

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

DRAFT Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Laura Shaughnessy, Chair of the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting and called roll.

Advisory Committee Members: Advisory Committee members who participated by Zoom were Laura Shaughnessy, Jim Kilmartin, Harriet Bachner, Melissa Briggs, Michael Countryman, Samantha Holloway, Bob Kircher, Mahsa Maghsoudi, Vanessa Perez, Andrew Secor, Edil Torres Rivera, and Amanda Wade. Melissa Briggs and Samantha Holloway were absent.

BSRB Staff: David Fye was present by Zoom.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Michael Countryman moved to approve the agenda. Amanda Wade seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on December 12, 2024.** Andrew Secor moved to approve the minutes from December 12, 2024. Edil Torres Rivera seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director’s Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB) provided updates on agency operations, actions from recent Board meetings, and legislative updates.
- V. Updates from Annual Meeting of American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB), February 9-11, 2025.** The Executive Director and Chair of the Advisory Committee attended this meeting. They provided updates on what was discussed at the annual AASCB meeting. The Executive Director facilitated a session on collaboration and was co-host of a discussion session with Administrators and Board members from other states.
- VI. Updates from Professional Counseling Multi-State Compact Commission Meeting on February 12, 2025.** The Chair of the Advisory Committee provided updates from the Multi-State Compact Commission Meeting. It was recommended that the Committee come up with a set of FAQs for licensees to put on the website providing answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Multi-State Compact Commission.
- VII. Continuation of Annual Training for Board Members and Advisory Committee Members.** The Executive Director provided the second half of the annual training over the Expectations for Board Members policy, the Advisory Committee Policy, and Guidance for Public Attendees of Meetings. The first half of the training took place at the

previous Advisory Committee meeting.

VIII. Update on Professional Counseling Multi-State Compact from Greg Searls, Executive Director for the Counseling Compact Commission. Greg Searls, the Executive Director for the Counseling Compact Commission spoke to the Advisory Committee about some of the updates within the Commission and answered questions from the Advisory Committee members.

IX. Old Business

- A. Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence (AI).** Advisory Committee members were provided several documents for additional study on this topic, including a policy for state agencies under the executive branch in Kansas on the use of generative AI; a document from the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) on ethical principles of AI, a document from AASCB on Supporting the Safe and Ethical Use of AI in Mental Health Counseling; a document on developing artificial intelligence policy for health organizations by several entities, including the Kansas Health Institute (KHI); and an article on artificial intelligence from the American Counseling Association (ACA). Members were asked to review these documents for continued discussion of this topic at a future meeting.
- B. Continued Discussion of Adding Language to BSRB Website to Describe Profession.** This topic was tabled and will be discussed at a future meeting.

X. New Business

- A. Discussion on Possible Topics for 2025.** This topic was tabled and will be discussed at a future meeting.

XI. Next Meeting: April 2025 (Date and Time to be Determined) The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10am (remote meeting).

XII. Adjournment. Edil Torres Rivera moved to adjourn. Andrew Secor seconded. The motion passed.