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COUNSELING ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, September 22, 2023

Members Present: Patricia Kerstner, Angel Branch Moore (out at 11:49 a.m.), Janet O'Connor

Staff Present: Elma Brambila, Assistant Director, Karime Gordillo, Credentialist

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on September 22, 2023, at 10:03 a.m., with Dr. Kerstner presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

A. *August 4, 2023, general meeting minutes*

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. Branch Moore, to approve the general meeting minutes for the August 4, 2023, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. O'Connor abstained.

4. **Report from Chair**

A. *Discussion regarding Human Growth and Development pursuant to R4-6-501(C)(3).*  
Tabled.

5. **Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

A. *General agency operations*

6. **Assistant Attorney General's Report:**

No report.

7. **Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action**

None

8. **Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding requests for deficiency extensions and examination**

- A. *Sandra Verdugo, LAC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- B. *Krist-Anah Watkins, LAC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- C. *Jennifer Benacci, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- D. *David Lopez, LAC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- E. *Maritza Pasillas Moraga, LAMFT Applicant (60-day extension)*
- F. *Nicole Schoenick, LAC Applicant (60-day extension)*

- G. Paul Christiansen, LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)
- H. Jennifer Orona, LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)
- I. Michele Horner LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)
- J. Jonathan Stiansen LMFT Applicant (60-day extension)

Ms. Branch Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Exam accommodation and/or 90-day waiver request: review, consideration and action**

None

**10. Applications for licensure: review, consideration, and possible action**

*A. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for licensure*

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to recommend to approve the following 4 as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam.

Marie Roseau	Tricia Hetrick	Shannon Carpenter
Patrina Yazzie		

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend Rose Koerber as a Licensed Associate Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 10 based on their failure to establish they meet minimum licensure requirements.

Patricia Dummigan	Sonia Gupta	Karayan Crigler
Sophia Cohon	Maria Casiano Torres	Zacona Michaux
Camille Rankin	Tanya Witman	
Brittany Miller	Iwona Florianowicz	

The motion passed unanimously.

Following review, members requested additional information on the following applications:

Jaime Tarango JR.	Jessie Basile	Jodie Kunz
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*The Committee took a break at 12:35 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:13 p.m.*

*B. Appeals*

*1. Sarah McLaughlin, LAC Applicant*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Cynthia O'Brien, LAC Applicant*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Ms. Branch Moore, to accept PSY 610 Introduction to Coaching, PSY 611 Individual Coaching, and PSY 613 Assessment/Facilitation for a total of 12 semester credit hours of counseling-related courses and deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Jacob Epel, LAC Applicant*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to accept EDUC 638 to meet the area of Social and cultural diversity, EDUC 612 to meet the area of Human growth and development, EDUC 520 to meet the area of Career development, EDUC 608, and EDUC 543 to meet the area of Helping relationship, EDUC 637 to meet the area of Group work, and EDUC 570 to meet the area of Research and program evaluation, and deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. Applications for educational programs: review, consideration, and possible action.**

None

**12. Future agenda items**

**13. Call for public comment**

No one was present to respond to the call for public comment.

**14. Establishment of future meeting dates**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at 1740 West Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

**15. Adjournment**

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

*Cornelia Angel Branch Moore*

Cornelia Angel Branch Moore (Dec 26, 2023 09:40 MST)

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Angel Branch Moore  
Secretary/Treasurer

Dec 26, 2023

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Date