

South Carolina Counseling Association (SCCA)
Meeting Minutes



South Carolina Counseling Association
Spring (Conference) 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2023 | 4:00 pm
Meeting #3, 2022 – 2023

Invited: Chandler Cox, Guy Ilagan, Roxi Tolbert, Katherine DeWitt, Aubrey Sejuitt, Jennifer Jordan, Nikki Vasilas, Stephanie McMillan, Dominique Roberts, Madison Farrell, Kasey Ennis, Kiersten Warfield, Camilla Bravo, Amanda Budd

In Attendance:

Chandler Cox, Guy Ilagan, Mandi Budd, Jennifer Jordan, Stephanie McMillan, Dominique Roberts, Kiersten Warfield, Kasey Kennis

Meeting called to order at 4:46 Stephanie seconded.

Conference updates - have about 316 people attending and over half checked in. We have had a few people sick and unable to attend. We are not contracted to the Westin next year. They came back with too high of prices next year. Will look at the Hilton at Myrtle Beach. Our Volunteers are great this year! Slideshow was emailed for the awards. We are putting together the exhibitors that will also be displayed at the luncheon. There have been hotel problems. People are not getting into their room until late and having issues at our extra hotel. We do have the Gullah Cultural Specialist coming to speak on Saturday and taking donations to help them and SCCA will match what we raise.

Technology and Publicity - Things are going good, had an issue with one session today but everything else has done well. Dr Jordan made bags for each room to hook up everything. There are some posts that the person is not actually posting on the Whova board. She is posting the announcements. We did have some complaints about having a virtual presentation.

Elections and Nomination - need to make an announcement at the luncheon and the breakfast. We have three board member vacancies. We need the president elect. Treasurer will be up in 2026.

Awards - change in legislative award wording. Will now say: This award is designed to recognize a person who has made a substantial impact on the field of counseling in regards to legislation. Chandler votes yes, All 2nd. Went over award winners. Nominations for our board will be due by March 30th.

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Advocacy Updates - Our sponsor's husband passed away recently and she has been out for the past three weeks. They will have a committee hearing within the next three weeks, VA is on it and the department of defense is on it.

Coalition for Safer Schools - Trying to take away administration duties from school counselors so they can counselor more. Change in education budget so they can hire someone to do the duties they were doing. This would include them not doing IGP's. They are also trying to get school counselors trauma continuing education. We will be one of the founding members of the South Carolina Behavioral Health Coalition. We will probably have a lobbyist due to this. Each group would contribute to the cause. We are working on the compact on the house level.

The other bill we are monitoring is the millstone act. This will fine anyone providing gender affirming care.

Chandler will stay the legislative chair in continuing years.

Meeting closed at 5:19 pm

Next meeting April 29, 2023 virtually at 10:00 am