

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

Minutes April 20, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Jon Ferguson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Indiana Government Center South, 302 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
Kelley Gardner, LMFT, LMFT, Section Chair
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, Section Chair
Angela Levingston, LCSW
Kimble Richardson, MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, MHC, Section Chair
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW
Peter Karalis, MD, Psychiatry Member
Kelli Heuer, Consumer Member (arrived at 11:00 a.m.)

Board Members Not Present:

Kathryn Adams, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee (left 3:46 p.m.)
Kelli Heuer, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Brad Repass, 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.

Cooper-Bolinskey/ Gardner
Motion carried 8-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of December 15, 2025, as amended.

Viehweg/Gardner
Motion carried 8-0-0

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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

Cause No. 202601-BHS-0004

Re: Administrative Complaint and Proposed Settlement Agreement

Parties Present:

Respondent present with counsel Keffer Hirschauer

Whitney Cooper, Deputy Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson

Kelley Gardner

Stephan Viehweg

Angela Levingston

Kimble Richardson

C. Martin Justice

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey

Dr. Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about January 15, 2026, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Ms. Kozienski with allegations that she engaged or knowingly cooperated in fraud or material deception in order to obtain a license. On or about April 9, 2026, a Proposed Settlement Agreement was reached with the following terms:

- Letter of Reprimand
- Within no more than 6 months of the date of the Final Order accepting the agreement, shall submit twenty (20) hours of CE in ethics. If she does not submit proof of completion of the CE within 6 months, the Board may issue an Order to Show Cause requiring Ms. Kozienski to show cause why further sanctions should not be imposed.
- Keep the Board up to date on her current contact information
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

The State and Mr. Hirschauer asked the Board to accept Settlement Agreement.

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

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey

Motion carried 8-0-0

B. Tiffany Capps, LSW, Temporary Permit No. 99127750A & License No. 33013420A

Cause No. 202412-BHS-0073

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson

Kelley Gardner

Stephan Viehweg

Angela Levingston

Kimble Richardson

C. Martin Justice

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey

Dr. Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about December 20, 2024, the Board voted to place Ms. Capps' license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation for no less than 1 year
- Keep the Board up to date on her contact information
- Keep the Board up to date on her employer and their contact information
- 10 hours of CE in in ethics or licensure
- Final Order signed by employer
- Bi-Annual supervision reports by employment supervisor outlining her employment performance. If not employed, Ms. Capps shall provide self-reports.
- Shall have at least 2 Bi-Annual supervision reports from her employer
- Take and pass the Indiana Jurisprudence examination.
- Comply with all statutes and rules.

Ms. Capps stated that she has met all terms of her probation and is requesting withdrawal of the probation status. The Board noted that they do not show receipt of her signed Board Order, and second bi-annual supervision report. Ms. Capps discussed her takeaway from the probation.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Capps' Petition for Withdraw of Probation pending receipt of her signed Board Order and second bi-annual report by April 27th. If she does not submit the items by April 27th, the probation status shall remain.

Viehweg/Richardson

Motion carried 7-1-0 Cooper-Bolinskey opposed.

C. Laura Ryan, LCACA, License No. 87900193A

Cause No. 202507-BHS-0028

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson

Kelley Gardner

Stephan Viehweg

Angela Levingston

Kimble Richardson

C. Martin Justice

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey

Dr. Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about September 8, 2025, the Board voted to place Ms. Ryan's license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than 6 months
- Keep the Board up to date on her contact information
- Keep the Board up to date on her employer and their contact information
- 10 hours of CE in in ethics or licensure
- Final Order signed by employer
- Take and pass the Indiana Jurisprudence exam
- Quarterly supervision reports
- Comply with all statutes and rules

Ms. Ryan stated that she has completed all terms of her probation and asked for the probation status to be removed. She discussed what she learned from her probation with the Board.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Ryan's Petition for Withdraw of Probation.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Viehweg

Motion carried 8-0-0

D. Angelique Thompson, LSW, Temporary Permit No. 99129095A

Cause No. 202602-BHS-0009

Re: Appeal of Denial of Licensure

Parties Present:

Respondent present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson
Kelley Gardner
Stephan Viehweg
Angela Levingston
Kimble Richardson
C. Martin Justice
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey
Dr. Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about January 21, 2026, Ms. Thompson's application was denied as she did not pass the ASWB Master level examination. She appealed the Board's decision on or about February 16, 2026. She stated that she missed passing the examination by one point. She discussed her personal struggles that impacted her ability to pass the examination, and that her temporary permit expired in January 2026. She stated that she currently has a caseload, and is working as a director, she needs a license or temporary permit to keep practicing. She is requesting the Board grant her license and waive one point that is required to pass the examination. She stated that she is currently licensed in the state of Illinois, and that she wears many hats, including as a contractor with DCS.

The Board explained that the pass rate is set by the ASWB and not by the Board. The Board does not have waiver powers to grant her request or to change the pass rate of the examination.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Thompson's petition appealing the denial of licensure.

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 8-0-0

E. Michele Slater (LMHCA)
Cause No. 202603-BHS-0010
Re: Appeal of Denial of Licensure

Parties Present:

Respondent present
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson
Kelley Gardner
Stephan Viehweg
Angela Levingston
Kimble Richardson
C. Martin Justice
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey
Dr. Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about February 17, 2026, Ms. Slater's application was denied as she did not pass the NBCC NCE examination. On or about February 26, 2026, Ms. Slater submitted an appeal to the Board. She stated that she has taken the NCE exam twice, and she has been in the field for twenty-six years. She discussed the need for therapists after COVID and that she has letters of recommendation she can submit for the Board to consider. She discussed her struggles with passing the exam, and that she has requested accommodations.

The Board explained that the requirement for the license is passing of the NCE exam, and they do not have waiver powers to issue a license without proof of passing the exam.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny request.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 8-0-0

F. Libby Christianson, LCSW, License No. 34002589A
Cause No. 2021 BHHS 0002
Re: Petition for Reinstatement of Suspended License

Parties Present:

Respondent present with counsel Mr. Timmons
Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Jon Ferguson
Kelley Gardner
Stephan Viehweg
Angela Levingston
Kimble Richardson
C. Martin Justice
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey
Dr. Peter Karalis

Case Summary: On or about August 5, 2021, the Board Suspended Ms. Christianson's license for the following terms:

- Indefinite Suspension for no less than 12 months
- Prior to requesting reinstatement, she must submit 20 hours of CE in boundaries, documentation, ethics and confidentiality.
- Complete a fitness for duty evaluation by an HSPP
- Complete a graduate level course in professional and ethical standards and submit a transcript to IPLA showing successful completion.
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

Ms. Christianson has submitted two requests to reinstate her suspended license, which were not granted. It was last noted during her previous request to reinstate; there was a concern if the suspension information was sent to Georgia where Ms. Christianson is currently licensed. Mr. Timmons submitted Exhibits A- I to the Board which shows that the information was reported to Georgia, copies of her CE, fitness for duty report, and letters of recommendation. The State did not have any objections to the Exhibits but noted that the letters of recommendation be given a different weight. Ms. Christianson informed the Board that she is currently unemployed, and she most recently engaged in work to assist with the deaf and blind communities. She stated that she moved to Indiana to be closer to family. She discussed what she would have done differently if she encountered the same issue and stated that she will not return to practice unless she was supervised. She stated that she has potential job offers, but she has not reached out to any supervisors yet.

The State said that there is a concern regarding her practice not being supervised, and that she does not have a potential supervisor lined up. The State recommended that the Board either deny her request to reinstate or issue a probationary license with supervision requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Christianson's petition to reinstate her suspended license with the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than 2 years
- Final Order signed by employer
- Bi-weekly supervision with supervisor
- Personal therapy, and the therapist provides quarterly reports to the Board on her progress
- Personal Appearances every 6 months
- Not engage in private practice, must work in agency
- Prior to resuming work, submit employer and supervisor plans to be reviewed by the SW section, the mental health section.

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinsky
Motion carried 8-0-0

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Reinstatement

1. Christina Aguilar, LMHC, License No. 39002084A

Ms. Aguilar appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of her license that expired in 2012. She provided copies of her continuing education certificates and a letter of her practice since the expiration of her license for the Board to review. She stated that she is currently licensed in the state of Illinois where she is currently employed. Ms. Aguilar intends to work along the border.

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

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

2. Laura Gillis-Sheridan, LSW, License No. 33003262A

Ms. Gillis-Sheridan appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of her license that expired in 2000. She provided copies of her continuing education and a letter of her practice since the expiration of her license for the Board to review. She only has a bachelor's degree. She was licensed under the law that allowed a practitioner to be granted an LSW with a bachelor's degree and 2 years of experience. She stated that she currently works for FSSA, who recommended she reinstate her license. She has taken and passed the ASWB Master examination.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Gillis-Sheridan's application for reinstatement.

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

B. Application

1. Michael Lumpkin (LSW)

Mr. Lumpkin appeared as requested to discuss his background. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. The Board asked for clarification as to why he did not disclose all his background. He stated that he thought the Board was only asking about convictions. He has not touched alcohol since 2019. Mr. Lumpkin is a part of a crisis management team.

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

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 8-0-0

2. Daja Palmer (LSW)

Ms. Palmer appeared as requested to discuss her background and clarification of her current work. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that she had pursued licensure in the past; however, she did not complete the process due to her personal struggles. She stated that she completed all the requirements for the courts, and her criminal probation was completed January 2026. She stated that she was previously working as an RBT, then worked as a home-based therapist for Aspire. She is currently employed at a hospital as a social worker. She

stated that her employer did not ask if she was licensed, he just asked if she had a Master of Social Work. The Board discussed unlicensed practice with her.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Palmer social work application and to sit for the ASWB Master examination, and upon passing issue her a license with the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation for no less than 6 months
- Final Order signed by employer
- Take and pass the Indiana Jurisprudence exam
- 10 CEs in licensing and ethics

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

C. Renewal

1. Lynn Baker, LMHC, License No. 39000776A

Ms. Baker appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding a recent arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that her criminal probation will be completed in May 2026.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Baker's renewal application pending receipt of documentation which states her probation has been completed.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

2. Ryan Gill, LAC, License No. 86000438A & LMHCA Application

Ms. Gill appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding her background. She appeared before the Board on March 23, 2026, to discuss her renewal response, and the Board requested a copy of her diversion agreement. Ms. Gill provided a copy of the agreement for the Board to review.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Gill's application for renewal of her addiction counseling license (86000438A) on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation until criminal charges are resolved
- Quarterly supervisor reports

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Gill's application and to test for the NCE examination. Upon passing the examination, her LMHCA license shall be placed on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation until criminal charges are resolved
- Quarterly supervisor reports

Justice/Richardson

Motion carried 9-0-0

3. Kayla Gladieux, LCSW, License No. 34008764A

Ms. Gladieux 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 entered into a pre-trial diversion for a period of one year and provided an overview of the stressors that led to the incident.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to renew Ms. Gadieux's license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation until criminal charges are resolved
- Quarterly supervision reports

Viehweg/Justice

Motion carried 9-0-0

4. Salisha Keller, LMHC, License No. 39005531A

Ms. Keller appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding a termination. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She provided an overview of the circumstances and discussed the follow-up steps she took at her employment. She stated that her new employment is primarily office work.

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

Richardson/Justice

Motion carried 9-0-0

5. Justin Krowel, LMHCA, License No. 88000179A

Mr. Krowel appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding an arrest. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He provided an overview of his support system and current work.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Krowel's renewal pending receipt by July 27, 2026 of the document showing completion of the diversion program.

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 9-0-0

6. Melissa Longley, LCSW, License No. 34006003A

Ms. Longley appeared with counsel, Laura Iosue, to discuss her yes response regarding disciplinary action taken regarding her Michigan clinical social work license. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Iosue stated that the original incident occurred five years ago, and the Michigan case has been resolved. Ms. Longley provided an overview of how it impacted her practice and what she is doing differently to correct the issue.

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

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

7. David Werdine, LMHCA, License No. 88002363A

Mr. Werdine appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding discipline against his Indiana license. He provided a statement for the Board to review. Mr. Werdine stated that he resigned from the Indiana Center of Recovery as he was required to do training outside his working hours by his immediate supervisor, and he did not wish to do the training. He stated that he also fell behind in completing his work. He began working in February 2026 at Hickory Recovery House with no issues. The Board inquired why he has not appeared for his scheduled hearings. He stated that he did not remember, and that he did not receive appearance notice. The Board inquired if he received the notices for this hearing. He stated he did but did not read them all the way through. The Board stated those notices were his request to appear. Mr. Werdine stated that he struggled to upload his reports for his probation, and that he would ask for assistance from his supervisor. The Board impressed upon the importance of appearing for the hearings, as if he does not appear and they don't have reports, then his license could become suspended.

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

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

8. Kara Abstone, LMHCA, License No. 88001372A

Ms. Abstone appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she needs time to pass the NCMCHE examination.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Abstone's request for an additional renewal cycle.

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 9-0-0

9. Allisyn Alati, LMHCA, License No. 88001249A

Ms. Alati appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. Ms. Alati stated that when she moved to Indiana, she did not realize the restriction of number of renewals for the associate license.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Alati's request for an additional renewal cycle.

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

10. Augustina Anaekwe, LMHCA, License No. 88000932A

Ms. Anaekwe 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 struggles to pass the NCMHCE examination and stated that she is close to retirement so would like to keep renewing her associate until she passes the examination.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Anaekwe's request for an additional renewal cycle.

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 9-0-0

11. Lisa Andrews, LMHCA, License No. 88001177A

Ms. Andrews appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she is only working part-time and is still accruing hours required to apply for the mental health counselor license.

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

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 9-0-0

12. Amie Arizmendi, LMHCA, License No. 88001523A

Ms. Arizmendi appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she stepped away from practice at one point and has recently returned to practice. She stated that she is still accruing hours required to apply for the mental health counselor license.

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

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 9-0-0

13. Corey Brackney, LMFTA, License No. 85000454A

Ms. Brackney requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she was feeling stressed as a therapist and had stepped away from practice. Ms. Brackney stated that she feels ready to see clients again, with supervision support.

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

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

14. Lauren Cibak, LMHCA, License No. 88000888A

Ms. Cibak 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 is close to completing her hours to apply for the mental health counselor license as she was delayed due to family stressors.

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

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

15. Jennifer Cullins, LMHCA, License No. 88000306A

Ms. Cullins appeared as requested to discuss her request for a fifth renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she has

been approved to test for the mental health counselor license and needs her associate license to maintain her current employment.

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

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

16. James D. Williams, LMFTA, License No. 85000411A

Mr. Williams appeared as requested to discuss his request for a third renewal cycle for his Associate license. He provided a letter for the Board to review. Mr. Williams stated that he has completed all required hours, for his marriage and family therapy license. His LMFT application is currently under review. He stated that he needs his associate license to maintain his work.

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

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

17. Ariel Ellmore, LMHCA, License No. 88000407A

Ms. Ellmore appeared as requested to discuss her request for a fifth renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she was delayed due to several family tragedies, and time slipped away.

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

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

18. Kimberly Ferguson, LMHCA, License No. 88000844A

Ms. Ferguson 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 left practice and is planning to return to finish her hours to apply for her mental health counseling license as she is close to completing. She stated that she is currently rebuilding her caseload.

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

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 9-0-0

19. Devan Grammer, LMHCA, License No. 88001220A

Ms. Grammer appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she is still working on accruing hours for her mental health counselor license.

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

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

20. Amanda Holcomb, LMHCA, License No. 88001046A

Ms. Holcomb appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she completed her hours but has struggled to pass the NCMHCE examination. She provided an overview of her examination attempts.

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

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 9-0-0

21. Michela Jones, LMHCA, License No. 88001532A

Ms. Jones has withdrawn her request for another renewal.

22. Amber MacDonald, LMHCA, License No. 88000845A

Ms. MacDonald 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 completed her hours, but she has not yet submitted her application for the mental health counselor license as she is currently under investigation for a Consumer Complaint. She stated that she does not want to apply until that matter is resolved.

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

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

23. Beverli Mason, LMHCA, License No. 88000954A

Ms. Mason did not appear as requested. She will be rescheduled.

24. Theresa Miele, LMHCA, License No. 88000722A

Ms. Miele did not appear as requested. She will be rescheduled.

25. Natalie Neal, LMHCA, License No. 88000914A

Ms. Neal 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 has applied for the mental health counselor license but did not pass the examination. She stated that she is still working on passing the examination.

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

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 9-0-0

26. Jeffrey Newton, LMFTA, License No. 85000310A

Mr. Newton 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 completed his hours but has not yet submitted the application for a marriage and family therapist license.

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

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

27. Godwin Onyeneke, LMHCA, License No. 88001472A

Mr. Onyeneke appeared as requested to discuss his request for a third renewal cycle for his Associate license. He provided a letter for the Board to review. He stated that he has completed his hours and is in the process of retesting for the mental health counselor license examination.

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

Ricahrdson/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

28. Dana Padilla, LMHCA, License No. 88000917A

Ms. Padilla 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 has been working part-time and completed her hours and is working to submit her mental health counselor license application.

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

Justice/Richardson

Motion carried 8-0-0 Gardner not present

29. Frederick Parsons, LMHCA, License No. 88001107A

Mr. Parsons appeared as requested to discuss his request for a third renewal cycle for his Associate license. He provided a letter for the Board to review. He stated that he has completed his hours but has not pursued the mental health counselor license due to anxiety and pressure.

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

Richardson/Justice

Motion carried 8-0-0 Gardner not present

30. Rhonda Patterson, LMHCA, License No. 88000202A

Ms. Patterson did not appear as requested. She will be rescheduled.

31. Timothy Prentice, LMHCA, License No. 88001108A

Mr. Prentice appeared as requested to discuss his request for a third renewal cycle for his Associate license. He provided a letter for the Board to review. He stated that he has been approved for the mental health counselor license examination and is working to focus on the examination.

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

Justice/Richardson

Motion carried 8-0-0 Gardner not present

32. Shannon Nichelle Smith, LMHCA, License No. 88000862A

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 has applied for her mental health counselor license, and the application is currently being reviewed.

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

Richardson/Justice

Motion carried 8-0-0 Gardner not present

33. Luv Taylor, LMHCA, License No. 88000848A

Ms. Taylor 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 is currently in the process of testing for the NCMHCE examination.

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

Justice/Richardson

Motion carried 8-0-0 Gardner not present

34. Emily Thalls, LMHCA, License No. 88000263A

Ms. Thalls appeared as requested to discuss her request for a fifth renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she did not know that there was a limit to renewing the Associate license, and life has held her back from applying for the mental health counselor license. She stated that she currently works in a managerial role.

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

Richardson/Justice

Motion carried 9-0-0

35. Felecia Thompson, LMHCA, License No. 88000849A

Ms. Thompson 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 has completed her hours but has not tested for the mental health counselor license as she has test anxiety. She stated that she is currently working on getting her completed hours signed by her supervisor.

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

Justice/Richardson
Motion carried 9-0-0

36. Sarah Tinklenberg, LMHCA, License No. 88001109A

Ms. Tinklenberg appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she has her hours and did not realize that there was a limit to renew the associate license. She stated that she has applied for the mental health counselor license.

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

Richardson/Justice
Motion carried 9-0-0

37. Jessica Wesley, LMHCA, License No. 88000830A

Ms. Wesley 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 has applied for the mental health counselor license, she is currently not working as she is on administrative leave. She stated that she last sat for the NCMHCE examination in 2023 and has not pursued the license as she was balancing life struggles.

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

Richardson/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 8-0-0 Justice not present.

38. Eugene Whitten, LMHCA, License No. 88001130A

Mr. Whitten did not appear as requested. He will be rescheduled.

39. Brittany Wiesenauer, LMHCA, License No. 88001057A

Ms. Wiesenauer appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she has applied for the mental health counselor license and is currently working on submitting her hours.

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

Richardson/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 8-0-0 Justice not present.

40. Tina Winkler, LMHCA, License No. 88001182A

Ms. Winkler appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She provided a letter for the Board to review. She stated that she has applied for the mental health counselor license and is working to pass the examination.

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

Richardson/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 8-0-0 Justice not present

41. Clayton Zollinger, LMHCA, License No. 88001469A

Mr. Zollinger appeared as requested to discuss his request for a third renewal cycle for his Associate license. He provided a letter for the Board to review. He stated that he has applied for the mental health counselor license and was scheduled to take the examination.

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

Richardson/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 8-0-0 Justice not present

VI. DISCUSSION

A. ASWB Education Meeting

Stephan Viehweg and Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey attended an ASWB Education Meeting where discussion of supervision hours was discussed. They stated that other jurisdictions have more guidelines than Indiana, and that may be a discussion for consideration at a future meeting.

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.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Viehweg
Motion carried 8-0-0 Justice not present.

IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Lucy Downs, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Registered Expressive Arts Therapist

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Downs continuing education application.

Gardner/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 8-0-0 Justice not present.

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 150 consumer complaints open for investigation with a duration of 7.44 months. There have been 41 complaints closed without litigation, 12 complaints were opened for litigation, and 7 were sent a warning letter.

There are currently 36 open litigation cases. The average duration of litigation cases is 10.43 months.

XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business to discuss.

XII. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

Ms. Vaught, Board Director, presented the administrator's report. She stated that for March 2026 the Board received 547 new applications, issued 315 licenses, denied 85 due to failing the examination and abandoned 11 applications.

For the year the Board has received 1,619 applications and issued 523 licenses. There are currently 1,268 applications that are pending for the examination with a total of 3,576 pending applications.

Currently for Indiana there are 22,424 issued behavioral health licenses.

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 4:11 p.m. by consensus.

