



ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING

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MINUTES Board Meeting July 10, 2026

Present:

Dr. Glenn Hollingsworth

DeAnna Tidwell

Anjanette B. Robinson

Jacques Austin

Dr. Sherrionda Crawford

Cynthia Hooper (arrived at 10:16)

Elizabeth Sheehan

Leslie Tomlin

Dawn Durick

Mike James

Darleen Dempster

Board Chair

Board Member

Board Member

Board Vice-Chair

Board Member

Board Member

Executive Director

Administrator

Licensing Agent

Investigator

Education Reviewer

Absent:

Jessie Bowie

Board Member

Guests:

Corrine Vance

Claudette E. Rogers

Mark Taylor

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling (ABEC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at 400 S. Union Street, Suite 245 in Montgomery, Alabama. The regularly scheduled meeting 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 10:06 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ms. Sheehan called the roll. Ms. Hooper and Bowie were absent. A quorum was established.



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Ms. Sheehan announced we have a guest who would like to speak and introduced Corrine Vance. Ms. Vance said she represents a group of 65 LPC Supervisors around the state. They want to propose a plan for the Board to share rule changes in a timely manner and be proactive with email alerts when rules change. Ms. Sheehan shared the state guidelines for rule changes are published in the Legislative Services Agency "Administrative Monthly" Publication. She said there will be a public hearing at the September meeting about the rule changes that were proposed at the June meeting. After the public hearing the rules must be certified and will become effective 45 days after publication. Once the rule is certified, the licensees will be made aware.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Hollingsworth presented a copy of the agenda for the meeting. Dr. Crawford made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tidwell. The motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dr. Hollingsworth presented the May 29, 2026, meeting minutes. Ms. Robinson said she was listed as board chair and that needed to be changed. Dr. Hollingsworth said he is listed sometimes as Dr. and then as Mr., it needs to be one or the other. Ms. Robinson moved to accept the minutes with the changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Austin. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

Ms. Hooper arrived at 10:16.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Rules Committee Revision

Ms. Sheehan stated the amendment to Rule 255-X-6-.03 would be published in the July Edition of the Administrative Monthly. The comment period ends on August 4th, and we will hold a public hearing at the September meeting. The public hearing will be posted on our website.



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b. 2025 CCE Invoices – BOA

Ms. Sheehan said CCE did file the invoice with BOA and the board replied with a consent to judgement. We are waiting to hear of a hearing date.

c. Database

Ms. Sheehan stated we are working through the RFP process and still hope to have the new database up and going as soon as possible.

d. Scanning Project

Ms. Sheehan stated we hope the scanning project will go out as a sole source. Once that is awarded the files will be scanned and then shredded. We are trying to get this done so we can pay for it this fiscal year.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Financial Statement

Ms. Sheehan presented the financial statement. She stated we did do a budget revision to move money into personnel cost. She stated we hope to increase the spending authority in October for fiscal year 2028. Ms. Austin moved to accept the financial statement, and it was seconded by Ms. Tidwell. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Operations Plan FY27

Ms. Sheehan presented the Operations Plan for fiscal year 2027. She moved more money into personnel and to fund expected expenses. Ms. Hooper asked for a more detailed financial statement in September. Ms. Tidwell moved to accept the Operations Plan and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. New License Approval

Ms. Sheehan presented the New License Roster for approval. There was some discussion about inactive dates showing on the website. A motion to accept the roster was made by Dr. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Austin. No further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.



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d. Special Requests

i. July 2026-01

The requestor is applying to become a supervisor. Her education is not Alabama specific. A discussion followed about inconsistencies on the website concerning this. It was agreed to take the FAQ off the website. Ms. Tidwell made a motion to accept the supervisor training of the applicant. The motion was seconded by Dr. Crawford. After the Rules Committee agreed to look at this, the motion passed with 4 ayes and 2 nays.

ii. July 2026-02

The applicant received a master's in counseling in Alabama and then moved to Colorado, where she has 930 client hours. She has recently moved home and wants those hours to count toward her total hours in Alabama. Ms. Robinson made a motion to deny the request. This was seconded by Dr. Crawford. The motion passed unanimously.

iii. July 2026-03

The applicant's courses were denied by the Board's current staff as having not met the statutory requirements. The applicant presented the Board with a signed letter from the Board's previous director preapproving her course work. The applicant requested the Board uphold its previous decision as she designed her curriculum around the approval of the board and would suffer undue financial hardship should she have to retake courses toward her degree. Ms. Tidwell made the motion to approve the request. Ms. Tidwell then withdrew her motion. Ms. Robinson made a motion to deny based on the Code and Dr. Crawford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

iv. July 2026-04

ALC licensee requests her supervisor be an LMFT instead of an LPC-S. Ms. Robinson moved to deny the request and Ms. Austin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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v. July 2026-05

The applicant needs additional hours after having a child and taking 9 months off. She had to get a new supervisor when she started back. She has enough hours from her first supervisor if we prorate it, but if we do not, she still owes 260 hours. Ms. Tidwell made a motion to allow the request. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes, 1 nay and 1 abstention.

Dr. Hollingsworth called for a ten-minute break at 12:00. The meeting resumed at 12:07.

VI. INVESTIGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

Ms. Sheehan asked for a motion to table the report until the September meeting because we did not have a representative from the Attorney General's office present. Ms. Robinson made the motion to table the report, and it was seconded by Dr. Crawford. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

i. Compact Update

Dr. Crawford said 6 states are issuing privileges, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, Louisiana and Arizona. She said we cannot make any moves without the background check and the database.

ii. Supervision Committee Update

Dr. Crawford said the committee is currently writing up thoughts and ideas and will have something at the next meeting. She asked the Rules Committee to please reach out to Dr. Hollingsworth when they are writing the language for the compact.

iii. Rules Committee Update

Ms. Robinson stated the rules committee have not met. She said they are tasked with writing the code for the compact.



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iv. Virtual Ethics Training

Ms. Robinson stated the training filled up very quickly. She said there are going to be amazing speakers. Ms. Sheehan stated the office is checking with OIT about hosting these training courses in the future and providing technical support.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Meeting dates – Ms. Sheehan asked the board to come to the next meeting with some dates for next year.

- i. September 18, 2026
- ii. November 13, 2026

- b. Ms. Sheehan reminded everyone to turn in their travel forms.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Tidwell made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dr. Crawford and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Dr. Glenn Hollingsworth
Board Chair

Ms. Elizabeth Sheehan
Executive Director