

MEETING MINUTES
UTAH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
PROBATION & COMPLIANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 18, 2025
HEBER M. WELLS BLDG.
GOOGLE MEETS AND RM 475 – 9:00 AM
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114

CONVENED: 9:04 AM

ADJOURNED: 11:59 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Philip Baese, Committee Chair
Brian Tease
MayreAnn Frantz
Sabrina Martinez
Roberto Degiorgio, Vice Chair
Dr. Ted Barratt

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Nicole Stevens

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Brian Pedersen, Bureau Manager
Avery Wright, Board Administrator
Sharon Bennett, Compliance Specialist
Kristen Shumway, DOPL
Dominique Cortez, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS:

Sarah Stroup
Eric Jenkins
John Perkins
Joshua Powner
Tiana Call
Laura Daw
Galen Romero

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Dr. P Baese called the meeting to order.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Ted Barratt

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

B Tease made a motion to approve the minutes. S Martinez seconded the motion. M Frantz and T Barrett abstained the motion. The motion Passed.

PROBATION APPOINTMENTS:

S Bennett read the probation report prior to each interview.

ALECIA STOKER – PROBATION REVIEW

R DeGiorgio conducted the interview. E Jenkins participated in the interview as A Stoker's Supervisor. A Stoker clarified the supervision process that she is under with E Jenkins. S Martinez thanked A Stoker for resubmitting the essay. The committee stated that the essay needed to be revised and resubmitted again due to lack of accountability of the relationship. R DeGiorgio made the motion that A Stoker will resubmit the revised essay and is in compliance with the probation. M Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THANE PALMER – PROBATION REVIEW

P Baese conducted the interview. T Palmer explained his current caseload and process. R DeGiorgio asked for clarification on if T Palmer had started personal therapy. S Bennett stated that the board will accept the psychological evaluation that was submitted if he starts individual therapy or receives another evaluation with more detail. T Palmer stated that he is willing to obtain individual therapy or join a men's group. P Baese made the motion that T Palmer wither needs to obtain a new evaluation from a psychologist that provides a more detailed report that a current symptom checklist or to attend group therapy focused on men, anger management, and support that is able to provide a report. R DeGiorgio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. P Baese made the motion to approve the written plan and that T Palmer is in compliance with probation. M Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DWIGHT HURST – PROBATION REVIEW

B Tease conducted the interview. B Tease asked for clarification on how supervision is being conducted. D Hurst stated that the supervision goes beyond formal supervision where they are meeting weekly, four meetings a month minimum. D Hurst clarified his current caseload. B Tease asked D Hurst to acknowledge how the conduct may have affected the clients. D Hurst stated that he deeply regrets the relationship with the patient and acknowledges that the conduct that occurred will negatively affect how the patient will connect with future therapists. D Hurst clarified his process with referring female clients to other providers. B Tease made the motion that D Hurst is in compliance and to close out his probationary period in January 2026. R DeGiorgio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FRANCISCO CELESTINO – PROBATION REVIEW

S Martinez conducted the interview. S Martinez asked for clarification of the place of work and the current caseload. F Celestino stated that he currently works at Sunrise Counseling and is over 4 cases each week. F Celestino stated that he is meeting with his supervisor, J Powner, twice a week. R DeGiorgio stated that J Powner must be reviewing two sessions a month and 20% of the documentation. R DeGiorgio asked F Celestino on why he is representing himself as "Javier

Celestino”. F Celestino stated that he has represented himself as his middle name at previous places of employment. S Martinez made the motion that F Celestino is in compliance with the probation with the request that all marketing includes his full name. B Tease seconded the motion. R DeGiorgio opposed the motion. The motion passed.

BREAK 10:59 AM – 11:19 AM

COMPLIANCE REPORT.

P Baese made a motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Open and Public Meetings Act, 52-4-205(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of individuals. B Tease seconded the motion. All Committee members voted in favor of closing the meeting. The meeting was closed at 11:20 AM. The meeting was opened at 11:57 AM.

MEETING CLOSED

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS:

Probation interviews for next meeting

- Francisco Celestino
- Anna Flandro
- Rachel McCuiston
- Shellie VanOrman
- Johnathan Zabriskie

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

February 26, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Philip Baese, MD

Chairperson, Probation & Compliance Committee

02/27/2026

Date Approved

Brian Pedersen

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing

02/27/2026

Date Approved