

MINUTES

**UTAH
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER COUNSELOR
LICENSING BOARD MEETING**

October 23, 2013

**Room 475, 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:05 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:32 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Richard J. Oborn
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Santiago Cortez, Chairperson
Lori Buhler
Leslie Woodfall
David Felt
Valerie Fritz
Georgia Hare
Pete Prazza

Board Members Absent:

Stephen R. Sheppard, Ph.D.

DOPL Staff Present:

Susan Higgs, Compliance Specialist
Ben Jones, Licensing Specialist
Jennie Jonsson, Administrative Law Judge

Guests:

None

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Swear in new Board member Leslie Woodfall

Ms. Woodfall was sworn in as a new Board member.

Rule hearing for proposed amendments to Utah
Admin. Code R156-60d

Ms. Jennie Jonsson, Administrative Law Judge
officiated the rule hearing.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Minutes:

The Board reviewed the July 31, 2013 Board meeting minutes. Mr. Felt made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fritz and carried unanimously.

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Cancilla. Her support system includes her family and therapist and she continues to attend support groups. The Board noted how well Ms. Nish is doing and encouraged her to continue. The Board asked to see Ms. Nish on January 22, 2014. **Ms. Nish is in compliance with her probation.**

Michael Garrett, informal adjudicative proceeding to revoke license

The Board reviewed the Notice of Agency Action and Order to Show Cause document regarding Michael Garrett. Mr. Oborn is asking for the Board's recommendation to revoke his license for non-compliance with his stipulation. Mr. Felt made a motion to recommend Mr. Garrett's license be revoked with a clause that he cannot reapply for five years. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fritz and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no discussion items.

Next Board Meeting:

January 22, 2014

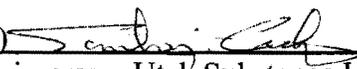
2014 Board meetings have been tentatively scheduled
January 22, April 23, July 16, October 22

ADJOURN:

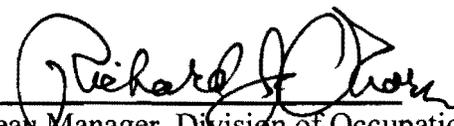
The meeting adjourned: 10:32 A.M.

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.

Jan. 22, 2014
Date Approved

(SS) 
Chairperson, Utah Substance Use Disorder Counselor
Licensing Board

1/22/14
Date Approved

(SS) 
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing