

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
 Division of Professional Regulation  
 Illinois Professional Counselor Licensing and Disciplinary Board**

**Open Meeting**

**Dates:** Thursday, May 18, 2023

**Call to Order:** 1:12 p.m.

**Adjournment:** 2:18 p.m.

**Location:** IDFPR  
 Division of Professional Regulation  
 320 W. Washington St.  
 Springfield, Illinois

**Board Members Present:** Kenneth H. Kessler Ph.D., Chair  
 Judith Fawell, Vice Chair  
 Debra Kerr, Public Member  
 Nadia Johnson, Member

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Members Participating:** Lauren Craig, Office of General Counsel (via telephone)  
 Robert Gerton, Board Liaison

**Guests Participating:** None

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>APPLICATION REVIEW</b>	Board members engaged in individual file review Springfield prior to the meeting.	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		The meeting was formally called to order at 1:12 p.m.
<b>MINUTES ACCEPTANCE</b>	Board members reviewed the minutes of open session from the January 5, 2023 meeting.	Motion was made and seconded (Johnson/Kerr) to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

<p><b>DEPARTMENT TIME</b></p>	<p>Following approval from the Director, the proposed Rules draft that incorporates industry concerns will be resubmitted to JCAR for first notice.</p> <p>Mr. Gerton relayed information pertaining to the return to in-person meetings and also some new procedures in the Department that will result in more electronic file review and less paper. The Board expressed serious reservation about the file review process changes, noting that the paper file review process involves comparing various of pages of multiple documents and referring back and forth from several pages.</p>	
<p><b>ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION</b></p>		<p>Motion was made and seconded (Kerr/Fawell) at approximately 1:28 p.m. to enter into closed session pursuant to Section (2)(c)(15)&amp;(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.  Dr. Kessler – Yes  Ms. Fawell – Yes  Ms. Johnson – Yes  Ms. Kerr – Yes  Motion Carried.</p>
<p><b>RESUME OPEN SESSION</b></p>		<p>At approximately 2:18 p.m. motion was made and seconded (Fawell/Kerr) that the Board return to Open Session.  Dr. Kessler – Yes  Ms. Fawell – Yes  Ms. Kerr – Yes  Ms. Johnson – Yes  Motion Carried.</p>

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		<p>The Board affirmed the following recommendations made in closed session:</p> <p>Megan SCHOMAKER Request denied. Action Sheet No. 230403</p> <p>Regina WHITE Action Sheet No. 230404 Request denied.</p> <p>HANSEN David Action Sheet No. 203405 Request denied.</p> <p>KARTEL Julie Action Sheet No. 203406 Request denied.</p> <p>DEVOS Kimberly Action Sheet No. 203407 Request granted.</p> <p>Accept June 24, 2021 Closed Session Minutes</p> <p>Maintain confidentiality of closed session minutes.</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		<p>Formal business of the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m. May 18, 2023</p>
<b>APPLICATION REVIEW</b>	<p>Formal business being concluded, Board members resumed individual file review.</p>	
<b>SIGNATURES</b>		<p>The following Action Sheets were signed by the Board:</p> <p>230376 – 230407</p>