

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

Minutes
July 27, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Jon Ferfuson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W064, 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
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee, Section Chair
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT, Section Chair
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair
Angela Levingston, LCSW
Michele Hadley, LMHC
Sara Collins, LCAC
Peter Karalis, MD, Physician Member

Board Members Not Present:

Kelli Heuer, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Cooper-Bolinskey/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of April 20, 2026, May 18, 2026, and June 22, 2026.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE HEARING

LSA Document #26-155

8391-2-5 Fees

Board Members Present:

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A public rule hearing was held in person and by Zoom by the Board regarding the fee rules. Notice of the hearing was published in the Indiana Register on May 27, 2026. The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments regarding the rule. No written comments were received and there were no public comments.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the fee rules as published.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Viehweg
Motion carried 9-0-0

V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Troy England, LCSW, License No. 34006662A

Cause No. 202605-BHS-0018

Re: Administrative Complaint

Parties Present:

Respondent was not present
Counsel was not present
State was represented by Ryan Eldridge
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

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Michele Hadley, LMHC
Sara Collins, LCAC
Peter Karalis, MD, Physician Member

Case Summary: On or about May 18, 2026, an administrative complaint was filed in this matter. A hearing notice of the date, time and place of this hearing was sent by email on May 21, 2026. Mr. England has failed to appear or to be represented by counsel.

Mr. Eldrige requested the Board to allow Sarah Miller, State's witness, to testify today even though Mr. England is not present. A motion was made by Mr. Viehweg and seconded by Ms. Cooper-Bolinskey to allow the witness to testify. Motion carried 9/0/0. The witness also agrees to be recalled if the respondent appears at a future hearing date.

Mr. Eldrige established that the Respondent has failed to appear in person or by counsel. At this time, he requested the Board to issue a Notice of Proposed Default.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to issue a Notice of Proposed Default in the matter of Mr. England.

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 9-0-0

State's Witness Sarah Miller was called and sworn in. She testified that Mr. England was her therapist that she was seeing for spiritual therapy. All sessions were online.

At this time the State moved to introduce State's Exhibit 1. The Board accepted the exhibit.

Mr. England reached out to her by text message, which was unusual. He stated he wanted to know more about her beyond the therapist relationship. After she received these text messages she terminated him as her therapist.

B. Victoria Buchheit, LCSW, License No. 34009354A

Cause No. 202605-BHS-0020
Re: Administrative Complaint

The hearing in the matter of Ms. Buchheit was continued.

C. Denise Ramos, LMHCA, License No. 88001802A

Cause No. 202510-BHS-0037
Re: Administrative Complaint

Parties Present:

Respondent was present
Respondent was represented by Laura Iosue

State was represented by Jacy Rush
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

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Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair
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Michele Hadley, LMHC
Sara Collins, LCAC
Peter Karalis, MD, Physician Member

Case Summary: On or about October 15, 2025 an administrative complaint was filed in this matter. A hearing notice of the date, time and place of this hearing was sent by email on June 11, 2026. A Proposed Settlement Agreement was filed on July 27, 2026, for the Board to consider. Attached to the agreement were certificates showing completion of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education in the areas of ethics and boundary issues. The agreement would also issue a letter of reprimand. The state asked that the Board accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement. A request was made to remove the Consumer Complaint which is attached to the Consumer Complaint due to client information being listed.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement and to remove the Consumer Complaint attached to Administrative Complaint in the matter of Ms. Ramos.

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 9-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to renew Ms. Ramos' mental health counselor associate license.

Justice/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 9-0-0

D. Stephanie Gustin

Cause No. 202605-BHS-0019
Re: Motion for Cease and Desist

Parties Present:

Respondent was present
Respondent was represented by Mary Watts
State was represented by Ryan Eldridge
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

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Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair
Angela Levingston, LCSW
Michele Hadley, LMHC
Sara Collins, LCAC
Peter Karalis, MD, Physician Member

Case Summary: On or about May 21, 2026, a Motion for Cease and Desist was filed in this matter. A hearing notice of the date, time and place of this hearing was sent by email on June 29, 2026. A Proposed Settlement Agreement was filed on July 24, 2026, for the Board to consider. The agreement stipulated that Ms. Gustin agrees to cease and desist using any term that implies that she is a licensed counselor.

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

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 9-0-0

E. Christy Garau, LCSW, License No. 34007249A

Cause No. 2022 BHSB 0010

Re: Petition for Reinstatement of License

Parties Present:

Respondent was present
Respondent was not represented by Counsel
State was represented by Jacy Rush
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

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Michele Hadley, LMHC
Sara Collins, LCAC
Peter Karalis, MD, Physician Member

Case Summary: On or about July 27, 2023, a Final Order Accepting Proposed Settlement Agreement was accepted indefinitely suspending Ms. Garau's license for a period of two years. On May 11, 2026, a Petition for Reinstatement was filed. A hearing notice of the date, time and place of this hearing was sent by email on May 22, 2026. A hearing requesting reinstatement of her license was held on September 22, 2025, but her request was denied due to not completing the individual therapy requirement. Since that time, she has provided proof that she has completed the therapy requirement.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to reinstate Ms. Garau on indefinite probation with the following terms and conditions:

- Probation for a period of not less than one year.
- May only practice as an employee.
- Quarterly supervisor reports by employer.
- If not employed will need to provide quarterly self-reports
- Continue therapy and provide quarterly reports.
- Signed Board Order by employer.
- Personally appear before the Board at least one time prior to requesting withdrawal of probation.

Viehweg/Levingston
Motion carried 9/0/0

F. Whitney McKim, LMHCA, License No. 88002236A

Cause No. 2023 BHSB 0040

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Respondent was not represented by Counsel

State was represented by Jacy Rush

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

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Michele Hadley, LMHC

Sara Collins, LCAC

Peter Karalis, MD, Physician Member

Case Summary: On or about October 4, 2023, a Decision on License Application was issued placing Ms. McKim on indefinite probation. On March 23, 2026 a Petition for Withdraw of Probation was filed. A hearing notice of the date, time and place of this hearing was sent by email on May 19, 2026. A hearing requesting withdraw of probation was held on October 28, 2026 but her request was denied due to not having completed all terms of the probation. Since that time, she has provided proof that she has completed all requirements. She stated that she is more than half-way thru with her clinical hours that have been completed under a W-2 employer.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. McKim's petition for withdraw of probation.

Ferguson/Levingston
Motion carried 9/0/0

G. Terri Young, LMHCA, License No. 88003011A

Cause No. 202407-BHS-0029

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Respondent was not represented by Counsel

State was not represented

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

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Angela Levingston, LCSW

Michele Hadley, LMHC

Sara Collins, LCAC

Peter Karalis, MD, Physician Member

Case Summary: On or about July 22, 2024, a Decision on License Application was filed in the matter of Ms. Young that placed her license on indefinite probation for no less than 6 months with terms and conditions. Exhibits A, B, C, and D were submitted and accepted by the Board. Ms. Young has failed to submit reports from a supervisor and ten hours of continuing education.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Young's petition for withdrawal from probation. She will need to request a new hearing when all reports are completed and uploaded.

Justice/Levingston
Motion carried 9/0/0

H. LaQondra Harding, LCACA, License No. 87900191A

Cause No. 202507-BHS-0031

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Respondent was not represented by Counsel

State was not represented

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

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Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair

Angela Levingston, LCSW

Michele Hadley, LMHC

Sara Collins, LCAC

Peter Karalis, MD, Physician Member

Case Summary: On or about July 21, 2025, a Decision on License Application was filed in the matter of Ms. Harding that placed her on indefinite probation for no less than 6 months with terms and conditions. Ms. Harding stated that her supervisor was Melody Stouts and discussed her continuing education. She provided evidence she has met the terms of her probation.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Harding's petition for withdrawal from probation.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Justice

Motion carried 9/0/0

I. Lora Braswell, LMFTA, License No. 85000604A

Cause No. 202507-BHS-0032

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Respondent was not represented by Counsel

State was not represented

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair
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Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT, Section Chair
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair
Angela Levingston, LCSW
Michele Hadley, LMHC
Sara Collins, LCAC
Peter Karalis, MD, Physician Member

Case Summary: On or about July 21, 2025, a Decision on License Application was filed in the matter of Ms. Braswell whose license was placed on indefinite probation for no less than 6 months with terms and conditions. A copy of her board order signed by her employer was admitted as Exhibit A. She also provided proof of completion of her continuing education. She provided evidence she has met all the terms of her probation.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Braswell's petition for withdrawal from probation.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Justice
Motion carried 9/0/0

VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**11:00 a.m.****A. Reinstatement****1. Sharon McKinley, LSW, License No. 33002780A**

Ms. McKinley appeared at the request of the Board to discuss her application for reinstatement that expired on April 1, 2010. Ms. McKinley was not required to take the examination when she originally obtained licensure. Since her license is expired over three years, she will be required to take and pass the ASWB master's examination. She has completed the required continuing education.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approved Ms. McKinley's reinstatement application pending taking and passing the ASWB master's examination.

Viehweg/Levingston
Motion carried 9/0/0

B. Probation

There were no probation appearances.

C. Renewal

1. Megan Erin, LMHCA, License No. 88002481A

Ms. Erin appeared as requested to discuss her positive response regarding an Administrative Complaint that was filed on January 6, 2026. She provided information regarding the pending action and that the matter is scheduled for hearing at a later date.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Erin renewal of her mental health counselor's associate license.

Justice/Cooper-Bolinsky
Motion carried 9-0-0

2. Ruth Kozienski, LCSW, License No. 34002572A

Ms. Kozienski appeared with counsel Tom Hirschauer as requested to discuss her positive response regarding an Administrative Complaint that was filed on January 15, 2026. Mr. Hirschauer provided information regarding the pending action and that the matter is scheduled for hearing at a later date.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Kozienski renewal of her clinical social work license.

Justice/Levingston
Motion carried 9-0-0

3. Victory Mzembe, LSW, License No. 33010618A

Ms. Mzembe appeared as requested to discuss her positive response regarding an OWI that occurred in December 2024. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that she has been sober since April 2025 and has completed all court ordered requirements as of June 2025.

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

Viehweg/Levingston
Motion carried 9-0-0

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

Ms. Parrott did not appear as requested to provide further information regarding a positive response to a conviction of a felony of resisting law enforcement in April of 2025. There was also a new OWI that occurred in June 2026? She has been requested to appear at the last three Board meetings to discuss her renewal her but has failed to appear. The conviction will be reduced to a misdemeanor in January 2027 once probation is completed successfully.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Parrott's application for renewal.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Madley
Motion carried 8-0-1 (Justice – Abstain)

5. Denise Ramos, LMHCA, License No. 88001802A

Ms. Ramos' application for renewal was acted on at the time of her administrative hearing held earlier in the meeting.

D. Application

1. Tammy Arney (LMHC)

Ms. Arney appeared as requested to discuss her current application. Ms. Arney had applied for the mental health counselor license prior to this application but did not successfully complete the NCMHCE examination. She held a temporary permit from July 6, 2018, to January 6, 2019. She has not held a mental health counselor associate license. In order for her to continue to practice she may want to change to the associate license. She would then be eligible for a temporary permit to continue to practice. She has been the Director of Social Services at Family Alliance since 2024 and needs her license to maintain her clients. She has been practicing without a license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Arney to change her application to mental health counselor associate and approve her to take the NCE examination. The Board also ordered that her license and/or temporary permit will be issued on probation with the following terms and conditions:

- Indefinite probation for no less than three (3) months.
- Keep the Board up to date on her contact information.
- Keep the Board up to date on her employment and their contact information.
- 10 hours of CE in ethics or licensure.
- Employer sign and submit the Final Board Order.
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence exam.

Justice/Madley
Motion carried 9-0-0

2. Nicole Chandler (LCAC & LMHC)

Ms. Chandler appeared as requested to discuss for failure to report an arrest on her application. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She was arrested for Domestic Battery. Ms. Chandler provided an overview of the case, which was dismissed in January 2026.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Chandler's application for clinical addiction counselor license and approve her mental health counselor application to sit for the NCMHCE examination.

Justice/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 9-0-0

3. Michael Head (LSW)

Mr. Head appeared as requested to discuss his positive response to his extensive criminal history which occurred from 1999 to 2022. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He was convicted of several drug and alcohol charges. Mr. Head provided an overview of the cases, and that all matters have been resolved by the courts. He discussed the impact it has had on his life and his future plans.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Head's social work application for licensure.

Viehweg/Levingston

Motion carried 9-0-0

4. Hannah Klein (LCSW)

Ms. Klein appeared as requested to discuss her positive response regarding an action taken in another state. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She was disciplined in the state of Kentucky due to a HIPPA violation. She has completed all requirements of the Agreed Order. Ms. Graves provided an overview of the case, and that all matters have been resolved by the Kentucky Board

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Klein's application for clinical social work license.

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey

Motion carried 9-0-0

5. Amanda Lange (LCACA)

Ms. Lange appeared as requested to discuss the unlicensed practice of addiction counseling. At this time Ms. Lange requested to withdraw her application.

6. Dawn Richman (LCAC)

Ms. Richman appeared as requested to discuss her application and the unlicensed practice of addiction counseling. Ms. Richman applied for clinical addiction counselors' license, but she did not hold an associate license in order to complete her employment and supervision hours. Her application was approved. She has been practicing without a license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Richman to change her application to clinical addiction counselor associate license and approver her to sit for the exam. The Board also ordered that her license and/or temporary permit will be issued on probation with the following terms and conditions: .

- Indefinite probation for no less than six (6) months.
- Keep the Board up to date on her contact information.
- Keep the Board up to date on her employment and their contact information.
- 10 hours of CE in ethics or licensure.
- Employer sign and submit the Final Board Order.

- One supervisor's report.
- Take and pass the Indiana jurisprudence examination

Justice/Madley
Motion carried 9-0-0

Ms. Richman requested if she could use continuing education that she obtained in April 2026. The Board stated that she could use continuing education as long as it pertained to ethics and/or licensure.

VII. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

VIII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Tonya Boyd (LMHC)

Ms. Boyd's application by reciprocity was reviewed by the Board due to a positive response of a DUI which took place in 2016 in Phoenix, Arizona. She has complied with all legal requirements and in 2017 the charges were dismissed.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Boyd's application for a mental health counselor license..

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinsky
Motion carried 9-0-0

IX. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS

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

Cooper-Bolinsky/Gardner
Motion carried 9/0/0

X. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

- A. Crossroad Child and Family Services
- B. Ft. Wayne Community Schools
- C. Heart of Indiana United Way, Annie Wood Bell
- D. Jane Pauley Community Health Center
- E. Kelsey Hanlon, LLC
- F. Legacy Wellness Solutions
- G. Molly Thomas – Common Ground Therapy LLC
- H. ViaQuest Community Solutions

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve all continuing education applications listed above.

Gardner/Viehweg
Motion carried 9-0-0

XI. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ryan Eldridge provided the report from the Office of the Attorney General. Currently the average age of an investigative file is 7.35 months with 166 open complaints, and the average age of a litigation file is 8.72 months with 36 open litigation files.

XII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business.

XIII. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

The Board was provided the final renewal report including details on how many licenses are renewed for each license type.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 3:31 p.m. by general consensus.