Board Update – March 2026

Board Meeting Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026
Location: 19th Floor, Riffe State Office Tower, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
Professional Standards Committee Meetings: 9:00:00 AM-10:00 AM (Art and Music Therapy PSC will meet starting at 9:30 AM); SWPSC – Riffe, 19th Floor, Room 1932; MFTPSC – Riffe, 19th Floor, Room 1948; CPSC – Riffe, 19th Floor, Room 1914. Music Therapy PSC (MPSC), Riffe, 19th Floor, Room 1908; Art Therapy PSC, Riffe, 19th Floor, Room, 1916.
Board Meeting: 10:00 AM (or following the conclusion of the PSC meetings), Riffe, 19th Floor, Room 1948
Ad Hoc Committee Meeting: 1:00 PM (or following the Board Meeting and possible lunch break) Artificial Intelligence, Room 1948. The Alternative Therapies Ad Hoc Committee will not meet in March.

DAS Public WIFI Information
Username = Ohioguest
Password = Ohiotheheartofitall

Updates

Required Ethics Training
All Board Members are required to take the Ohio Ethics Commission training each calendar year. The 2026 ethics training is now available online: https://ethics.ohio.gov/education/elearning/ecourses.html. When you complete it, please email me the complete date. There is no need to send the certificate.

Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS)
Board Members, both current and those whose terms expired in 2025, must file a 2025 Financial Disclosure Statement with the Ohio Ethics Commissions. The FDS is due on May 15, 2026. More information is available at: https://ethics.ohio.gov/fds/index.html or refer to the email I forwarded on 1/3/2026. The Board pays the filing fees but is not responsible for any late fees.

Rule Changes
JCARR met on March 2. No questions were raised regarding the "Trainee and Other Rules" package submitted in December. The rules should be released for final filing after March 12.

Counseling Exam Change Follow Up
Since the last Board update (1/8/2026) we have issued 576 LPCCs. This is an increase over the similar period last year, when 135 LPCCs were issued. Staff are doing their best to respond to the increased applications. We are starting to receive some questions from more experienced LPCs who are seeking confirmation of supervision hours. Related to these confirmation requests are some inquiries about whether supervision will be waived for certain LPCs. Thus far, we have advised that any LPC applying for an LPCC must meet the requirements, regardless of when they were originally licensed.

Compacts – Counseling and Social Work

Ohio Licensees continue to apply for privileges in Minnesota and Arizona. As of March 4, approximately 55 Ohio LPCCs hold privileges in Arizona and Minnesota. Nearly 140 counselors have obtained a privilege to practice in Ohio. As of March 2, the Compact had issued over 650 privileges. Several other states are expected to go live in before the end of the fiscal year in June. At present it is not clear if those applying for privileges have existing clients in the privilege states or are seeking new clients. This will be worth monitoring as it may impact who elects to seek and retain privileges. We have published a thorough FAQ on the Board website: https://cswmft.ohio.gov/get-licensed/counselors/counseling_compact_privileges.

The Social Work Compact continues to work on the contract to build out its database. Work also continues on the rules and related requirements.

eLicense

In March we expect several changes to eLicense to go live, including a change in the drop down on LPCC application, a correction to the escrow reinstatement for LPATs and LPMTs, and an option to allow for a reinstatement of an escrow license to be marked as ineligible (similar functionality exists for general renewals). Currently, the IT staff are working on level of effort documents to add automation to our handling of background checks and a change to the license look up to show a "licensed by" field, e.g. examination or reciprocity. Cost estimates on these changes may determine if we can go forward with them.

Calendar Year 2026 Meeting Dates

- May 14
- July 9
- September 10
- November 12

Educator Summit

A "save the date" has been sent for the Friday, May 8 educator summit. We will be sharing ideas about the agenda during the March meeting.

Investigations

The complaints and cases for the current FY and CY are provided below to give some sense of the flow of complaints and cases. The Investigations team has been triaging complaints carefully to ensure cases are properly assigned.

- Complaints received in FY2026: 864
- Total cases set up for FY2026: 141
- Complaints received in CY2026: 196
- Total cases set up for CY2026: 58
- Total cases closed since Jan 2026: 62
- Total cases closed in FY2026: 261

- Cases opened in 2025 :183

- Cases opened in 2024 :398
- Cases opened in 2023: 531
- Cases opened in 2022: 605
- Cases opened in 2021: 492

Service Requests Processed (review of supervision hours, exam reapprovals, trainee renewals, verifications, submissions of additional documentation, etc.) From 1/4/2026 through 3/1/2026 **11,431** service requests were processed.

Licenses/Registrations Issued 1/8/2026 -3/2/2026	**#**
Trainees Renewals (All)	847
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor	576
Counselor Trainee	262
Licensed Independent Social Worker	220
Licensed Social Worker	183
Licensed Professional Counselor	132
LPCC-Compact Privilege	129
LISW-S	120
Social Worker Trainee	110
LPCC-S	81
Marriage and Family Therapist Trainee	19
Independent Marriage and Family Therapist	13
Registered Social Work Assistant	13
Licensed Professional Music Therapist	9
Marriage and Family Therapist	5
IMFT-S	2
Licensed Professional Art Therapist	1
Temporary Licensed Professional Counselor	0
Temporary Licensed Social Worker	0
Temporary Marriage and Family Therapist	0
Total	**2722**

Applications Received 1/8/2026 - 3/1/2026	**#**
Licensed Social Worker	356
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor	277
Licensed Professional Counselor	236
Licensed Independent Social Worker	171
LISW-S	93
Social Worker Trainee	86
LPCC-S	56
Counselor Trainee	36
Registered Social Work Assistant	17
Independent Marriage and Family Therapist	16
Marriage and Family Therapist	14
Marriage and Family Therapist Trainee	12
Licensed Professional Music Therapist	5
Licensed Professional Art Therapist	2
IMFT-S	1
Temporary Licensed Social Worker	0
Temporary Marriage and Family Therapist	0
Temporary Licensed Professional Counselor	0
Total	**1378**

Active Licenses and Registrations as of 3/1/2026	**#**
Licensed Social Worker	17550
Licensed Independent Social Worker	13040
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor	9919
Licensed Professional Counselor	5222
Counselor Trainee	975
Social Worker Trainee	794
Independent Marriage and Family Therapist	642
Licensed Professional Music Therapist	422
Registered Social Work Assistant	318
Licensed Professional Art Therapist	253
Marriage and Family Therapist	252
Marriage and Family Therapist Trainee	64
Temporary Licensed Social Worker	0
Temporary Licensed Professional Counselor	0
Temporary Marriage and Family Therapist	0
***Total**	**49451**

Active Supervision Endorsements	**#**
LISW-S	8797
LPCC-S	5342
IMFT-S	166
LPC-S (no longer issued)	81
	14386

*Approx. 1984 licensees in “escrow” not included total.