



KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PASTORAL COUNSELORS

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. ET via Microsoft Teams
and at 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601

A Board meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Pastoral Counselors was held on February 13, 2026, via Microsoft Teams Conference Call and in PPC Conference Room 127CW.

Board Members Present

Margaret Brooks, Board Chair
Crystal Shepherd
James Stillwell
Lisa Nisbet

Dept of Professional Licensing

Miranda Guarnieri, Board Specialist Senior
Kristen Lawson, Commissioner
Gabe Dent, Administrative Supervisor
Cathy Falconer, General Counsel

Members Absent

Andrew Cole

Others in Attendance

Patrick Argiro

Call To Order

Margaret Brooks called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. ET

Minutes

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from November 14, 2025, Board Meeting. A motion was made by James Stillwell to approve the minutes as presented. Crystal Shepherd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Financials

The Board reviewed financial statements from November and December 2025, and January 2026, with no further questions or concerns at this time.

DPL Report

Commissioner Lawson stated that the Board has a new supervisor, Gabe Dent.

Board Counsel

General Counsel, Cathy Falconer, stated that she will be the new acting attorney for the Board as our previous attorney is no longer with our department.

Board Chair Report

No Board Chair report this month.

Licensure Report

The Board reviewed a licensure report with no further action required.

Old Business

- Cathy Falconer will work on updating the Board regulations.

New Business

- There was no new business.

Application Review

Lisa Nisbet made a motion to move into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j) for deliberations of quasi-judicial bodies regarding the applications and complaints at which information protected by KRS 61.810(k) may be discussed and the motion was seconded by Crystal Shepherd. The motion carried and the Board entered closed session at 1:30 p.m. ET.

A motion was made by Crystal Shepherd at 1:47 p.m. ET to enter open session and the motion was seconded by James Stillwell. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Lisa Nisbett to approve the renewal for S.W., and the motion was seconded by Crystal Shepherd. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Crystal Shepherd to approve N.J. to sit for the examination. The motion was seconded by Lisa Nisbett and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Crystal Shepherd to instruct Ms. Guarnieri to send a Board response to Mr. Argiro. The motion was seconded by James Stillwell and the motion carried.

Complaints

A motion was made by Lisa Nisbett to continue to keep the complaint against M.L. open, and to also forward it to other Boards, if applicable. The motion was seconded by Crystal Shepherd and the motion carried.

Next Meeting

A motion was made by Crystal Shepherd for the Board to have a special meeting prior to the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Lisa Nisbet and the motion carried.

- The next meeting will be a Special Meeting on May 15, 2026.
- The next Regular Meeting will be on August 14, 2026.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Lisa Nisbet to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m. ET. Crystal Shepherd seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.



MARGARET BROOKS, Board Chair