

1 State of Alaska
2 Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
3 Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
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5 Alaska Board of Professional Counselors
6 February 18-19, 2021 Meeting Minutes
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8 The staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
9 prepared these draft minutes. They have not been reviewed or approved by the
10 Board.
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12 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS
13 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Professional Counselors
14 was held via videoconference through zoom.
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16 Agenda Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call Time: 9:08 a.m.
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18 The February 18-19 meeting day was called to order by Chair, Alice Baum at 9:08 a.m.
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20 Board members present, constituting a quorum:
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22 Debra Hamilton, Licensed Professional Counselor
23 Laura Patin, Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marital Family Therapist
24 Alice Baum, Licensed Professional Counselor - *Chair*
25 Eleanor Vinson, Public Member
26 Janece Richard, Licensed Professional Counselors
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28 Board members absent:
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30 None
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32 Division staff present:
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34 Lacey Derr, Records and Licensing Supervisor
35 Lyda Rees, Occupational Licensing Examiner
36 Josh Hardy, Investigator II
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38 Others Present:
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40 Malan Paquette, Member of the public
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42 Agenda Item 2 Review/Approve Agenda
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44 Upon review of the agenda, Debbie Hamilton wished to edit the following items to the
45 agenda:

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- 47 • Update the title of Alice Baum to Chair
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49 **On a motion duly made by Eleanor Vinson, seconded by Laura Patin, and approved**
50 **unanimously, it was**

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52 **RESOLVED to approve the amended agenda for the February 18-19, 2021**
53 **meeting as amended with the addition of title changes listed above.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
55 Debra Hamilton	x			
56 Alice Baum	x			
57 Laura Patin	x			
58 Eleanor Vinson	x			
59 Janece Richard	x			

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62 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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64 **Agenda Item 3 Ethics Report**

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66 The board then moved on to addressing examples of ethics disclosures, however, there were
67 no ethics disclosures to report.

68 A brief discussion regarding National Exam questions input by the board.

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70 **Agenda Item 4 Review & Approve Minutes (Aug. 5, 2020, Sept. 24-25, 2020, Nov.**
71 **5, 2020).**

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74 **On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Eleanor Vinson, and**
75 **approved unanimously, it was**

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77 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the Aug. 5, 2020 meeting.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
79 Debra Hamilton	x			
80 Alice Baum	x			
81 Laura Patin	x			
82 Eleanor Vinson	x			
83 Janece Richard	x			

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86 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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88 Sept. 24-25, 2020: Alice asked if there was a way to see what was amended in the minutes
89 without having to relisten to the whole meeting recording.

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92 **On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Eleanor Vinson, and**
93 **approved unanimously, it was**

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95 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the Sept. 24-25, 2020 meeting as**
96 **amended.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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99	Debra Hamilton	x		
100	Alice Baum	x		
101	Laura Patin	x		
102	Eleanor Vinson	x		
103	Janece Richard	x		

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105 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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107 November 5, 2020:

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109 **On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Laura Patin, and**
110 **approved unanimously, it was**

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112 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2020 meeting as**
113 **amended.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
115				
116	Debra Hamilton	x		
117	Alice Baum	x		
118	Laura Patin	x		
119	Eleanor Vinson	x		
120	Janece Richard	x		

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122 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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125 **Agenda Item 5 Investigative Report**

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127 Josh Hardy, Investigator II went over information that was compiled as an investigative
128 report to the board for the period of September 10, 2020 to February 3, 2021. This report
129 includes cases complaints and intake matters handled since the last report matters opened by
130 the paralegal, regarding continuing education audits and licensing action resulting from those
131 matters.

132 Laura Patin asked about the investigations process and Mr. Hardy gave an overview. Debbie
133 Hamilton asked if we could put the Investigations Flowchart into Onboard for the benefit of
134 the Board.

135 Mr. Hardy continued, PCO has the highest caseload for investigations of all the boards at
136 this time. Debbie Hamilton asked what seems to be reoccurring issues in order to identify
137 what the Board can do differently to mitigate the high number of these complaints.

138 Mr. Hardy explained that cases which include counseling of divorced individuals and their
139 children seem to be the most frequent complaints that turn into cases.

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141 **On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Janece Richard, and**
142 **approved unanimously, it was**

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144 **RESOLVED to enter executive session to discuss subject matters by law**
145 **municipal charter ordinance are required to be kept confidential, with CBPL**
146 **staff authorized to remain in the room.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
148 Debra Hamilton	x			
149 Alice Baum	x			
151 Laura Patin	x			
152 Eleanor Vinson	x			
153 Janece Richard	x			

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155 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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157 *Off the record at 9:39 am for executive session.*

158 *Back on record at 10:38 am.*

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160 Division Paralegal Marilyn Zimmerman joined for executive session discussion.

161 After discussing the specifications of the consent agreements in executive session, the board
162 came out of session ready to vote on them.

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164 **On a motion duly made by Eleanor Vinson, seconded by Debbie Hamilton, and**
165 **approved unanimously, it was**

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167 **RESOLVED to adopt the consent agreement for case # 2018-001213 as**
168 **presented.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
171	Debra Hamilton	x		
172	Alice Baum	x		
173	Laura Patin	x		
174	Eleanor Vinson	x		
175	Janece Richard	x		

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177 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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179 **On a motion duly made by Janece Richard, seconded by Debbie Hamilton, and**
180 **approved unanimously, it was**

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182 **RESOLVED to adopt the consent agreement for case # 2020-000307.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
184	Debra Hamilton	x		
185	Alice Baum	x		
186	Laura Patin	x		
187	Eleanor Vinson	x		
188	Janece Richard	x		

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191 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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193 **On a motion duly made by Laura Patin, seconded by Janece Richard, and approved**
194 **unanimously, it was**

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196 **RESOLVED to Fail the audit for case # 2020-000804.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
198	Debra Hamilton	x		
199	Alice Baum	x		
200	Laura Patin	x		
201	Eleanor Vinson	x		
202	Janece Richard	x		

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205 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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207 **On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Eleanor Vinson, and**
208 **approved unanimously, it was**

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210 **RESOLVED to fail the audit for case # 2021-000097.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Hamilton	x			
Alice Baum	x			
Laura Patin	x			
Eleanor Vinson	x			
Janece Richard	x			

The motion passed with no further discussion.

On a motion duly made by Janece Richard, seconded by Eleanor Vinson, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the voluntary license surrender for case # 2020-000809.

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Hamilton	x			
Alice Baum	x			
Laura Patin	x			
Eleanor Vinson	x			
Janece Richard	x			

The motion passed with no further discussion. Division staff Marilyn Zimmerman, Josh Hardy and Amber Waley depart.

Recess at 10:44 am

Back on the record at 10:59 am

Agenda Item 6 ECL Regulations & Regulations Projects

RLS Lacey Derr went over the Emergency Courtesy License Regulations that went out for public comment, no public comment came back. All mental health boards put these regulations out for public comment and the only comment received was ‘thank you so much for helping’.

On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Janece Richard, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve as presented and make permanent Emergency Courtesy License Regulation AAC 12.62.450.

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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253	Debra Hamilton	x
254	Alice Baum	x
255	Laura Patin	x
256	Eleanor Vinson	x
257	Janece Richard	x

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 259 The motion passed. RLS Lacey Derr prompted a discussion of the current emergency
 260 declaration for the emergency courtesy license that is currently in place. It has a 120-day time
 261 limit, and it will be expiring on March 15, 2021. Furthermore, the other mental health boards
 262 agreed to extend their emergency courtesy licenses 120 days for the final time and
 263 encouraged the PCO board to do the same as it would assist the administrative side of the
 264 licensing process while still in the pandemic, with the state of the division being
 265 understaffed, and while also getting those qualified individuals into the field and providing
 266 care to Alaskans as they get their documents in order to apply for full licensure.

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 268 **On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Laura Patin, and**
 269 **approved unanimously, it was**

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 271 **RESOLVED to extend the emergency courtesy license 12 AAC 62.450 by**
 272 **another 120 days.**

274	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
275	Debra Hamilton	x		
276	Alice Baum	x		
277	Laura Patin	x		
278	Eleanor Vinson	x		
279	Janece Richard	x		

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 281 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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 283 **Regulations Continued: Regulations regarding changes to Supervision AAC 62.130**

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 285 These regulations pertain to increasing the required amount of CEUs for Supervisors. Public
 286 comment came back on these regulations. Debbie Hamilton brought up Ann Henry's letter
 287 written to the board concerning supervision. Ms. Henry was instrumental in getting the
 288 profession of LPC codified in Alaska law.

289 Debbie Hamilton brought up other points made in public comment; one being that the new
 290 regulations should include a beginning date for the increase in required CEUs for
 291 supervisors so that existing supervisors are not suddenly unqualified upon adoption of new
 292 regulations.

293 Additionally, she raised the question of whether they were planning on requiring 20 of the 45
 294 supervisor CEU hours be synchronous or not.

295 Debbie Hamilton continued leading the discussion toward the difference between Statute
 296 and Regulation, and how the Board must petition a legislator or committee to change statute
 297 pertaining to altering Supervisor license renewal. Whereas, the Board has the authority to
 298 change regulation. If there were an active Alaska Counseling Association, they also would
 299 have the authority to petition a change to statute via the legislature. Eleanor Vinson
 300 mentions that the Division sometimes submitted these requests to the legislature for the sake
 301 of the Board in the past.

302 Janece Richard brought up the point the ethical complaints and investigations they've been
 303 having with their licensee base comes back to Supervision and how the current 6 required
 304 CEUs for supervision is not stringent enough. Laura Patin agrees and adds that the
 305 requirements for the LMFT Supervisor is exceptionally stringent. Janece Richard mentions
 306 that the NBCC requires 45 CEUs or one graduate level course for Supervisor status. RLS
 307 Lacey Derr brought up an example of language used recently in the Board of Direct-Entry
 308 Midwives stipulating that existing Supervisors would be 'Grandfathered in' and clarifying a
 309 before and after date in regulation. Debbie Hamilton encouraged the Board to continue
 310 pursuing changes to AS 08.29.210 Supervisor Certification.

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 312 **Regulations Continued: Regulations regarding changes to License by Credential 12**
 313 **AAC 62.130**

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- 315 • Section 5 was amended to add at least 20 hours of continuing education credits
 316 earned through attendance and completion of synchronous courses, seminars and
 317 workshops, as specified by 12 AAC 62.310 (D).

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 319 **On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Eleanor Vinson, and**
 320 **approved unanimously, it was**

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 322 **RESOLVED to adopt as presented regulation 12 AAC 62.130 License by**
 323 **Credential Section 5.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
325 Debra Hamilton	x			
326 Alice Baum	x			
327 Laura Patin	x			
328 Eleanor Vinson	x			
329 Janece Richard	x			

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 332 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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 334 **Regulations Continued: Regulations regarding changes to the Code of Ethics 12**
 335 **AAC 62.900**

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337 RLS Lacey Derr states these changes are only to update to the most current version of the
338 AMHCA code of ethics.

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340 **On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Laura Patin, and**
341 **approved unanimously, it was**

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343 **RESOLVED to adopt as presented regulation 12 AAC 62.900 Code of Ethics.**
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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
345 Debra Hamilton	x			
346 Alice Baum	x			
347 Laura Patin	x			
348 Eleanor Vinson	x			
349 Janece Richard	x			

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352 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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354 **Regulations Continued: Regulations regarding changes to 12 AAC 62.220 Supervised**
355 **Experience (b)**

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357 (b) To [BEFORE JULY 1, 2007, TO] meet the supervised experience requirements
358 of AS 08.29.110(a)(6), the board will accept the hours of supervised experience, accumulated
359 by an applicant for licensure, under the supervision of a person that **is** [HAS NOT BEEN]
360 certified **before the supervision begins**, as an approved counselor supervisor under 12
361 AAC 62.200 [ONCE THAT PERSON IS CERTIFIED AS AN APPROVED
362 COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR]. **The board will also accept the hours of supervised**
363 **experience, accumulated by an applicant for licensure, under the supervision of a**
364 **person who has not been certified as an approved counselor supervisor under 12 AAC**
365 **62.200 once that person becomes certified as an approved counselor supervisor by**
366 **the board.**

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368 **On a motion duly made by Eleanor Vinson, seconded by Debbie Hamilton, and**
369 **approved unanimously, it was**

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371 **RESOLVED to accept the changes as presented for 12 AAC 62.220 Supervised**
372 **Experience.**
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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
374 Debra Hamilton	x			
375 Alice Baum	x			
376 Laura Patin	x			
377 Eleanor Vinson	x			

379 Janece Richard x

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381 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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383 **Regulations Continued: Regulations regarding changes to 12 AAC 62.200 Approved**
384 **Counselor Supervisor Certification.**

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386 Janece Richard and Debbie Hamilton lead a discussion about accepting supervision hours
387 from out of state supervisors, the issues of conflict that immerge tend to have to do with the
388 CE requirements in their home state conflict with Alaska’s requirements. Laura Patin
389 brought up the issues this makes for military spouses as well.

390 The Board continued to discuss the pros and cons of changing the Supervision CEUs from
391 6 to 45 and came back to agree on changing it to 25 CEUs with half being Synchronous
392 and/or the 45 required by the NBCC to be an approved counselor supervisor.

393 Debbie Hamilton brought up the point of language used in this regulation; whether choosing
394 to go with Professional Counselor or Mental Health Professional if Professional Counselor
395 was too specific and would preclude the board from accepting supervision hours from a
396 clinical mental health supervisor, because of a too narrow definition. RLS Lacey Derr
397 brought up the comparison of language used to define Behavior Analysts vs Professional
398 Counselor or Licensed Psychologist etc.

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400 **On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Janece Richard, and**
401 **approved unanimously, it was**

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403 **RESOLVED to amend Regulation 12 AAC 62.200 Approved Counselor**
404 **Supervisor Certification.**

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- 406 • To specify the date forward the change is to take effect
- 407 • Reduce the required supervision CEU contact hours to 25 with half being
- 408 synchronous.

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
410 Debra Hamilton	x			
411 Alice Baum	x			
412 Laura Patin	x			
413 Eleanor Vinson	x			
414 Janece Richard	x			

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416 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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418 **On a motion duly made by Laura Patin, seconded by Eleanor Vinson, and approved**
419 **unanimously, it was**

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422 **RESOLVED to accept the changes as presented for 12 AAC 62.200 Section (4)**
423 **Approved Counselor Supervisor Certification.**

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- 425 • Amended to read ‘obtained through or approved by’
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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
428 Debra Hamilton	x			
429 Alice Baum	x			
430 Laura Patin	x			
431 Eleanor Vinson	x			
432 Janece Richard	x			

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434 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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436 **Agenda Item 8 Lunch**

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438 *Recess at 12:16 pm for lunch*

439 *Back on the record at 13:04 pm*

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441 Board members present, constituting a quorum:

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443 Debra Hamilton, Licensed Professional Counselor

444 Laura Patin, Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marital Family Therapist

445 Alice Baum, Licensed Professional Counselor – *Chair*

446 Eleanor Vinson, Public Member

447 Janece Richard, Licensed Professional Counselor

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449 Division staff present:

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451 Lacey Derr, Records and Licensing Supervisor

452 Lyda Rees, Occupational Licensing Examiner

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454 **Agenda Item 7 Public Comment** -moved to after lunch, so public member could
455 rejoin.

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457 Malan Paquette of Anchor Point, AK joined the meeting as a member of the public and an
458 anti-fraud advocate. Grateful for the opportunity for public engagement. She has a startup
459 business in Anchor Point called Anchor Advocates.

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462 **Agenda Item 9 Division & Legislative Update**

463

464 Deputy Director Sharon Walsh joined the meeting to give an overview of the Board's
465 revenue and expenditure report.

- 466 • Through Q1 and Q2, the board brought in \$41,830 in revenue.
- 467 • The board had a total of \$44,687 in non-investigative expenditures
- 468 • and \$24,340 in investigative expenditures.
- 469 • Total direct expenditures were \$69,027
- 470 • and total indirect expenditures were \$35,736.
- 471 • Total expenditures were \$104,763.
- 472 • Beginning Cumulative Surplus \$172,306
- 473 • A (Decrease) of (\$62,933)
- 474 • An Ending Cumulative Surplus of \$109,373 as of 12/31/20
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476 Janece Richard asked why there was an increase in spending in the 1000 series of
477 expenditures for Personnel Services. RLS Lacey Derr clarified that it was due to having a
478 Records and Licensing Supervisor (Andy Khmelev) as an examiner for an extended period
479 due to understaffed division and turnover. Therefore, the billing rate was higher for that
480 time.

481 There was a discussion regarding an increase in Fees. Tentatively schedule a fee analysis for
482 your next upcoming meeting.

483
484 Sharon Walsh continued to give an overview of FY20

- 485 • FY20 total Revenue \$226,567
- 486 • FY20 total expenditures \$212,205
- 487 • FY20 Beginning Cumulative Surplus \$157,994
- 488 • FY20 Ending Cumulative Surplus \$172,306
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491 **Legislative Update:**

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- 493 • SB 78 Health Care Services by Telehealth -Alice Baum asked if the verbiage 'mental
494 health' had been included in this bill. The Board expressed their concern that the bill
495 does not mention mental health.
- 496 • SB 65 Liability Consulting Health Care Provider
- 497 • HB 4 Business/Prof. License Immunity COVID-19
- 498 • HB 8 Conversion Therapy Prohibitions
- 499 • HB 15 Temporary Permits & Licenses; Military License
- 500 • SB 15 Open Meetings Act
- 501 • SB 56 Extending COVID-19 Disaster or Emergency – Similar to SB 241
- 502 • SB 57 Establishment of an Alaska Sunset Commission
- 503 • SB 49 Approp: Operating Budget/Loans/Funds
- 504 • SB 68 Approp: Supp; Reapprop; Amending; CBR

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506 *Recess off the record 14:08 pm*

507 *Back on the record 14:32 pm*

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509 **Agenda Item 10 Application Review**

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511 The Board revisited a request for Distance Supervision for a Ms. Morgan Dwyer and
512 performed a Roll Call vote to unanimously approve her Distance Supervision Request on the
513 Record.

514 Debbie Hamilton – Yes

515 Janece Richard – Yes

516 Eleanor Vinson – Yes

517 Alice Baum – Yes

518 Laura Patin – Yes

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520 The Board also discussed whether an Art Therapy graduate degree from the School of Visual
521 Arts in NYC would qualify as a qualifying related degree for an LPC in Alaska. The Board
522 deduced that the burden on proof falls on the applicant to provide:

523 • Proof of accreditation

524 • Course work descriptions

525 • A letter from the NY state licensing authority stating they have accepted this degree
526 in the past as a path to licensure for an LPC.

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528 The Board members took some time to review and approve the (3) applications currently in
529 Onboard.

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531 There was a discussion lead by Debbie Hamilton regarding the difference between states
532 licensure titles; whether they have a tiered system or not and to make sure we are not
533 licensing applicants from other states that do not have their experience hours to qualify them
534 to work in Alaska.

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536 The board discussed the rest of the Meeting Agenda and decided to move agenda item 14
537 section C. Annual Report to the next agenda item.

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539 **Agenda Item 14 Board Admin Business**

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541 **Section C. Annual Report**

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543 Debbie Hamilton lead this discussion as she had been taking care of this report for the past
544 three years. She discussed the components of the reports: goals, Regulation changes, the
545 narrative, budget items, legislative actions, and ranking travel that the board deems most
546 important for national conferences, Board meetings etc. Since Debbie Hamilton is terming
547 out of the Board on March 1st, 2021, she reminded Alice Baum that as the new chair, she has

548 the power to delegate this report out to other board members. The annual report is reviewed
549 in Legislative Audit when the Board is up for Legislative Review, so it is important that it
550 reflects the actions the board has taken and validates the Board's existence.

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552 *Off the Record at 16:01 pm*

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554 **Agenda Item 11 Recess Until 2/19/2021**

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556 *Back on the record Friday February 19, 2021, at 9:08 am*

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558 **Agenda Item 12 Roll Call/Call to Order**

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560 Board members present, constituting a quorum:

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562 Debra Hamilton, Licensed Professional Counselor

563 Laura Patin, Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marital Family Therapist

564 Alice Baum, Licensed Professional Counselor – *Chair*

565 Eleanor Vinson, Public Member

566 Janece Richard, Licensed Professional Counselor

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568 Division staff present:

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570 Lacey Derr, Records and Licensing Supervisor

571 Lyda Rees, Occupational Licensing Examiner

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573 Others Present:

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575 Malan Paquette, Member of the public

576 Dori Hagen, incoming new Board member 3/1/21

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578 **Agenda Item 13 - Old Business**

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580 **A. Task force report updates:**

581 - **Supervision Regulations – Janece and Laura**

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583 Janece Richard and Laura Patin presented their research on Supervisor requirements for

584 other LPC boards in other states. All ranging from zero requirements to stringent

585 requirements, state by state. The majority requiring hours of CEs, anywhere from three to

586 the NBCC's requirement of 45 CEs. There is also a requirement for a threshold of years

587 spent in the Profession. Alaska's is currently five years of experience to be an LPC

588 Supervisor.

589 Janece Richard recommends 25 CEs be required to become an LPC Supervisor (LPC-S),

590 with six being required for renewal, three of which should pertain to Supervision and three

591 should pertain to Ethics.

592 Laura Patin continued to say, some states has content specific requirements for their LPC-S
593 CEs, some were for cultural sensitivity, domestic violence, etc.

594 RLS Lacey Derr clarified that she checked with our Regulations specialist during the recess
595 and found that because the Board voted yesterday to lower the required supervisor CEs
596 from 45 to 25, that the changes to regulation do not need to go back out for public
597 comment.

598 Janece Richard continued leading a discussion of the NBCC LPC-S 45 CE requirements,
599 costs, and the option of offering an either-or scenario with the Alaska's requirement of 25
600 CEs with half of which being Synchronous.

601 Laura Patin mentioned the highly stringent requirements for the National LMFT's
602 Supervisor license.

603 Debbie Hamilton reiterated the importance of making regulation and statute harmonious; to
604 continue to pursue changes to statute regarding Supervision in order to reflect the Board's
605 high expectations of training and excellence, while also cutting down on the ethics
606 complaints and investigations. Two board members may form a working group to discuss
607 these changes without violating the public meeting rule.

608 Eleanor Vinson mentioned again that the Division used to put bills forward to committees
609 for Boards but RLS Lacey Derr said that another Board currently up for their Legislative
610 review is being told to reach out to their own legislators to help introduce their desired
611 changes to statute. She continued to explain the process of organizing the desired language
612 in the working group, then bring it to the Board for the collective agreement to the changes
613 to statute, and then introduce it to a legislator or committee to help move it through the
614 committee process.

615 Janece Richard and Laura Patin shared their grid with the rest of the Board. Their grid
616 showed a comparison of different state's LPC-S requirements. The board proceeded to look
617 through LPC Statutes & Regulations to find a place to add their new LPC-S Renewal
618 language.

619 Janece Richard lead the work on the Board's desired changes to sec 08.29.210: changing (3)
620 to say three years of experience post licensure instead of five and striking (b) from the
621 statute.

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623 **On a motion duly made by Janece Richard, seconded by Debbie Hamilton, and**
624 **approved unanimously, it was**

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626 **RESOLVED to accept the board agreement on the proposed Statute**
627 **amendments to Sec. 08.29.210 Supervision Certification**

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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630	Debra Hamilton	x		
631	Alice Baum	x		
632	Laura Patin	x		
633	Eleanor Vinson	x		
634	Janece Richard	x		

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636 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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638 *Off the record at 10:16 am*
639 *Back on the record at 10:31 am*

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641 **- Old Business continued**

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643 **A. Task force report updates:**
644 **- Right Touch Regulations**

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646 The Board reviewed all LPC Statutes & Regulations to cut out any unnecessary barriers to
647 licensure as per the Governor's request. RLS Lacey Derr brought up the example of a
648 Notary requirement for certain forms in the application.
649 The Board proceeded to go through the LPC Statutes & Regulations on the record.
650 Eleanor Vinson stated that in 08.29.110 in section (6) subsection (b) the Board needs to
651 remove "because of the remote location of the counselor." She continued, that this impedes
652 applicants from attaining licensure.
653 In 08.29.120 Licensure by Credential, Ms. Vinson said there needs to be additional verbiage
654 similar to the language used in Regulation stating the requirements for licensure by Exam.
655 In section 08.29.310 (2) Janece Richard recommends removing 'audio cassette and video
656 tape' from the list of viable means to acquire valid CEs. And potentially adding updated
657 language like teleconferencing. Debbie Hamilton said in the past they have already dealt with
658 this issue and added 'synchronous' to the definitions.
659 Janece Richard and Debbie Hamilton brought up the issue of Supervision Renewal
660 requirements and where is the best place to put these in statute. This discussion brought up
661 further questions of how to implement a license renewal for an out of state LPC-S licensee
662 that does not hold a regular LPC license in Alaska. The application itself will have to be
663 augmented to reflect these changes to Supervisor Certification renewal or a separate form
664 will have to be published.
665 Regarding 08.29.400 Distance Professional Services, the Board discussed potentially
666 changing this title to reflect a more consistent phrase such as 'Distance Behavioral Health' or
667 'Telemedicine'.

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669 **Agenda Item 14 Board Admin Business**

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671 A. Introduced new board member Dori Hagen and bid farewell to Debbie Hamilton
672 and Laura Patin.
673 B. Scheduled Upcoming meetings – next Quarterly Board meeting set for April 29th-
674 30th, 2021. And a tentative call-in meeting to be held in July.
675 C. Annual Report – was moved up on the Agenda and already discussed.
676 D. Elect new Board Chair

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678 On a motion duly made by Debbie Hamilton, seconded by Janece Richard, and
679 approved unanimously, it was

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681 **RESOLVED** to accept Alice Baum as the new LPC Board Chair.
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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
683 Debra Hamilton	x			
684 Alice Baum	x			
685 Laura Patin	x			
686 Eleanor Vinson	x			
687 Janece Richard	x			

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690 The motion passes without further discussion. The election of a Vice Chair will take place
691 when both new members have been seated.
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693 **Board Admin Business continued:**

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695 E. AASCB Conference – Dori Hagen and Alice Baum will attend the 03/26/21 online
696 conference.

697 F. Task list –

- 698 • Reaching out to Legislators and Committees for help carrying the proposed
699 changes to LPC Statutes.
- 700 • Turn in regulation changes to RLS Lacey Derr.
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702 On a motion duly made by Janece Richard, seconded by Debbie Hamilton, and
703 approved unanimously, it was

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705 **RESOLVED** to adjourn the February 2021 Board of Professional Counselors
706 Quarterly meeting.
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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
708 Debra Hamilton	x			
709 Alice Baum	x			
710 Laura Patin	x			
711 Eleanor Vinson	x			
712 Janece Richard	x			

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715 The motion passed with no further discussion.
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717 *Off the record and adjourned at 12:05 pm.*
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Lacey Derr, Records and Licensing Supervisor

Date

Alice Baum, Board of Professional Counselors Chair

Date

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