



**Virginia Board of Counseling**  
**Full Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, February 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233**  
**Board Room 4**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Dr. Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angela Charlton, Ph.D., LPC (*arrived at 10:11am*)  
Barry Alvarez, LMFT  
Bev-Freda L. Jackson, Ph.D., MA Citizen Member  
Danielle Hunt, LPC, Vice-Chairperson  
Gerald Lawson, Ph.D., LPC, LSATP  
Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT  
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP  
Natalie Harris, LPC, LMFT  
Terry R. Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP  
Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tiffinee Yancey, Ph.D., LPC

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director- Licensing  
Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director  
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director- Discipline

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS (DHP) STAFF PRESENT:** David E. Brown, D.C., Director  
Barbara Allison-Bryant, M.D., Chief Deputy Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst  
Erin Barrett, Senior Policy Analyst

**BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT:** James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Brendel called the board meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** Dr. Brendel requested board members and staff to introduce themselves.  
Ms. Hoyle announced that with ten members present at roll call, a quorum was established.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Ms. Hoyle read the DHP mission statement, which is also the mission statement of the Board.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment provided related to the agenda items.

**CONSIDERATION of SUMMARY SUSPENSION:** See attachment "A"

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** With no amendments to the November 5, 2021 board meeting minutes, the minutes stand approved as presented.

**AGENCY REPORT:** Dr. Allison-Bryan provided statistics related to COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth and provided an update on COVID vaccines.

Dr. Allison-Bryan stated that Dr. Brown has expressed his interest in reappointment to the Governor's Office.

Dr. Allison-Bryan announced that she will be retiring on February 28, 2022.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Ms. Lisa Snider with the Loudon County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Services provided a presentation from the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, Mental Health Council on QMHP's. A copy of the PowerPoint was provided in the agenda packet.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** Dr. Brendel indicated that after 26 years as an educator he has decided to retire.

Dr. Brendel stated that he would like for the Board to raise the bar and to be more progressive and less reactive to the changes in the profession.

Board took a break at 12:00pm for lunch

**LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ACTIONS:**

**Chart of Regulatory Actions**

Ms. Yeatts discussed the chart of regulatory actions. A copy of the current actions was provided in the agenda packet.

**General Assembly Update**

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the 2022 General Assembly Legislation report. A copy of the report was provided in the agenda packet.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Telehealth Guidance Document**

Ms. Yeatts and Mrs. Barrett suggested that the Board make minor changes to Guidance Document 115-1.4, Guidance on Technology-Assisted Counseling and Technology-Assisted Supervision, and attach a copy of the report Dr. LoriAnn Strech completed for the Board entitled "State of Telehealth in the U.S, in 2021."

After a lot of discussion, the Board agreed that it owed it to the licensees to continue to work on a draft Guidance Document and provide updated guidance on telehealth services in Virginia. The Regulatory Committee will continue to work on this document and bring it to the Board for review and approval.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. Hoyle thanked and recognized Ms. Yeatts for her dedication and service to the Department of Health Professions and to the Board.

**DISCIPLINE REPORT:**

Ms. Lang reported on the disciplinary statistics for the Board of Counseling from October 21, 2021 to February 2, 2022. A copy of the report given was included in the agenda packet.

**LICENSING REPORT:**

Ms. Lenart reported that on the licensure statistics for the Board from September 2021-January 2022 and the satisfaction of the survey results. A copy of the report was included in the agenda packet.

**CONSIDERATION of  
RECOMMENDED  
DECISIONS:**

See attachment "B"

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

Dr. Brendel announced that the next Quarterly Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Brendel adjourned the February 18, 2022 Board meeting at 1:48 p.m.

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*John Brendel*

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Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson

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*Jaime Hoyle*

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Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director

**Attachment A**

**Summary Suspension Presentation and Consideration**

**RE:** John Gingras, LPC  
License No.: 0701004067  
Case No: 215253

**Commonwealth's Representation:** Wayne Halbleib, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

**Purpose of the Meeting:** Mr. Halbleib presented a summary of evidence in case 215253 for the Board's consideration of a summary suspension of the license of John Gingras, LPC.

**Closed Meeting:** Dr. Jackson moved that the Board convene in a closed meeting pursuant to §2. 2-3711 (A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of John Gingras. Additionally, she moved that James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle, Jennifer Lang, and Charlotte Lenart attend the closed session because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded Lawson and passed unanimously.

**Reconvene:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed meeting met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Board reconvened in open meeting and announced the decision.

**Decision:** Dr. Lawson moved to summarily suspend the license of John Gingras, LPC and offer a Consent Order for indefinite suspension for not less than two years, in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tinsley and passed unanimously.

**Attachment B**

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Dr. Jackson moved that the Board of Counseling convene in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* to consider agency subordinate recommendations. She further moved that James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle, Jennifer Lang, and Charlotte Lenart attend the closed meeting because their presence in the meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its consideration of the matters. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**RECONVENE:**

Dr. Jackson certified that pursuant to §2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Board of Counseling heard, discussed or considered only those public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as identified in the original motion.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Michael Privott, QMHP-A, QMHP-C**

**Registration Nos.: 0732006029**

**0733005396**

**Case Nos.: 201690, 203323, 204452**

Michael Privott was not present at the board meeting and was not represented by counsel. The board considered the agency subordinate's recommendation to indefinitely suspend the registrations to practice as a qualified mental health provider-adult and child in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Teutianna Durrah, QMHP-C**

**Registration No.: 0733001727**

**Case No.: 193426**

Teutianna Durrah was not present at the board meeting and was not represented by counsel. The board considered the agency subordinate's recommendation to indefinitely suspend the registration to practice as a qualified mental health provider-child in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Michele Ward-Horsley, QMHP-A**

**Registration No.: 0732004341**

**Case No.: 205606**

Michele Ward-Horsley was not present at the board meeting and was not represented by counsel. The board considered the agency subordinate's recommendation to place terms and conditions on the registration to practice as a qualified mental health provider-adult in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**DECISION:**

Dr. Lawson moved that the Board of Counseling accept the recommended decisions of the agency subordinate as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stransky and passed unanimously.