Schoen states that he feels that he can perform well in this position, but he may only be able to do it for this year due to him foreseeing to have more on his plate.

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Vote: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 1

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason due to her not thinking it being appropriate to vote because she hasn't had any interpersonal interaction with the Board.

Motion to nominate Mr. Richard Harrison as Vice President: Ms. Jean Griffin Second:
Mr. Jake Wiskerchen.

Vote: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 1

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason due to her not thinking it being appropriate to vote because she hasn't had any interpersonal interaction with the Board.

Motion to nominate Mr. Jake Wiskerchen as Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Hal Taylor Second:
Ms. Jean Griffin

Vote: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Abstentions – 1

Passed noting abstention of Ms. Wendy Nason due to her not thinking it being appropriate to vote because she hasn't had any interpersonal interaction with the Board.

5. Review/decision regarding Board policy for conducting interviews of applicants for intern licensure.

Discussion: Mr. Erik Schoen states that Pursuant to NAC 641A.156(c) we are required to do Board Interviews, it does not say that we are required to meet with them in person which gives us the flexibility of doing phone interviews. He states that he was discussing with Ms. Quinn Kennedy and perhaps the Board could do phone interviews unless the applicant has a positive background check then we would meet with them in person. Mr. Jake Wiskerchen states that his opinion is that the interview itself regardless of how long it may or may not be is going to be substantial enough to prohibit someone from gaining licensure when they have a background check, Academic review and 3000 hour/two plus year internship. He would like to see the interview as more of a public relation mechanism to show people this is what the Board does, this is what you can expect and invite them to be apart of the process. Ms. Jean Griffin states that she has concerns on how Interviews have transpired previously, one of the parts that has been used in the South although she has only been apart of the interview process a couple times. She states there is a case that is presented to the applicant and she was appalled at the lack of information in regards to ethics, she was also appalled that not only did the applicant not know basic things like confidentiality or needing a release of information, but we just rubber stamp that at this point. She further states that if we are going to conduct an interview to make sure that they are aware of these kind of things that this needs to be done in person. Mr. Erik Schoen states that Ms. Jean Griffin brings up some very important points and this should be discussed at the face to face meeting. Mr. Hal Taylor states that he has been doing licensing laws since the 80s back in Illinois and that the reason some Boards got away from doing face to face interviews because in the 50s and 60s there were instances of discrimination. He thinks that telephonic form would be just fine. Ms. Wendy Nason states that since one of the Board competences of counselors and therapists is interpersonal communication and the nonverbal dynamics that are so important in the field and our position

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that she is agreeing more with the idea that in person interviews need to be done. That saving time isn't the purpose of the Board, the purpose of the Board is to protect the public.

Tabled until next meeting

6. Review/decision regarding Board policy and possible delegation of reviewing licensee applications for compliance with academic requirements.

Discussion: Mr. Erik Schoen wants to hold this for a more in depth conversation. He states that the Board has offers from outside sources to be able to assist with those. Ms. Jean Griffin states that she thinks that the majority of the members should know how to do these so they can step in and assist when needed.

Tabled until next meeting.

Mr. Brett Kandt states that with Open Meeting Law requires that Public Comments should be listed before Adjournment and that he notices that is listed prior to that and that for future agendas it should be listed prior to Adjournment.

7. Public Comment – No public comment.
8. Items for future agendas.
 - a. Next Board Meeting scheduled for: September 16, 2016 at 9:00 am – UNLV & UNR
 - b. Next Board Interviews scheduled for: Reno – September 2, 2016; Las Vegas – September 6, 2016
 - c. Other Discussion Item – Discuss BDR, All Boards together as one
9. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 am by Mr. Erik Schoen, President

Submitted By: _____
Quinn Kennedy, Interim Executive Director

■ This conference was recorded.

Board Minutes are not subject to revision after approval.

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