

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

**Minutes
May 18, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Jon Ferguson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. in the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Conference Center - Room 1 & 2, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum with Indiana Code § IC 25-23.6-2.

Board Members Present:

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, Section Chair
Angela Levingston, LCSW
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, MHC, Section Chair
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT, Section Chair
Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair

Board Members Not Present:

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW
Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member
Kelli Heuer, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Connie Adams, Litigation Specialist, Professional Licensing Agency
Adam Harvey, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Justice/ Richardson
Motion carried 7-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the meeting minutes of February 23, 2026, and March 23, 2026, as amended.

Viehweg/ Gardner
Motion carried 7-0-0

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Erin Leonard, LCSW, License No. 34005199A

Cause No. 202512 – BHS-0041

Re: Administrative Complaint and Proposed Settlement Agreement

Parties Present:

Respondent was present virtually with counsel Albert Masters
Autumn Murphy, Deputy Attorney General
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson
Stephan Viehweg
Angela Levingston
C. Martin Justice
Kimble Richardson
Kelley Gardner
Kathryn Adams

Case Summary: On or about December 9, 2025, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Leonard with allegations of a violation of client trust, and failure to keep up to date with current practices. On or about May 11, 2026, a Proposed Settlement was reached with the following terms:

- Letter of Reprimand
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

Mr. Masters stated that Ms. Leonard has completed additional continuing education and additional supervision, and she did self-report on the matter. Mr. Master's submitted exhibits for the Board to review which were copies of the continuing education certificates she completed and supervision logs. The State did not object.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement in the matter of Ms. Leonard.

Viehweg/Adams
Motion carried 7-0-0

B. Mariah Lienemann, LSW, License No. 33011079A

Cause No. 202601-BHS-0003

Re: Summary Suspension Hearing and Motion to Vacate Hearing

Parties Present:

Respondent not present

Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson
Stephan Viehweg
Angela Levingston
C. Martin Justice
Kimble Richardson
Kelley Gardner
Kathryn Adams

Case Summary: On or about May 7, 2026, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Lienemann with allegations of lewd or immoral conduct and knowingly violating the statute and rules of Indiana. On or about May 7, 2026, a Motion to Vacate Hearing was filed. Ms. Rochester stated that as Ms. Lienemann did not renew her license, and the license is currently listed as expired, the State cannot proceed with the case.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Motion to Vacate the Hearing.

Richardson/Viehweg
Motion carried 7-0-0

C. Kiessa Hamilton, LSW, License No. 33009439A

Cause No. 202502-BHS-0007

Re: Administrative Complaint and Proposed Settlement Agreement

Parties Present:

Respondent present with counsel Josh Timmons
Autumn Murphy, Deputy Attorney General
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson
Stephan Viehweg
Angela Levingston
C. Martin Justice
Kimble Richardson
Kelley Gardner
Kathryn Adams

Case Summary: On about February 7, 2025, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Hamilton with allegations of violating client trust, failure to keep up to date with current practices, and material deception in order to obtain a license to

practice. On or about May 7, 2026, a Proposed Settlement was reached with the following terms:

- Letter of Reprimand
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

Ms. Hamilton stated that she does have new employment, and she has a supervision plan in place to ensure she has enough support.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement in the matter of Ms. Hamilton.

Viehweg/Richardson
Motion carried 7-0-0

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Reinstatement

1. Danielle Terry, LAC, License No. 86000181A

Ms. Terry appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of her license that expired in 2014. She provided copies of her continuing education and a statement for the Board to review. The Board noted that she may need to take additional continuing education as there is not a lot of continuing education focused on addiction. He stated that he also has not taken either the ADC or Level II examination as he was grandfathered as an addiction counselor.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Terry's reinstatement pending passing either the ADC or Level- II examination and submitting an additional four (4) hours of continuing education to be submitted within sixty (60) days.

Adams/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

B. Applications

1. Amber Autman (LACA)

Ms. Autman did not appear as requested.

2. Heather Barnard (LMHC)

Ms. Barnard appeared as requested to provide clarification on her post-degree experience and supervision. She stated that she has been working at Ellie Health from March 2025 to the present. The Board noted that her associate license is currently expired. She stated that when her associate license was expiring, she reached out to her

supervisors to discuss transferring her clients, and she was advised that she could continue working since she was under supervision. She said she still wanted to be diligent and stopped working on April 1st to focus on studying and passing the exam. She stated she did not want to abandon her clients, so she helped with transferring them. She stated that one of her supervisors did not wish to sign off on her hours as it was a toxic situation, so she provided logs for consideration. She provided an overview of the relationship she had with her supervisor.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Barnard an additional renewal cycle for her associate license.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Barnard's supervision and employment hours and approve her to sit for the NCMHCE examination.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

3. Danielle Boykin (LCACA)

Ms. Boykin appeared as requested to provide clarification on her current work. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Boykin stated that she works in crisis intervention and data entry. She stated that she primarily helps with safety planning and educational training. She stated that the therapeutic work is done by licensed clinicians. She stated that her employer has nursing staff, technicians, and she has talk procedures available to her.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Boykin's clinical addiction counselor associate application and to sit for the examination.

Adams/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

4. Marilyn Dodd (LCAC)

Ms. Dodd appeared as requested to provide clarification on her current work. She provided experience and supervision forms but does not currently hold an associate license to practice. She stated that she has been working at the YMCA for the past twelve (12) years providing counseling, group facilitator, and education. Primarily she works with DCS and probation officers to help track any compliance and support for court requirements. She stated that she covers support for DV, grief counseling, art therapy techniques, and other mental health triggers depending on the case. She stated that she does work under supervision. The Board clarified that she is still required to hold an associate license to engage in clinical work if she is working under supervision.

Ms. Dodd's supervisor, Ms. Shepherd, was present for clarification. She listed a license exemption code for the Board, indicating that Ms. Dodd was operating on that exemption. She inquired if they were misunderstanding the code. The Board discussed the exemption and noted that Ms. Dodd's work may potentially fall under that exemption, but they cannot accept experience and supervision hours to be counted towards a clinical license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to switch the application in the matter of Ms. Dodd to the clinical addiction counselor associate and approve her to sit for the examination.

Adams/Viehweg
Motion carried 7-0-0

5. Nicole Endsley (LCSW)

Ms. Endsley appeared as requested to discuss her next examination attempt. She provided a study plan for the Board to review. She stated that she has been close to passing, but personal struggles interfered with her studying and preparing for the examination. The Board noted that she does not hold the social work license. She stated that she earned her Master of Social Work in 2008, and she was allowed to pursue the clinical social worker license and demonstrate hours without holding the social work license due to when she graduated. She stated that she didn't wish to pursue the social work license as she would be required to take two exams. She discussed her current work and plans for her next attempt. Ms. Endsley indicated that she is planning to move out of the State in a few years.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Endsley's application for clinical social work application and to sit for the ASWB Clinical examination.

Viehweg/Levingston
Motion carried 7-0-0

6. Elizabeth Greco (LSW)

Ms. Greco appeared as requested to discuss her next examination attempt. She provided a study plan for the Board to review. She discussed her current work and her plan to prepare for her next examination attempt. The Board noted that her resume appears to indicate she is providing therapy without a license. She stated that she works as a qualified behavioral technician, and she doesn't do therapy, but provides training tools.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Greco's application for social work licensure and to test for the ASWB Master examination.

Viehweg/Levingston
Motion carried 7-0-0

7. Jalen Malone (LSW)

Ms. Malone appeared as requested to discuss her next examination attempt. She provided a study plan for the Board to review. She stated that her current role is a Bachelor level role that doesn't require a license. She discussed her plan to prepare herself for the examination.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Malone's application for social work licensure and to test for the ASWB Master examination.

Viehweg/Levingston
Motion carried 7-0-0

8. Emily Murphy (LMHCA)

Ms. Murphy appeared as requested to provide clarification of her current work. She last appeared before the Board in October of 2025 where the Board expressed concerns regarding unlicensed practice and missing educational criteria. Ms. Murphy has submitted additional support documentation for the Board to review. The Board noted that her education meets licensure requirements; however, the letter from her supervisor implies that she is working in a clinical capacity without a license. Ms. Murphy stated that she works as a group facilitator and does not work in a clinical capacity. She stated that she does not know why the letter sounds like that, but she is being supervised as she works providing education and skills-based duties. She stated that her clients would not describe her as a counselor, but as an intern. The Board noted that as she has graduated, then the intern title would no longer apply for her situation. The Board expressed several concerns.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Murphy's mental health counselor associate application and to sit for the NCE examination. Upon passing the examination, issue Ms. Murphy's license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than 6 months.
- Monthly supervision reports.
- One personal appearance.
- Probation Order signed by employer.
- Take and pass the Indiana Jurisprudence examination.
- 10 hours of continuing education in the area of ethics or licensure.
- Comply with all statutes and rules.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

9. Christie Scott (LMHC)

Ms. Scott appeared as requested to discuss a report of a termination by her employer which was disclosed with her experience hours. Ms. Scott failed to report the termination on her associate license renewal. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that she did not know why her employer listed it as a termination as she left voluntarily. She stated that she could not get her employer to sign her application forms, and they were only willing to provide the letter outlining the dates of her employment. Mr. Richardson noted that he works for the same organization, and he does not know Ms. Scott, so he can remain impartial. He stated that he had reached out to the company HR for clarification and confirmed that it was a voluntary separation. Ms. Scott stated that she did leave employment on good terms.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Scott's mental health counselor application and to take the NCMHCE examination.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

10. Veronica Velez (LMHCA)

Ms. Velez appeared as requested to discuss why she did not disclose her background. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that she had her background expunged in 2019. The Board noted that she did not disclose that it was expunged in her statement or supporting documentation. She stated that it was not her intention to mislead the Board.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Velez's application for mental health counseling associate license.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

11. Elizabeth Wagoner (LMHC)

Ms. Wagoner appeared as requested to discuss why she disclosed an arrest on her mental health counselor application but did not disclose the information on her associate license renewal. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that that matter occurred in 2018, and that it was not her intention to mislead the Board. She was discharged from her criminal probation in 2019 and has had no other concerns.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Wagoner's mental health counselor application and to test for the NCMHCE examination.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

C. Renewal

1. Jessica Smith, LMHCA, License No. 88000586A

Ms. Smith appeared as requested to discuss her request for a fourth renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she needs her license to continue her work and is working towards her mental health counselor license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Smith an additional renewal cycle.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

2. Lisa Smith, LMHCA, License No. 88000465A

Ms. Smith appeared as requested to discuss her request for a fifth renewal cycle for her mental health counselor associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that life circumstances have prevented her from pursuing her full license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Smith an additional renewal cycle.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

3. Eric Stobie, LMHCA, License No. 88000393A

Mr. Stobie appeared as requested to discuss his request for a fifth renewal cycle for his Associate license. He provided a letter for the Board to review. He stated that he has attempted the NCMHCE examination but has not passed. He provided an overview of his barriers and the steps he is taking to prepare.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Mr. Stobie an additional renewal cycle.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

4. Jessica Yates, LMHCA, License No. 88000025A

Ms. Yates appeared as requested to discuss her request for a sixth renewal cycle for her mental health counselor associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she has been working as a school counselor for fourteen years and was

approved to test for her full clinical license in March. She stated that she was not aware that the associate license had a renewal cap.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Yates an additional renewal cycle.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

5. Nichole Day, LMHC, License No. 39003302A

Ms. Day appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that she has completed all terms of probation for the courts and is currently in therapy with a mental health counselor. She provided an overview of her work and impact of her actions.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Day's renewal pending receipt of proof that her probation has been completed.

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 7-0-0

6. Tina Echterling, LMHC, License No. 39003428A

Ms. Echterling appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding action taken in another state. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that her Oregon counselor license is currently suspended, and she believed that the matter was referred to both the state of Indiana and Oregon. The Board discussed whether the matter occurred in Indiana's jurisdiction, or in Oregon. The Board expressed concerns about the allegation of a client boundary violation.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Echterling's application for mental health counselor license renewal and refer to the matter to the Office of the Attorney General.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

7. Sarae Fairer, LSW, License No. 33013121A

Ms. Fairer appeared as requested to discuss her response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that her case is still pending, and she is keeping her employer updated of what is occurring with the courts.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Fairer's application for license renewal and refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General.

Viehweg/Adams

Motion carried 6-0-0 Gardner not presented.

8. Sidni Foss, LSW, License No. 33011418A

Ms. Foss appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documents for the Board to review. She stated that the matter has been dismissed and provided an overview of her support system and current employment.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Foss's application for license renewal.

Viehweg/Adams

Motion carried 6-0-1 Gardner abstained.

9. Jill Freshour, LCSW, License No. 34005809A

Ms. Freshour appearance will be rescheduled.

10. Amanda Gibson, LMHC, License No. 39002544A

Ms. Gibson appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She informed the Board that she completed all requirements for the courts and provided an overview of the case. She stated that she has been sober for 22 months and discussed her current employment.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Gibson's application for license renewal.

Richardson/Justice

Motion carried 7-0-0

11. Wendi Gore, LCSW, License No. 34011672A

Ms. Gore appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that she accepted a plea agreement and will need to complete her criminal probation. She stated that she is currently working with intermittent FMLA.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to renew her license on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation for the duration of criminal probation.
- Quarterly supervision reports.
- Complete all terms and recommendations of criminal probation.

Viehweg/Gardner

Motion carried 6-0-0 Ferguson not present

12. Kevin Harper, LSW, License No. 33009149A

Mr. Harper appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding an arrest. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He stated that he entered an outpatient treatment program and will complete his criminal probation in August 2027. He provided an overview of the requirements of the courts and stated that he is not currently employed. He stated that he does not wish to return to practice until he has a firm hold on his recovery.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to renew Mr. Harper's application for license renewal and place his license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for the duration of criminal probation.
- Quarterly supervision reports, or quarterly self-reports if not employed.
- Employer signed board order.
- Provide a fitness for duty signed by an HSPP before resuming practice.

Viehweg/Adams

Motion carried 6-0-0 Ferguson not present.

13. Amy Holbert, LCAC, License No. 87001712A

Ms. Holbert appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She discussed an overview of the case, and that she had to complete a sixty-day criminal probation. All requirements for her criminal probation have been complete. Ms. Holbert stated that she is not currently employed. She left her previous employer after a traumatic event and is looking for new employment. The Board discussed with Ms. Holbert how placing her on probation would be different since her last probation with the Board.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Holbert's application for license renewal and place her license on probation with the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than one year.
- Quarterly supervisor reports, or self-reports if not employed.
- Signed Board Order by employer.
- Quarterly reports by therapist, or if therapy ends, then quarterly reports from sponsor.
- Must show one year of active practice while on probation.

Adams/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-1 Ferguson abstained.

14. Casey Niemeier, LCSW, License No. 34007090A

Ms. Niemeier appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Niemeier stated that she completed all probationary terms for the courts in 2025, and this matter has been her only incident.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Niemeier's application for license renewal.

Viehweg/Justice
Motion carried 5-0-1 Gardner abstained

15. Brea Parrott, LMHCA, License No. 88002306A

Ms. Parrott did not appear. She will be rescheduled.

16. Chanel Richards, LSW, License No. 33008685A

Ms. Richards appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She indicated that all probationary terms of the courts have been completed.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Richards application for license renewal.

Viehweg/Adams
Motion carried 6-0-0

17. Amanda Russell, LCSW, License No. 34010679A

Ms. Russell appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding termination from employment. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that an administrative complaint has been filed against her, and the hearing is set for June 22, 2026.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Russell's application for license renewal.

Viehweg/Richardson
Motion carried 6-0-0

18. Zachary Schenetzke, LMHC, License No. 39002442A

Mr. Schenetzke appeared as requested with counsel, Gregory Schrage, regarding his yes response regarding a disciplinary action taken by his employer. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He stated that the concern was a HIPPA violation and provided an overview of what occurred. He explained the procedures and supervision that have been implemented at his employment to prevent this from occurring again.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Schenetzke's application for license renewal.

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 6-0-0

19. Olivia Torres, LMHCA, License No. 88002914A

Ms. Torres appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that she has completed all probation terms of the courts and is waiting for the judge to sign off that she completed her probation.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Torres' application for license renewal pending receipt that the probation has been completed.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

20. Katie Vena, LMHC, License No. 39002778A

Ms. Vena appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that she has completed all the terms of her criminal probation and discussed how the matter impacted her practice. She provided an overview of her support system.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Vena's application for license renewal pending receipt of the substance abuse evaluation completed by Dr. Price per her court requirements.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

21. Jacqueline Sedwick, LCAC, License No. 87001678A

Ms. Sedwick appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding board action in another state. She provided a statement for the Board to review. She stated that she

applied for an LMFTA license in Kentucky, and they denied her application as she didn't have enough hours to meet the requirements. She stated that she attempted to appeal the decision but has not received a response from Kentucky.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Sedwick's application for license renewal.

Adams/Gardner
Motion carried 6-0-0

VI. DISCUSSION

A. Supervision Requirements

The Board discussed supervision requirements. Mr. Viehweg stated that it may be best for each section to outline the common questions and issues which have been communicated to the Board in order to put the information into FAQs. Upon completion of the information, we can provide the information to our legal counsel for review and approval to add to the website. Ms. Vaught stated that we could provide information to direct the applicants/licenses to websites of national associations that offer information and resources on supervision.

B. Counseling Compact Commission

The Counseling Compact is going live starting today.

Ms. Levingston inquired into the proposed Social Work Compact. Mr. Viehweg stated that the Social Work Compact requires passage of legislation to implement. He stated that so far around 30 states have joined that Compact, however some states will not be eligible to join as one of the requirements to use the ASWB Examinations.

C. Change of December 14, 2026 Meeting Date

The Board changed their meeting date from December 14, 2026, to December 7, 2026.

D. Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Mr. Richardson stated that it was recommended that the Board provide a position statement regarding the use of AI. He stated that a number of States have a position statement which outlines that the use of AI counseling is considered the "unlicensed practice". A number of states have started legislation regarding AI use. Some practitioners use AI tools for note taking or recording sessions to help with notetaking at a later time. It may be helpful to clarify how AI may be used in practice settings. Practitioners use of AI to record sessions for notetaking should assume that the client information is secure and protected. Practitioners can also reach out to professional organizations (NBCC, AAMFTRB, ASWB, NASW, etc.) for information on AI training and guidelines.

VII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

There were no applications for review.

VIII. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS

A motion was made and seconded to formally adopt the application reviews.

Viehweg/Justice
Motion carried 6-0-0

IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

There were no continuing education applications for review.

X. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Carah Rochester presented the report from the office of Attorney General. She stated that currently there are 149 consumer complaints open for investigation with a duration of 7.57 months. There were 60 complaints closed without litigation, 16 complaints opened for litigation, and 8 were sent a warning letter. There are currently 36 open litigation cases. The average duration of litigation cases is 11.05 months. The Board inquired into the cases that were closed without litigation. Ms. Rochester stated that those are cases that the case could not be substantiated, were not their jurisdiction, or similar matters. She discussed the anonymous complaint process.

XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Vaught asked if anyone could help with settlement conferences. Mr. Justice said he can still help with reviewing complaints from the AG's office. Mr. Gardner stated that he can help with Settlement conferences for the marriage and family therapist section. Mr. Viehweg stated he can help with Settlement conferences for the social work section.

XII. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

Ms. Vaught presented the administrator's report. She stated that 90% of the behavioral practitioners have renewed their license. The report also provided a breakdown on the number of renewed licenses by age of the practitioner. For the month of April 2026, the Board received 610 new applications and issued 288 licenses. There are currently 3,785 pending applications. Half of the pending applications are those who have been approved for the examination and we are just waiting for them to test. The Board inquired if they could see a report of how many people hold more than one license type. She stated she will reach out to IT.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 4:40 p.m. by general consensus.