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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

TIME: 11:13 A.M.

March 16, 2021

1 State Board of Social Workers,
2 Marriage and Family Therapists,
3 and Professional Counselors
4 March 16, 2021

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7 BOARD MEMBERS:
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9 Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair
10 Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, Bureau of
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs, on behalf of
12 K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
13 Professional and Occupational Affairs
14 Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Vice Chair
15 Jeanne Elberfeld, M.D., LSW
16 Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT
17 Christian Jordal, Ph.D., LMFT
18 Amy K. Keisling, LCSW - Absent
19 Kurt L. Kraus, Ed.D., NCC, ACS, LPC
20 Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN
21 Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member
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24 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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26 Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board/Regulatory Counsel
27 Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
28 Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Deputy Chief Counsel,
29 Prosecution Division
30 Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Board Prosecution
31 Liaison
32 Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
33 J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
34 Adam Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
35 Kayla R. Bolan, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
36 Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator
37 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Policy Fellow, Department of
38 State
39 Marc Farrell, Deputy Policy Director, Department of
40 State
41 Kimberly Adams, Chief of Fiscal Management, Bureau of
42 Finance and Operations, Department of State
43 Amanda Richards, Fiscal Management Specialist 2,
44 Bureau of Finance and Operations
45 Michelle Witmer, Bureau of Finance and Operations
46 Shannon Boop, Fiscal Management Specialist 1, Bureau
47 of Finance and Operations
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ALSO PRESENT:

Charles Hartwell, Esquire, Dethlefs-Pykosh Law
Group, LLC
Amanda Ashok, National Association of Social Workers
Pennsylvania Chapter Intern
Johanna Byrd, ACSW, IOM, CAE, Executive Director,
National Association of Social Workers, Pennsylvania
Chapter
Amy Sagen, Chief Operating Officer, National
Association of Social Workers

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7 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
8 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into executive session
9 with Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
10 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
11 a number of matters that are currently pending before
12 the Board on today's agenda. The Board returned to
13 open session at 11:00 a.m.]

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15 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
16 Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family
17 Therapists, and Professional Counselors was held on
18 Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT,
19 Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

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21 [Chair Corby reminded everyone the meeting was being
22 recorded, and those who remained were consenting to be
23 recorded. She also reminded everyone to mute
24 microphones when not speaking.]

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1 Introduction of Board/Public Members

2 [Chair Corby requested Board members and the public
3 introduce themselves.]

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5 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Operations Annual
6 Budget Presentation

7 [Kimberly Adams, Chief of Fiscal Management, Bureau of
8 Finance and Operations, Department of State, addressed
9 licensee population from a revenue standpoint. She
10 noted a licensee population of 22,739 in 2016 with an
11 increase of 169 in 2018 to 22,908 and another increase
12 of 4,925 in 2020 to 27,833. She provided an update
13 from this morning showing a licensee population of
14 26,401.

15 Ms. Adams noted revenue by source. She reviewed
16 categories and actual revenue for FY 2018-2019 and FY
17 2019-2020, showing a biennial total of 2,636,967.88.
18 She noted 94.8% of revenue is coming from renewals and
19 applications. She stated the last renewal fee
20 increase was in 2015 and application fee increase in
21 2020.

22 Ms. Adams provided a categorical breakdown of
23 expenses for FY 2018-2019 and FY 2019-2020 with a
24 current budget for FY 2020-2021 and expenses as of
25 March 1, 2021. She noted the current expenses.

1 Column E shows the expenses as of 3/1/2021 which were
2 \$991,690.21 and as of this morning increased to
3 \$1,102,059.30, an increase of \$110,369.09. As we are
4 currently about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the year, I feel
5 the budget of \$1,787,000.00 should be sufficient.

6 Ms. Adams reviewed revenues and expenses for FY
7 2020-2021. She noted anticipated income from the
8 licensed bachelor and the current bottom line. She
9 stated the Board should be back in the black by the
10 projected year.

11 Ms. Adams reviewed Board member expenses, noting
12 current expenses and the current budget of \$23,000 for
13 FY 2020-2021. She noted the current expenses, noting
14 the budget adequate and will be carried over to FY
15 2021-2022. She stated any excess money not used will
16 remain in the restricted account for the Board's use.]

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18 Approval of minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting

19 CHAIR CORBY:

20 I would like to hear a motion to accept
21 the minutes from the last Board meeting.
22 I believe everybody let Sandy know about
23 corrections.

24 Do I have a motion to accept the
25 minutes as corrected?

1 MS. PAINTER:

2 So moved.

3 DR. JORDAL:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR CORBY:

6 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 Report of Board Prosecutorial Division

10 [Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Board Prosecution

11 Liaison, informed the Board that the prosecution

12 division recently changed a few Board assignments.

13 She stated social work will be handled by a team led

14 by Jason Anderson with Nathan Giunta as the new

15 Prosecution Liaison.

16 Ms. McCarthy thanked the Board. She stated Mr.

17 Giunta will be the point of contact for prosecution

18 going forward.

19 Chair Corby thanked Ms. McCarthy for working with

20 the Board.

21 Mr. Giunta looked forward to working with the

22 Board in the future.]

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24 [J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,

25 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 20-69-

1 003374.

2 Charles J. Hartwell, Esquire, Dethlefs-Pykosh Law
3 Group, Counsel for the Respondent, participated in the
4 discussion.]

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6 [J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
7 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 18-69-
8 002879.]

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10 Report of Board Counsel

11 [Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
12 Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting
13 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
14 deliberations on the matters currently before the
15 Board on its agenda.

16 She noted the Board discussed Consent Agreements
17 presented as well as agenda items 4 through 21 in
18 Executive Session.]

19 MS. BLACK:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion to reject Item No. 2 at Case No.
22 20-69-003374 on the basis of being too
23 lenient.

24 CHAIR CORBY:

25 Could I have a motion?

1 DR. SANTIAGO:

2 I make a motion.

3 DR. ELBERFELD:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR CORBY:

6 All those in favor, raise your hand.

7 Opposed, raise your hand. Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried. Dr. Kraus]

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10 MS. BLACK:

11 I believe the Board would entertain a
12 motion to accept the Consent Agreement
13 at Item No. 3 at Case No. 18-69-002879.

14 CHAIR CORBY:

15 Do I have a motion?

16 DR. JORDAL:

17 So moved.

18 DR. SANTIAGO:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR CORBY:

21 All those in favor? Opposed?

22 Abstentions?

23 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
24 name is Mikelanne Welliver, LSW, Case No. 18-69-
25 002879.]

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2 MS. BLACK:

3 Item No. 4. I believe the Board would
4 entertain a motion to direct Board
5 counsel to draft a Final Adjudication
6 and Order based on discussions held in
7 executive session for Cindy Bello, Case
8 No. 20-69-013649.

9 DR. SANTIAGO:

10 I make a motion.

11 DR. JORDAL:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR CORBY:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried. Ms. Painter opposed the motion.]

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18 MS. BLACK:

19 I believe the Board would entertain a
20 motion to adopt as final the
21 Adjudication and Order for Sarah Love
22 Walton-Heuges, LCSW, Case No. 20-69-
23 007845.

24 CHAIR CORBY:

25 Is there a motion?

1 DR. SANTIAGO:

2 I'll make the motion.

3 DR. ELBERFELD:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR CORBY:

6 All those in favor? Opposed? Recused?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried. Ms. Painter and Dr. Kraus
9 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
10 the motion. Dr. Jordal abstained from voting on the
11 motion.]

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13 MS. BLACK:

14 I believe the Board would entertain a
15 motion to delegate items 6 and 7,
16 Genevieve Marie Martin, LCSW, at Case
17 No. 18-69-003784 and Megan Lynn Showers,
18 LCSW at Case No. 18-69-001541 to the
19 office of the hearing examiner for a
20 hearing to be held.

21 DR. KRAUS:

22 So moved.

23 DR. JORDAL:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?
2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Review of Applications

6 MS. BLACK:

7 Moving on to Item No. 8, I believe the
8 Board would entertain a motion to table
9 this matter until additional information
10 can be obtained.

11 DR. ELBERFELD:

12 So moved.

13 DR. SANTIAGO:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR CORBY:

16 All those in favor, raise your hand.
17 Opposed? Abstentions?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

19 ***

20 MS. BLACK:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a
22 motion to provisionally deny the
23 Application for Professional Counselor
24 by Examination for Megan Neil.

25 DR. CORBY:

1 Do I have a motion?

2 DR. SANTIAGO:

3 I motion.

4 DR. JORDAL:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR CORBY:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. BLACK:

12 I believe the Board would entertain a
13 motion to grant the Application for
14 Professional Counselor by Examination
15 for Thomas De Vitis Jr.

16 DR. KRAUS:

17 So moved.

18 DR. JORDAL:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR CORBY:

21 All those in favor? Opposed?

22 Abstentions?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. BLACK:

1 I believe the Board would entertain a
2 motion to provisionally deny the
3 Application for Professional Counselor
4 by Examination for Erin Ramsey.

5 DR. SANTIAGO:

6 Motion.

7 DR. KRAUS:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR CORBY:

10 All those in favor? Opposed?

11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 MS. BLACK:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to grant a Provisional License to
17 Practice Professional Counseling under
18 Act 41 for items 12, 13, 14, and 15 for
19 Carol Williams, Tammy Steiner, William
20 Ruble, and Melissa Huff.

21 DR. JORDAL:

22 So moved.

23 DR. KRAUS:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?
2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 MS. BLACK:

6 Regarding Item No. 16, The Board is
7 directing the Board administrator to
8 send a letter based on discussions held
9 in executive session for the Preapproved
10 CE Provider Renewal submitted by Lehigh
11 Valley Health Network.

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13 MS. BLACK:

14 I believe the Board would entertain a
15 motion to grant the request for an
16 exception by Peter Danzig, LSW, MSS, MA,
17 CCTP, CPT, for the supervisor to
18 supervise more than six supervisees.

19 DR. JORDAL:

20 So moved.

21 DR. KRAUS:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR CORBY:

24 All those in favor? Opposed?
25 Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. BLACK:

4 I believe the Board would entertain a
5 motion to grant the request for an
6 exception by Matt Ercolani, MS, for a
7 supervisor to supervise more than six
8 supervisees.

9 DR. SANTIAGO:

10 Motion.

11 DR. ELBERFELD:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR CORBY:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MS. BLACK:

19 I believe the Board would entertain a
20 motion to approve the Fictitious Names
21 of The Mindful Oasis Co at Item No. 19
22 and Jess Beau Integrative Therapy, LLC
23 at Item No. 20 on today's agenda.

24 CHAIR CORBY:

25 Do I have a motion?

1 DR. JORDAL:

2 So moved.

3 DR. EVANS:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR CORBY:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. BLACK:

11 I believe the Board would entertain a
12 motion to table discussion of Item No.
13 21 for a future meeting.

14 DR. KRAUS:

15 So moved.

16 DR. JORDAL:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR CORBY:

19 All those in favor? Opposed?

20 Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

22 ***

23 Report of Board Chair

24 CHAIR CORBY:

25 I have a request for approval for myself

1 and Dr. Jordal to attend the Annual
2 Association of Marriage & Family Therapy
3 Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) Conference
4 held virtually in September.

5 We would need a motion for us to be
6 able to attend.

7 DR. SANTIAGO:

8 I make a motion that Dr. Corby and Dr.
9 Jordal be able to attend the AMFTRB
10 Annual Meeting in September virtually.

11 MS. PAINTER:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR CORBY:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?
15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Commissioner - No Report

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20 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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22 Miscellaneous

23 [Jeanne Elberfeld, M.D., LSW, requested the templates
24 used for deliberations be reviewed by prosecution and
25 changed to gender-neutral language.]

1 Mr. Giunta will discuss the issue with Ms.
2 McCarthy and examine adjusting that template in the
3 future.

4 Chair Corby referred to correspondence from the
5 Association of Marriage & Family Therapy Regulatory
6 Boards regarding new federal regulations for the
7 Board's review.

8 Ms. Martin addressed the three options of the
9 educational programs, noting that the third option
10 undermines the purpose of the Federal regulation.

11 Dr. Jordal noted a number of initiatives were
12 going on at multiple layers, notably at the Federal
13 level, attempting to address the issue that students
14 are not necessarily informed of the licensure
15 eligibility of their program, notably for distance-
16 based institutions and online programs.

17 Dr. Jordal stated there will continue to be
18 students who, despite communication from the program,
19 feel like they are in a license-eligible program that
20 it is not license-eligible, notably in not just
21 potentially the state the institution is in but other
22 states as well.]

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24 Adjournment

25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 I would entertain a motion for
2 adjournment

3 DR. JORDAL:

4 So moved.

5 MS. PAINTER:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR CORBY:

8 All those in favor? Abstentions?

9 Opposed?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 [There being no further business, the State Board of
13 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
14 Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at
15 11:59 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors meeting.



Evan Bingaman,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
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STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,
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AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
REFERENCE INDEX

March 16, 2021

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11:28	Approval of Minutes
11:28	Report of Prosecutorial Division
11:42	Report of Board Counsel
11:46	Review of Applications
11:51	Report of Board Chair
11:52	Miscellaneous
11:59	Adjournment