Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

The Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors met for a Special Board Meeting on July 28, 2025, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and Open Meetings Act. The meeting was held at 101 N.E. 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Steven Fritz opened the meeting and called for a 30 minute recess to allow Bord members in route time to arrive.

Steven Fritz presented the Statement of Compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the Mission Statement of the Board. Advance notice of this scheduled meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on July 23, 2025, and posted on the OBLADC website. The notice and agenda were posted in prominent public view on the front doors of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Ok 73105 on July 24, 2025.

Members present at roll call were:

Ronald Wahkinney
Judith Adams
Steven Fritz
Harley Barrett

Board members Billy Samuel, Scott Goode, and Maureen Guerrero advised the Board office that they were unable to attend today's meeting.

Others present were Heather Poole, Assistant Attorney General and Council to the Board, Richard Pierson, Executive Director, Kathy Pierson, volunteer, Elexis Tyler-Wood, Executive Director of ODAPCA, Tammy Anderson, In-coming Executive Director for the Board. Also present were James Dennis, Stephen House, Austin Bower, A.A.G., Gavin Graves, Razana Ohazal, John Bureman. Judith Dailey, Alisha Blackwell, Phillip Lewis, and Jan Coyle.

The Board elected officers for Fiscal Year 2026. Mr. Fritz nominated Ronald Wahkinney for Board Chair. Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Mr. Wahkinney made a motion to elect Maureen Guerrero as Vice-Chair and Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Board meeting minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on May 19, 2025 were presented and reviewed. Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Adams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Alicia Ward, LADC/MH #1453 was present with counsel by Zoom to request the Board accept her completion of a Consent Order between her and the Board. Following discussion and review of documents, Mr. Fritz made a motion that Ms. Ward has satisfied all requirements of the Consent Order and the complaints against her be dismissed. Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	Abstain

Mr. Pierson presented the financial report.. The Medical Board invoices for May 2025 and June 2025 were reviewed . Dr. Adams made a motion to accept the report and invoices as presented and Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve payment of the Medical Board invoices and Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:.

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Donna Watts, LADC Candidate, requested an extension of time to complete requirements for licensure. Ms Watts was not present on Zoom and Mr. Fritz made a motion to table this matter until the September Board meeting. Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Carol Morgan, LADC/MH Candidate was present by Zoom to request an extension of time to complete her requirements for licensure. Ms. Morgan did report that she passed her written exam last week. Mr. Barrett made a motion to extend Ms. Morgan's time to complete requirements until the January 26, 2026 Board Meeting. Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	RECUSE
Harley Barrett	YES.

Phillip Lewis, LADC Candidate was present in person to request an extension of time to complete requirements. Mr. Lewis shared he had experienced a traumatic event that has affected his ability to study and prepare for the exam. Mr. Fritz made a motion to extend Mr. Lewis' time for 6 months until the January 26, 2026 Board Meeeting. Mr. Barrett seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Michael Maddox, LADC #944, pled guilty to two counts of felony embezzlement. Heather Poole, A.A.G. withdrew a motion in this case and asked for a continuance until the September 15, 2025 Board Meeting. This item was tabled until the September meeting.

Robert Milstead, CADC #367, requested an exemption of completion of continuing education to renew his license due to medical issues. Mr. Fritz made a motion to exempt Mr. Milstead from completing continuing education for FY-26 renewal, but Mr. Milstead must complete his continuing education for Fiscal Year-2027 due next June 30, 2026. Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Stephen House presented a petition for an Initial Determination of Eligibility for Licensure or Certification following a Criminal Conviction. Following discussion and review of materials, Mr. Fritz made a motion that Mr, House is not eligible to apply. Mr. Barrett seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Jan Coyle presented a Petition for an Initial Determination of Eligibility for Licensure or Certification following a Criminal Conviction. Following discussion and review of materials, Mr. Fritz made a motion that Ms. Coyle is not eligible to apply. Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Madison Threet presented a Petition for an Initial Determination of Eligibility for Licensure or Certification following a Criminal Conviction. Following discussion and review of materials, Mr. Fritz made a motion that Ms. Threet is eligible to apply. Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

David Burke presented a Petition for an Initial Determination of Eligibility for Licensure or Certification following a Criminal Conviction. Following discussion and review of materials, Mr. Fritz made a motion that Mr. Burke is eligible to apply. Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES

Alisha Blackwell, LADC #1447 is requesting that Langston University Course titled “Advance Addiction Counseling” be accepted and approved as the “Pharmacology” course requirement. Mr. Fritz made a motion to deny the request and following further discussion, Mr. Fritz withdrew his motion and this item was tabled until the September Board Meeting pending more information.

I. Discussion and possible action to enter Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (1), for the purpose of interviewing and discussing the employment, hiring, or appointment of candidates for the position of Administrative Assistant of OBLADC, including compensation.
   a. Vote to enter Executive Session.
   b. Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (1).
   c. Vote to exit Executive Session.
   d. Discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session, including the hiring and determination of compensation for the position of Executive Director.

Dr. Adams made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Mr. Fritz made a motion to end Executive Session and re-enter regular session. Dr. Adams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Ronald Wahkinney	YES
Judith Adams	YES
Steven Fritz	YES
Harley Barrett	YES.

Mr. Wahkinney made a motion to hire Mr. John Bureman for the position of Administrative Assistant at $20.00 an hour based on 20 hours per week with no benefits.

II. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations from the Complaint Review Committee.

The Complaint Review Committee Recommends the Board Find **NO PROBABLE CAUSE** in the following complaints.

1. Complaint# 643-0324. Dual relationship.
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3. Complaint #645-0524. Client Abandonment.
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5. Complaint #647-0724. Incompetence.
6. Complaint #650-0824. Incompetence, Billing.
7. Complaint #651-0824. Fraud.
8. Complaint #652-0824. Boundaries/dual relationship.
9. Complaint #656-1024. Substance abuse.
10. Complaint #660-1224. Sexual relationship.

III. Executive Director's Report.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Candidates that have Completed Requirements for Licensure or Certification.

Gabriela Gonzalez	LADC/MH	Oklahoma City
Savannah Grass	LADC/MH	Talihina
Dawson Maxwell	LADC/MH	Alva
Shawnace Melendez	LADC/MH	Enid
Roland Rance	LADC/MH	Oklahoma City
Candidates for reciprocity:		
Sarah Freitas	CADC (California)	Bethany
Warren Walker	CADC (Texas)	Plainview, Tx

There was no further business to come before the Board today and the meeting was adjourned.

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