

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 4, 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, Amanda Brown, Michael Countryman, Samantha Holloway, Jason Li, Vanessa Perez, Amanda Petrik-Gardner, and Amanda Wade. Melissa Briggs and Mahsa Maghsoudi were absent.

BSRB Staff: David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, was present by Zoom.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Jim Kilmartin moved to approve the agenda. Jason Li seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- III. Welcome New Advisory Committee Members.** The Advisory Committee welcomed the new members Amanda Brown, Jason Li, and Amanda Petrik-Gardner.
- IV. Short Summary of Advisory Committee Member Expectations.** The Executive Director provided a short summary of what is expected of Advisory Committee members and rules that must be followed.
- V. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings on April 1, 2025, and June 5, 2025.** Jim Kilmartin moved to approve the minutes from April 1, 2025, and June 5, 2025. Vanessa Perez seconded. The motion passed.
- VI. Executive Director’s Report.** The Executive Director provided updates on agency operations, legislative updates, and actions from recent Board meetings.
- VII. Updates on Professional Counseling Multi-State Compact.** The Executive Director provided updates on the Professional Counseling Multi-State Compact. It is still scheduled to go live this fall as long as everything continues to progress. Chair of the Advisory Committee, who serves as Compact Commissioner for Kansas, provided updates on the Multi-State Compact. The Compact Commission will charge a \$30 administrative fee per privilege issued, and Kansas’ Out-of-State Privilege Fee be \$25 for out-of-state practitioners wishing to practice in Kansas under the Compact.
- VIII. Old Business**
- A. Continued Review and Discussion on Survey of Licensees.** At the previous meeting, Advisory Committee members were asked to review two sections of the draft survey report to be ready to discuss at the August Advisory Committee meeting: (1) negative practice-related issues licensees have observed and (2) negative issues licensees have observed with supervision. The Executive Director

thanked members of his staff, Tyla and Emma, for their work analyzing and summarizing information for the draft report. For the next meeting the Advisory Committees will discuss the questions on artificial intelligence and telehealth.

- i. **Practice-related negative issues (pages 14-15 and pages 38-58)** The Advisory Committee members discussed the individual responses related to practice-related negative issues from licensees. One of the topics was regarding confidentiality when replying to emails and licensees needing to be more aware when hitting reply all to who is on the email chain.
- ii. **Negative issues involving supervision (page 18 and pages 70-79)** The Advisory Committee members discussed any negative issues involving supervision. Most of the LPC's that replied stated they did not have any issues with receiving supervision over the last 2 years except the for the cost of receiving supervision. The main issue with LCPCs was the difficulty in managing numerous supervisees.

B. Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence. This was tabled.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion on Supervision Manual for Professional Counseling. The Advisory Committee created a subcommittee to create a supervision manual for Professional Counseling. The members on the subcommittee are Laura Shaughnessy, Amanda Wade, Mahsa Maghsoudi and Vanessa Perez. A poll will be sent out to determine when this subcommittee will meet.

B. Discussion on Alternative Pathways to Licensure. The Executive Director noted that the Chair of the Board brought up the topic of alternative pathways to licensure that do not include passage of a licensing examination and asked each of the Advisory Committees to discuss this topic and determine whether they would like to make recommendations back to the Board on this topic. Advisory Committee members expressed concerns that individuals who did not pass a standardized examination might be unable to provide quality services, which would be contrary to the public protection mission of the Board. The Executive Director contacted other states to see if they have approached this topic within their Boards. The Boards that responded to his request all stated that they did not have an alternative pathway to licensure that did not include passing the exam.

X. Next Meeting: October 2, 2025 at 10am. The next Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2025, at 10am (remote meeting). The Executive Director noted a set of regulations provided in the packet and intent to review these regulations with the Advisory Committee at the next meeting for edits and updates.

XI. Adjournment. Jim Kilmartin moved to adjourn. Vanessa Perez seconded. It passed.