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**Virginia Board of Counseling
Regulatory Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233
Board Room 2**

PRESIDING OFFICER: Gerard Lawson, PhD, LPC, LSATP, NCC, Committee Chairperson

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nakeisha Gordon, LPC
Terry R. Tinsley, PhD, LPC, LMFT, CSOTP
Cyrus Williams, PhD, LPC, LSATP

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Luanne Griffin, LPC

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Latasha Austin, Licensing & Operations Supervisor
Joshua Boggan, Deputy Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Dalyce Logan, Senior Licensing Specialist
Christy Palmore, Senior Discipline Case Specialist
Maria S. Stransky, LPC, CSOTP, CSAC, Executive Director (*Joined meeting @ 11:01am*)

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Erin Barrett, JD, Director of Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, Department of Health Professions

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: none

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Lawson called the Regulatory Committee meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: All Committee members and staff introduced themselves. Four Committee members were present in person at roll call, establishing a quorum.

MISSION STATEMENT: Dr. Lawson read the Department of Health Professions' mission statement, which also serves as the Committee's mission statement. He then read the emergency egress instructions.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Dr. Lawson requested that the committee identify a new Committee chair for the Regulatory Committee, as he was elected Chair of the Board at its meeting on July 17, 2026.

Motion: Ms. Gordon made a motion, which Dr. Williams properly seconded, to adopt the agenda with the noted addition. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting held on June 5, 2026.

Motion: Dr. Williams made a motion, which Ms. Gordon properly seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2026 Committee meeting, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Continued Periodic Reviews**

Ms. Barrett provided redline drafts of Chapters 20, 50, and 60 reflecting the last committee discussion with recommended edits for sections not covered. There are still open questions related to Chapter 20, but the intent is to have the regulatory committee review Chapters 50 and 60 before going back to 20. She invited suggestions, general changes, and any needed edits to the regulations.

Changes made to Chapter 20 have been incorporated where appropriate into the redline drafts of Chapters 50 and 60.

The Committee took a break at 11:41a.m. The meeting was reconvened at 12:02p.m

The Committee reviewed Chapter 50 and began the review of Chapter 60 and made several edits. The Board will resume its review of Chapter 60 at the next scheduled meeting beginning at 18VAC115-60-80, the Resident license and residency requirements.

Action Items & Next Steps:

The Regulatory Committee will resume the periodic review of Chapters 20, 50, and 60 at the next meeting scheduled for December.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

The next Regulatory Meeting will be held December 18, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lawson adjourned the September 11, 2026, Regulatory Committee meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Gerard Lawson, PhD, LPC, LSATP, NCC, Committee Chairperson

Maria S. Stransky, LPC, CSOTP, CSAC, Executive Director