

**Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure  
Public Board Meeting  
Monday, March 23, 2026**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jennifer King, Board Chair (in person)  
Angela Blier, Vice Chair (remote)  
Joanne Grant (remote)  
Ellen Grunblatt (in person)  
Lisa-Ann Henry (remote)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Holly Cavna, Complaint Officer  
Carolyn Silsby, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Megan Hudson-MacRae, Assistant Attorney General  
Mike Tarr, Board Manager  
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor  
Katy Getchell, Acting Professional Licensing Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Jennifer King, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Review and approval of March 9, 2026 minutes.

A motion was made by Angela Blier and seconded by Lisa Henry to approve the minutes as written.

**Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Ellen Grunblatt.**

**ENDORSEMENT LICENSE REVIEW**

LCPC Endorsement

A motion was made by Ellen Grunblatt and seconded by Joanne Grant to approve AK, AZ, CO, IL, MI, MN, NC, NE, NM, OR, SC, SD, and WI as being comparable to Maine's licensing requirements enough to be able to apply for licensure by endorsement if they hold the correct qualifying license type. The board did not consider OH as being

comparable enough to Maine's licensure qualifications to use the endorsement pathway to licensure.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

#### MFT Endorsement

A motion was made by Angela Blier and seconded by Ellen Grunblatt to approve AL, AZ, CA, DE, GA, NY, RI, UT, VA, VT, and TN as being comparable to Maine's licensing requirements enough to be able to apply for licensure by endorsement if they hold the correct qualifying license type.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

### **APPLICATION REVIEWS**

Initial Application: Janet McCutchen

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Ellen Grunblatt to preliminarily deny the application for licensure by endorsement as the license type is not considered comparable to the Maine LCPC license, and with the acceptance of a withdrawal of the application in lieu of a denial if requested within 30 days.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

Initial Application: Caitlin Aiona Smith

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Joanne Grant to approve the supervised experience and issue the license.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

Initial Application: Felicia Moholland

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Joanne Grant to table the application and request additional course information about the Art Therapy License and request better course description for ADT-655 Development of Personality 11, ADT-688 Family Art Therapy, and ADT-641 Creative Arts Therapy 1.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

### **COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS**

2025-COU-21022

A motion was made by Angela Blier and seconded by Lisa Henry to set this matter for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement, in lieu of a hearing, citing Board rules Chapter 8-A 2(1)(B) (Client Relationships, Dual Relationship), and 3(5) (Competence) with a: censure; and recommend suspension of the license for 30 days per violation, for each Code of Ethics violation and for sharing personal information, for a total of 90 days suspension.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

### **COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS**

2025-COU-21038 Continuing Education

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Angela Blier to accept the continuing educational certificates submitted and end probation. The Board directs staff to send a reminder to the licensee that going forward all continuing education requirements must be in compliance with Board Rules Chapter 7-A.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Board Chair, Vice Chair, Complaint Officer

A motion was made by Jennifer King and seconded by Ellen Grunblatt to table this item for a meeting with the complaint officer in attendance.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

### **BOARD MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mike Tarr, Board Manager provided the board with application totals, and licensee totals. Mike mentioned that there may be statute changes in the near future and the Rulemaking should also start back up soon. Mike informed the Board that our unit is facing a 60% vacancy at the moment but that he is working to get some positions filled quickly. He discussed the current Compact status and stated that there is no known date for enactment of it yet.

Joanne Grant stated that she would like to be the Maine contact person for the Compact going forward.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Edelstein said he is interested in working for the Board. He said he has gone through the discipline process with his engineering license and feels that he would be helpful to the Board. He discussed the verbiage in the Code of Ethics in that he believes that the “highest standard” would be considered to be held to ACA standards.

Rod Kochtitzky is a licensed pastoral counselor who is interested in being a Board Member and has submitted the application with no response to date from the Governors office. He feels it is important to have a licensed pastoral counselor to represent pastoral counseling licensure.

Dennis Noonan, a former licensed pastoral counselor stated that he feels there needs to be a licensed pastoral counselor on the Board to represent pastoral counseling licensure. He discussed information about the pastoral counseling round table group.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ellen Grunblatt and seconded by Angela Blier to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**