

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

Minutes
September 28, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Jon Ferguson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 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
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, Section Chair
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee, Section Chair
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair
Angela Levingston, LCSW
Michele Hadley, LMHC
Sara Collins, LCAC, LCSW

Board Members Not Present:

Kelley Gardner, LMFT, Section Chair
Peter Karalis, MD, Physician Member
Vacant, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Kelsey Smith, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Adam Harvey, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Court Reporter:

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Zoom: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16076409084>

Meeting ID: 160 7640 9084

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Viehweg
Motion carried 7-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of August 24, 2026 as amended.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Justice

Motion carried 7-0-0

Joseph Koehler, LCAC, License No.87001573A

Mr. Koehler appeared based upon the terms of his probationary order that was issued on August 4, 2026. He is currently employed at Cynergy but will be leaving for new employment. He has submitted his signed order, his attendance at 12 Step meetings; and employer reports. Mr. Koehler explained what he has been doing to comply with his order and his recovery. His next appearance will be set for January 2027.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Timothy Gilleand, LMHC, License No. 39003378A

Cause No. 202607-BHS-0027

Re: Administrative Complaint

Parties Present:

Respondent was not present

Counsel was not present

State was represented by Ryan Eldridge

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair

Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, Section Chair

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee, Section Chair

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinsky, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair

Angela Levingston, LCSW

Michele Hadley, LMHC

Sara Collins, LCAC, LCSW

Case Summary: On or about June 30, 2026, an administrative complaint was filed in this matter. A hearing notice of the date, time and place of this hearing was sent by email on July 14, 2026. A Proposed Settlement Agreement was filed on September 25, 2026. Mr. Eldridge went over the proposed settlement agreement with the Board.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Proposed Settlement Agreement in the matter of Mr. Gilleand. The agreement would place Mr. Gilleand on indefinite probation for a period of at least one year with the following terms:

- Keep the board informed of residential address, email and telephone number.
- Keep the Board informed of behavioral health employers, addresses, and telephone numbers.
- Report in writing any arrest, conviction, revocation of suspended sentence and termination from employment.
- No solo practice.
- Signed board order by employer(s).

- Meet with supervisor on a quarterly basis with quarterly reports submitted to the board.
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- Self-reports quarterly if no longer employed.
- No supervisory role or unsupervised employment.
- Prior to petitioning for withdraw of probation:
 - Complete 12 months of active practice.
 - 12 hours of continuing education – 10 hours of professionalism & ethics & 2 hours of child abuse and neglect.
 - \$500 Fine
 - \$5 Health Records Fee.

Justice/Levingston
Motion carried 6-1-0

B. Emily Bumpas, LSW, License No. 33011097A

Cause No. 202607-BHS-0031

Re: Administrative Complaint

Parties Present:

Respondent was not present

Counsel was not present

State was represented by Ryan Eldridge

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair

Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, Section Chair

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee, Section Chair

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair

Angela Levingston, LCSW

Michele Hadley, LMHC

Sara Collins, LCAC, LCSW

Case Summary: On or about July 15, 2026, an administrative complaint was filed in this matter. A hearing notice of the date, time and place of this hearing was sent by email on August 4, 2026. Ms. Bumpas has failed to appear in person or by counsel. At this time Mr. Eldridge requests that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Default for failure to appear as requested.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to issue a Notice of Proposed Default in the matter of Ms. Bumpas.

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinskey
7/0/0

C. Derek Bowers, LMFT, License No. 35002370A - CONTINUED

Cause No. 202605-BHS-0021
Re: Administrative Complaint

The hearing in the matter of Mr. Bowers was continued.

D. Mariah R. Lienemann, LSW, License No. 33011079A – CONTINUED

Cause No. 202601-BHS-0003
Re: Administrative Complaint

The hearing in the matter of Ms. Lienemann was continued.

E. Morgan Smith, LMHCA, License No. 88002805A

Cause No. 202409-BHS-0063
Re: Probation Withdraw

Parties Present:

Respondent was present
Respondent was not represented by Counsel
State was not represented
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair
Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, Section Chair
C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee, Section Chair
Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair
Angela Levingston, LCSW
Michele Hadley, LMHC
Sara Collins, LCAC, LCSW

Case Summary: On or about September 6, 2024, a Decision on License Application was filed in this matter. A Petition for Probation Withdrawal was filed on July 30, 2026 and a hearing notice of the date, time and place of this hearing was sent by email on August 25, 2026. Ms. Smith waived her right to have counsel present.

Ms. Smith was placed on probation by the Board on September 6, 2025, due to working as a behavioral health counselor at Ascension St. Vincen Stress since September 28, 2015, which constituted the unlicensed practice of mental health counseling.

At that time the Board issued Ms. Smith's license on indefinite probation with terms and conditions. Ms. Smith stated that she has been employed at St. Vincent since 2015. She stated that she has complied with all requirements of the probationary order by:

- Keeping the Board apprised of her current home address, mailing address, email address and residential telephone number.

- Place of employment, employment telephone number, employment e-mail address and name of supervisor. The Applicant's title and work schedule, including the number of hours worked per week.
- Completion and submission of ten (10) Continuing Education Units ("CEUs") in ethics or licensure.
- Copy of the Probationary Order signed by any employer within ten (10) days of the issuance of the Order.
- One personal appearance before the Board.
- Submit an employer supervisor report.
- Completion of the jurisprudence examination.

Ms. Smith provided a copy of the jurisprudence examination that was completed on June 27, 2024. This was entered into the record as Exhibit 1. After review, the jurisprudence examination was found in her record.

Board Action: After hearing testimony and evidence submitted, a motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Smith's petition for withdrawal of probation.

Justice/Viehweg
7/0/0

F. Rachel Lauer, LSW, License No. 33013249A

Cause No. 202501-BHS-0005

Re: Probation Withdraw

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

Respondent was represented by Jay Lauer, Attorney

State was not represented

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair

Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, Section Chair

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee, Section Chair

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair

Angela Levingston, LCSW

Michele Hadley, LMHC

Sara Collins, LCAC, LCSW

Case Summary: On or about January 28, 2025, a Decision on License Application was filed in this matter. A Petition for Probation Withdrawal was filed on July 1, 2025, and a hearing notice of the date, time and place of this hearing was sent by email on August 25, 2026. Ms. Lauer waived opening statement.

Ms. Lauer was placed on probation by the Board on January 28, 2025, due to a positive response regarding an arrest and plea agreement on September 28, 2015, of

being charged with Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud or Deceit (Attempt to Commit), a level six (6) felony. On December 12, 2016, pursuant to her successful completion of a diversion agreement, the charge was dismissed. Also, Ms. Smith disclosed two employment positions that appeared to constitute unlicensed practice of social work from May 9, 2023, to April 5, 2024, at “Options Counselor” for Real Services, Inc. and April 22, 2024, at Medical Social Worker for Interim Healthcare. At that time the Board issued Ms. Lauer’s license on indefinite probation due to the unlicensed practice with terms and conditions. Ms. Lauer stated that she has complied with all requirements of the probationary order by:

- Keeping the Board apprised of her current home address, mailing address, email address and residential telephone number.
- Place of employment, employment telephone number, employment e-mail address and name of supervisor. The Applicant’s title and work schedule, including the number of hours worked per week.
- Completion and submission of ten (10) Continuing Education Units (“CEUs”) in ethics or licensure.
- Copy of the Probationary Order signed by any employer within ten (10) days of the issuance of the Order.
- Submit a written supervisor report bi-annually.
- Completion of the jurisprudence examination.

The probationary order submitted by her employer was not signed. The Board discussed that the report could be resubmitted and signed by her employer. However, based upon the submission and content of the supervisor’s report her employer was aware of the probationary order.

Board Action: After hearing testimony and evidence submitted, a motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Lauer’s petition withdrawal of probation.

Viehweg/Cooper-Bolinsky
7/0/0

G. Emily Briggs, LMHC, License No. 39002728A

Cause No. 202606-BHS-0023

Re: Summary Suspension Renewal

Parties Present:

Respondent was not present

Counsel was not present

State was represented by Autumn Murphy

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair

Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, Section Chair

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee, Section Chair

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair
Angela Levingston, LCSW
Michele Hadley, LMHC
Sara Collins, LCAC, LCSW

Case Summary: On or about June 12, 2026, a Petition for Summary Suspension was filed in this matter. On June 19, 2026, a Voluntary Summary Suspension Agreement was filed. A Final order Accepting Voluntary Summary Suspension Agreement and Notice of Future Summary Suspension Proceeding was filed on August 4, 2026. Within the Final Order it also served notice that this matter will be reset on September 28, 2026, at 9:00 AM for a hearing for the Board to consider whether the summary suspension of Respondent's license should be renewed.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to continue the summary suspension in the matter of Ms. Briggs.

Justice/Cooper-Bolinskey
Motion carried 7-0-0

VI. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

A. Taylor Downey, Unlicensed

Cause No. 202603-BHS-0011

Re: Cease and Desist

Parties Present:

Respondent was not present

Counsel was not present

State was represented by Ryan Eldridge

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair

Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, Section Chair

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee, Section Chair

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair

Angela Levingston, LCSW

Michele Hadley, LMHC

Sara Collins, LCAC, LCSW

Case Summary: On or about March 3, 2026, a Motion for Order to Cease and Desist was filed in this matter. A Voluntary Cease and Desist Agreement was filed on August 31, 2026. Mr. Downey agrees to immediately cease and desist any activity that is considered the practice of mental health counseling or social work until and if she obtains the appropriate license(s) to perform such activities.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Voluntary Cease and Desist Agreement in the matter of Mr. Taylor.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Justice
Motion carried 7-0-0

B. Amanda Russell, LCSW, License No. 34010679A

Cause No. 202604-BHS-0014

Re: Administrative Complaint

Parties Present:

Respondent was not present

Counsel was not present

State was represented by Ryan Eldridge

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Board Members Present:

Jon Ferguson, LMFT, LCAC, Board Chair

Stephan Viehweg, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, Section Chair

C. Martin Justice, LMHC, LCAC, Board Designee, Section Chair

Dr. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, LCAC, LCSW, Section Chair

Angela Levingston, LCSW

Michele Hadley, LMHC

Sara Collins, LCAC, LCSW

Case Summary: On or about April 1, 2026, an Administrative Complaint was filed in this matter. A Proposed Settlement Agreement was filed on July 13, 2026. The Settlement Agreement states that Ms. Russell wrote a letter stating that an emotional support animal was a medical necessity for a patient and signed the letter with the name of another provider without their knowledge or permission. On August 5, 2025, Ms. Russell wrote a new letter, with her own signature, stating she saw the patient for a professional consultation on that date and she had determined it was medically necessary for the patient to have an emotional support animal. Respondent was not an authorized provider and assertions in the letters constituted false and material statements. With the Agreement a Letter of Reprimand would be issued.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Proposed Settlement Agreement and to issue a Letter of Reprimand in the matter of Ms. Russell.

Justice/Levingston
Motion carried 7-0-0

VII. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

11:00 a.m.

A. Reinstatement

There were no reinstatement appearances scheduled.

B. Probation

There were no probation appearances scheduled.

C. Application

1. Myles Bolden (LCACA)

Mr. Bolden appeared as requested to discuss his positive response regarding an arrest. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Mr. Bolden had a DUI in 2021 and one in Michigan in 2025. After the second DUI he sought inpatient treatment. He has completed all court requirements for the 2021 DUI but has not completed all legal requirements in the state of Michigan. He stated that there was no probation but he had reporting requirements to complete for the period September 2025 to September 2026. The Board determined that he will need to provide a copy of all court information regarding the Michigan 2025 incident.

Upon review of his application documents and LCSW license it was determined that he would qualify for the LCAC license. He would need to provide an updated supervision form for the period of June 2023 to the present in order to complete his file

Board Action: The Board tabled action on Mr. Bolden's application pending the submission of the court documentation from the state of Michigan and a new supervision form for June 2023 until the present.

2. Amy Doyle (LSW)

Ms. Doyle did not appear as requested by the Board.

3. Brandon Hardin (LSW)

Mr. Hardin appeared as requested to discuss his positive response regarding several arrests/convictions that occurred between the 2001 – 2020. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Since that time Mr. Hardin has sought treatment and completed his Master of Social Work degree.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Hardin's application and to sit for ASWB masters examination.

Viehweg/Levingston
Motion carried 7/0/0

4. Kayla May (LAC & LMHCA)

Ms. May appeared as requested to discuss his positive response regarding several arrests/convictions that occurred in 2008. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. All legal matters have been resolved in 2010. For her LAC application she was told that her criminal justice degree will not satisfy the educational requirement. Ms. May requested that the LAC application be withdrawn. Ms. May's LMHCA application was reviewed and meets all requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. May's application and to sit for NCE examination.

Justice/Viehweg
Motion carried 7/0/0

5. Logan Myers (LSW)

Mr. Myers appeared as requested to discuss his positive response regarding arrests/convictions that occurred in 2019. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He was placed on probation and has completed all terms. Mr. Myers stated that he has been sober since 2019. He currently lives in the state of Kentucky but will be working in Indiana.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Myers' application and to sit for the ASWB masters examination. His temporary permit was also approved.

Viehweg/Levingston
Motion carried 7/0/0

6. Rachel Taylor (LSW)

Ms. Taylor did not appear for her appearance as requested by the Board.

7. John Thomas (LMHCA)

Mr. Thomas appeared as requested to discuss his positive response regarding a conviction of domestic battery that occurred in November 2023. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Probation was completed in November 2024. He explained what occurred and is currently employed as a property manager. However, he wants practice telehealth. Ms. Thomas' LMHCA application was reviewed and has met all requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Thomas' application and to sit for NCE examination.

Justice/Madley
Motion carried 7/0/0

D. LMHCA Renewal

Julie Dejesus, License No. 88000896

Ms. Dejesus appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. She stated that she has applied for the mental health counselor license and has submitted her employment and supervision forms for her LMHC license application. Upon review the supervision form cannot be accepted due to the dates. The Board requested she resubmit a new

supervision form. However, she wants to renew her LMHCA license while she is waiting to take the NCMHCE examination.

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

Justice/Madley
Motion carried 7/0/0

Jennifer Kiefer, License No. 88001386A

Ms. Kiefer appeared as requested to discuss her request for a third renewal cycle for her Associate license. Ms. Kiefer currently has a school counseling license. However, since she has held the LMHCA license she has not earned any employment or supervision hours since there is no one within the school to provide the supervision. At this time, she does not know when she will have a supervisor available.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded that Ms. Kiefer would need to submit a new LMHCA application in order to gain the required hours.

Justice/Madley
Motion carried 7/0/0

VIII. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

IX. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

There were no applications for review.

X. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS

A motion was made and seconded to formally adopt the application reviews.

Cooper-Bolinskey/Viehweg
Motion carried 7/0/0

XI. CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Grounded Growth Counseling & Consulting, LLC

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Grounded Growth Counseling & Consulting, LLC continuing education application.

Justice/Viehweg
Motion carried 7-0-0

B. Paramount Health Data Project

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Paramount Health Data Project continuing education application.

Justice/Viehweg
Motion carried 7-0-0

XII. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ryan Eldridge provided the report from the Office of the Attorney General. Currently the average age of an investigative file is 7.96 months with 180 open complaints, and the average age of a litigation file is 9.74 months with 38 open litigation files.

XIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business for review.

XIV. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

Currently reviewing application forms for practicum, internship, employment and supervision. Board members were provided with copies of the form in order to offer their input on what needs to be updated. Further discussion will be held at the October 26, 2026 meeting.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 1:30 p.m. by general consensus.