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COUNSELING ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, January 13, 2023

Members Present: Janet O'Connor, Patricia Kerstner

Staff Present: Elma Brambila, Assistant Director

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on January 13, 2023, at 9:05 a.m., with Dr. Kerstner presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

A. *December 2, 2022, general meeting minutes*

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the general meeting minutes for the December 2, 2022, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Report from Chair**

No report.

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

A. *General agency operations*

No report

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. *Nicole Koren, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*

B. *Eric Straub, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*

C. *Caitlin Rollins, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*

D. *Viliulfo Valderrama, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*

E. *Walter Powell Sr., LAC Applicant (60-day extension)*

F. *Kama Garcia, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*

G. *Cindy Ruelas-Tafolla, LCSW Applicant (60-day extension)*

H. *Carrie Ovard, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*

I. *Carmen Foster, LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)*

- J. Iesha Church, LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)
- K. Ruth LaBarbera, LCSW Applicant (90-day exam extension)

Ms. O'Connor 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*

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to approve Nena Ahmad El Bey as a Licensed Professional Counselor. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to approve Brooke Fadanelli as a Licensed Associate Counselor. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to approve the following 3 as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam.

Mandeep Dhahan                      John Garay                                      Jessica Miller

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 3 based on their failure to establish they meet minimum licensure requirements.

Whisper Gailey                      Qiana Adams                                      Katelyn Smith

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Shannon Fowler-Crockett Cooper      Karin Patterson                      Diana Hernandez

*The Committee took a break at 11:300 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:04 p.m.*

*B. Appeals*

None

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

None

**12. Future agenda items**

Discussion regarding changing the meeting start time.

**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, February 24, 2023, at 9:00 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 12:56 p.m.

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Janet O'Connor  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date