



ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING

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MINUTES Board Meeting February 23, 2026

Present:

Dr. Glenn Hollingsworth	Board Chair
Jacques Austin	Board Vice Chair
Anjanette Robinson	Board Member
Dr. Sherrionda Crawford	Board Member
Jessie Bowie	Board Member
DeAnna Tidwell	Board Member
Elizabeth Sheehan	Executive Director
Leslie Tomlin	Administrator
Dawn Durick	Licensing Agent

Absent:

Cynthia Hooper	Board Member
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Attending Virtually

Mike James	Investigator
Karen Entrekin	Investigator
Margaret Anne Davis	Legal Assistant

The Alabama Board of Examiners of Counseling (ABEC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at 400 S. Union Street, 4th floor conference room, in Montgomery, Alabama. The regularly scheduled meetings was advertised to the public on the Board's website (www.abec.alabama.gov), as well as the Secretary of State's website, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hollingsworth, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call established there was a quorum present.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Hollingsworth presented a copy of the agenda for the meeting. A copy of the agenda was provided to members prior to the meeting. Ms. Robinson made a motion to

approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Crawford. The board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Dr. Hollingsworth presented the January 30, 2026 meeting minutes. Dr. Crawford moved to accept the minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Robinson. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Sheehan reported the Education Reviewer has been officially hired as of today with a \$30,000 annual salary limit, as well as a 25 hour per week limit.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Sheehan presented the financial statement. There was discussion regarding the database and how it interacts with the Compact. Ms. Robinson made a motion to accept the Financial Statement, which was seconded by Ms. Tidwell. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Ms. Sheehan requested the Board give the administrative staff the authority to issue licenses for the office to run more efficiently. After discussion Dr. Hollingsworth asked for a motion to give Ms. Sheehan the authority to issue licenses. Ms. Robinson moved to allow the ED to issue licenses. Ms. Bowie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Ms. Sheehan explained that due to the Board's workload relating to licensing an additional licensing specialist would be necessary to carryout the obligations of the board in an efficient and timely manner. She requested authority to hire an additional licensing specialist. After discussion Dr. Hollingsworth asked for a motion, which was made by Ms. Tidwell and seconded by Dr. Crawford. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. INVESTIGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

Per a motion made in the January board meeting, complaints The Investigative Committee recommended to refer casesn2025-040 and 2026-012 against the same licensee for a revocation hearing following the emergency suspension expiring on March 5, 2026. Dr. Crawford moved to accept the Investigative Committee recommendation, which was seconded by Mr. Austin. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Robinson and Dr. Hollingsworth both recused themselves since they serve on the IC Committee.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

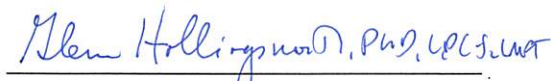
- a. Ms. Sheehan presented the list of three applicants who were left off the list for the January meeting. Ms. Robinson moved to license the three applicants, which Dr. Crawford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Ms. Sheehan suggested we postpone the March meeting until April as there would not likely be enough new business in the next month to warrant another meeting. The Board scheduled its next meeting for April 17th at 10:00. Mr. Austin made a motion to change the date of the next meeting to April 17th. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Robinson asked that quarterly trainings be added to the agenda in April. She also requested the national conference in June be put on the agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Tidwell moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Austin. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:53.



Dr. Glenn Hollingsworth
Board Chair



Elizabeth Sheehan
Executive Director