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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: 12:04 P.M.

October 19, 2021

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State Board of Social Workers,  
Marriage and Family Therapists,  
and Professional Counselors  
October 19, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair
- K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
- Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Vice Chair
- Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT
- Christian Jordal, Ph.D., LMFT
- Amy K. Keisling, LCSW
- Kurt L. Kraus, Ed.D., NCC, ACS, LPC
- Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN
- Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board/Regulatory Counsel
- Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Colby B. Widdowson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator
- Sarah McNeill, Board Administrator of Other Boards
- Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist, Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

- Johanna Byrd, ACSW, IOM, CAE, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers, Pennsylvania Chapter

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2 State Board of Social Workers,  
3 Marriage and Family Therapists  
4 and Professional Counselors

5 October 19, 2021

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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 before the Board today and to  
12 receive advice of counsel. The Board entered into  
13 public session at 12:04 a.m.]

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15 Meeting Instructions

16 [Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator, provided  
17 instructions to be followed during the virtual  
18 meeting.

19 Ms. Matter noted the meeting was being recorded,  
20 and those who continued to participate were giving  
21 their consent to be recorded.]

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23 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
24 Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family  
25 Therapists, and Professional Counselors was held on

1 Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT,  
2 Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

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4 Introduction of Board Members

5 [Chair Corby requested Board members introduce  
6 themselves.]

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8 Introduction of Attendees

9 [Chair Corby requested those in attendance introduce  
10 themselves. Ms. Matter provided the introductions.]

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12 Approval of minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting

13 CHAIR CORBY:

14 I believe that the draft minutes of the  
15 September 7, 2021 meeting was sent to  
16 the Board members and Board members sent  
17 corrections to the Board Administrator.

18 So I will ask if there is a motion  
19 to approve the minutes with corrections.

20 MS. PAINTER:

21 So moved.

22 DR. JORDAL:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR CORBY:

25 All those in favor of the motion, raise

1                   your hand. Opposed? Abstentions?  
2 [The motion carried. Kurt Kraus and Christian Jordal  
3 abstained from voting on the motion.]

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5 Report of Board Prosecutorial Division  
6 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor,  
7 on behalf of Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board  
8 Prosecution Liaison, presented the VRP Agreement for  
9 Case No. 21-69-013115.]

10   \*\*\*  
11 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor,  
12 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 19-69-  
13 013222, VRP Agreement for Case No. 21-69-011404, and  
14 VRP Agreement for Case No. 21-69-012311.]

15   \*\*\*  
16 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor,  
17 on behalf of Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board  
18 Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case  
19 No. 21-69-004753.]

20   \*\*\*  
21 [Colby B. Widdowson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
22 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 19-69-  
23 001487 and Case No. 15-69-13215.]

24   \*\*\*  
25 [Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,

1 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 21-69-  
2 014371.]

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4 Report of Board Counsel

5 MS. BLACK:

6 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the  
7 Sunshine Act, prior to today's meeting,  
8 the Board entered into Executive Session  
9 for the purpose of conducting quasi-  
10 judicial deliberations on a number of  
11 matters before the Board; specifically,  
12 items 2 through 9 and 15 through 28.

13 I believe the Board would entertain  
14 a motion to approve the Consent  
15 Agreements at items 3; 5; and 8; Case  
16 No. 19-69-001487, Case No. 19-69-013222,  
17 and Case No. 21-69-004753.

18 CHAIR CORBY:

19 Do I hear a motion?

20 MS. KEISLING:

21 So moved.

22 DR. JORDAL:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR CORBY:

25 All those in favor, raise your hand.



1 I believe the Board would entertain a  
2 motion to reject the Consent Agreement  
3 at item 9, Case No. 21-69-014371 for  
4 being too lenient.

5 DR. SANTIAGO:

6 Motion.

7 DR. JORDAL:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR CORBY:

10 All those in favor, raise your hand.  
11 Opposed? Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried. Linda Martin and Commissioner  
13 Johnson abstained from voting on the motion.]

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15 MS. BLACK:

16 I believe the Board would entertain a  
17 motion to approve the VRP Agreements at  
18 items 2; 6; 7; Case No. 21-69-013115,  
19 Case No. 21-69-011404, and Case No. 21-  
20 69-012311.

21 MS. KEISLING:

22 So moved.

23 DR. JORDAL:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CORBY:



1 All those in favor, raise your hand.

2 Opposed? Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Linda Martin abstained from  
4 voting on item 6.]

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6 Report of Board Counsel - Matters for Deliberation

7 [Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred to  
8 agenda item 10, noting the Board did not discuss the  
9 matter in Executive Session due to recent filings that  
10 were added to the docket that were provided to the  
11 commonwealth attorney, and the item was tabled.]

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13 MS. BLACK:

14 Moving on to item 11, I believe the  
15 Board would entertain a motion to adopt  
16 as final, the order adopting the hearing  
17 examiner's Proposed Adjudication and  
18 substituting a Board Order for Final  
19 Order for Barbara Forrest Bauer, Case  
20 No. 19-69-005825.

21 DR. JORDAL:

22 So moved.

23 MS. KEISLING:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 All those in favor, raise your hand.

2 Opposed? Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Report of Board Counsel - Legislative

6 [Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed  
7 House Bill 1926, which would establish the Social  
8 Worker Educational Enrollment and Training Program.  
9 She noted the bill provides for the authorization of  
10 internship positions, award of stipends for internship  
11 positions, and funding of the program.]

12 Ms. Black stated the Department of Health would  
13 administer the program to provide commitment stipends  
14 to qualified applicants who continue to practice  
15 clinical social work in mental health professional  
16 shortage areas. She noted the bill was introduced  
17 October 7, 2021, and referred to committee.]

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19 Report of Board Counsel - Miscellaneous

20 [Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, announced Dr.  
21 Kraus and Ms. Keisling are leaving the Board and will  
22 be missed very much. She mentioned that there are now  
23 two vacancies on the Probable Cause Screening  
24 Committee and an alternate member if the Board wishes  
25 to have an alternate.]

1 Dr. Santiago and Dr. Evans nominated themselves  
2 for the Probable Cause Screening Committee.]

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4 MS. BLACK:

5 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
6 appoint Michelle Santiago to the  
7 Probable Cause Screening Committee?

8 MS. KEISLING:

9 So moved.

10 DR. JORDAL:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR CORBY:

13 All those in favor, raise your hand.  
14 Opposed? Abstentions?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. BLACK:

18 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
19 appoint Erika Evans to the Probable  
20 Cause Screening Committee?

21 MS. KEISLING:

22 So moved.

23 DR. JORDAL:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 All those in favor, raise your hand.

2 Opposed? Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 [Marilyn Painter volunteered to be the alternate for  
6 the Probable Cause Screening Committee.]

7 Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Senior Board  
8 Prosecutor, provided a summary of the alternate  
9 member's responsibilities. He explained that the  
10 third alternate member would not be contacted unless  
11 prosecution has not received a response from the other  
12 two members after 24 to 48 hours of receiving  
13 something for probable cause screening.

14 Mr. Anderson explained that the Board would see  
15 who voted or at least saw the information and would be  
16 excluded from voting on the matter. He offered to  
17 assist Ms. Black with any other questions regarding  
18 probable cause screening.]

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20 MS. BLACK:

21 Is there a motion to appoint Marilyn  
22 Painter as an alternate to the Probable  
23 Cause Screening Committee?

24 DR. SANTIAGO:

25 Motion.

1 DR. JORDAL:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR CORBY:

4 All those in favor, raise your hand.

5 Opposed? Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Applications

9 MS. BLACK:

10 Moving on to the applications at item  
11 15. I Believe the Board would entertain  
12 a motion to approve the Application for  
13 Professional Counselor by Exam for  
14 Edward Sutter.

15 DR. SANTIAGO:

16 Motion.

17 DR. KRAUS:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR CORBY:

20 All those in favor, raise your hand.

21 Opposed? Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. BLACK:

25 I Believe the Board would entertain a

1 motion to approve the Application for  
2 item 16, Professional Counselor by Exam  
3 for Dani Butz.

4 DR. JORDAL:

5 Motion.

6 CHAIR CORBY:

7 Do I hear a second?

8 DR. EVANS:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR CORBY:

11 All those in favor, raise your hand.

12 Opposed? Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried. Christian Jordal, Linda Martin,  
14 and Michelle Santiago opposed the motion.]

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16 MS. BLACK:

17 I Believe the Board would entertain a  
18 motion to provisionally deny the  
19 Application at item 17, Professional  
20 Counselor by Examination for Christopher  
21 Thomas.

22 DR. JORDAL:

23 Motion.

24 DR. SANTIAGO:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR CORBY:

2 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried. Linda Martin opposed the  
5 motion.]

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7 MS. BLACK:

8 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
9 approve the Application at item 18,  
10 Professional Counselor by Examination  
11 for Terry Shultz?

12 DR. SANTIAGO:

13 Motion.

14 DR. JORDAL:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR CORBY:

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

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. BLACK:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a  
23 motion to provisionally deny the  
24 Application for item 19, Professional  
25 Counselor by Exam for Colleen Ghirardi.

1 MS. KEISLING:

2 Motion.

3 DR. JORDAL:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR CORBY:

6 All those in favor, raise your hand.

7 Opposed? Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried. Linda Martin opposed the  
9 motion.]

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11 MS. BLACK:

12 I believe the Board would entertain a  
13 motion to approve the Supervised  
14 Clinical Experience at item 20, Clinical  
15 Social Worker by Examination for Luis  
16 Colon.

17 DR. KRAUS:

18 So moved.

19 MS. KEISLING:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR CORBY:

22 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
25 motion.]



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2 MS. BLACK:

3 I believe the Board would entertain a  
4 motion to approve the Education at item  
5 21, Social Worker by Examination for  
6 Tracy Geist.

7 MS. KEISLING:

8 So moved.

9 DR. JORDAL:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR CORBY:

12 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
13 Abstentions?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. BLACK:

17 I believe the Board would entertain a  
18 motion to approve a provisional license  
19 under Act 41 for Professional Counselor  
20 for items 22 through 26; Marcus Riggs,  
21 Kaitlyn Carney, Laura Loomis, Aubrey  
22 Noble, and Julie Goldberg.

23 DR. JORDAL:

24 Motion.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 Do I hear a second?

2 DR. SANTIAGO:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR CORBY:

5 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

6 Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 MS. BLACK:

10 I believe the Board would entertain a  
11 motion to approve a provisional license  
12 under Act 41 for a Marriage and Family  
13 Therapist for item 27, Coleen Dixon.

14 DR. JORDAL:

15 Motion.

16 DR. SANTIAGO:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR CORBY:

19 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

20 Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
22 motion.]

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24 MS. BLACK:

25 Lastly, I believe the Board would

1 entertain a motion to approve a  
2 provisional license under Act 41 for  
3 item 28, Clinical Social Work for  
4 Viergina Dudley.

5 MS. KEISLING:

6 So moved.

7 DR. SANTIAGO:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR CORBY:

10 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
13 motion.]

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15 Report of Board Chair

16 [Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair, addressed prior  
17 Board discussion regarding having a Supervised  
18 Clinical Experience Committee to meet outside of Board  
19 meetings to discuss supervision matters.

20 Ms. Matter noted the Board discussed supervised  
21 clinical experience forms and whether there was an  
22 easier way to have supervisors complete the forms and  
23 have the information verified.

24 Chair Corby offered to work on the committee and  
25 asked who else would like to join her.



1 CHAIR CORBY:

2 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 Report of Commissioner

7 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of  
8 Professional and Occupational Affairs, noted waivers  
9 have been extended until March 31, 2022, including  
10 virtual meetings. He complimented the Board for  
11 handling the situation with grace and poise.

12 Commissioner Johnson addressed physical travel,  
13 noting the preference still remains virtual  
14 attendance. He stated the Board needed to formally  
15 vote upon any physical travel in a public meeting  
16 before any administrative approvals could be given due  
17 to recent changes to the Sunshine Act.

18 Commissioner Johnson recommended requests for  
19 regional and national conferences be made early due to  
20 the impracticality of all of the staffing and  
21 accommodation shortages. He noted that travel  
22 requests are all done now through the commonwealth  
23 portal. He suggested Board members to reach out to  
24 him or Ms. Matter for technical documents and  
25 instructions.

1 Commissioner Johnson personally thanked Dr. Kraus  
2 and Ms. Keisling for all of their assistance. He also  
3 complimented Board members for conducting themselves  
4 with a high level of empathy, reason, and  
5 consideration. He also thanked Dr. Kraus and Ms.  
6 Keisling for everything they have done for the Board  
7 and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.]

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9 Report of Board Administrator

10 [Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator, announced she  
11 is retiring and November 30 would be her last meeting  
12 with the Board. She stated it has been a great  
13 pleasure working with everyone associated with the  
14 Board.

15 Commissioner Johnson stated Ms. Matter has been  
16 the repository and wealth of knowledge. He thanked  
17 Ms. Matter for all she had done for the Board and the  
18 organization and wished her the best.

19 Ms. Matter will be working with the Board through  
20 the end of the year. She commented that it had been  
21 nice working as the Board Administrator for over 18  
22 years and thanked everyone.

23 Chair Corby commented that the Board would have  
24 much more to say at the next Board meeting.]

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1 For Your Information

2 [Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair, referred to the  
3 proposed American Association of State Counseling  
4 Boards (AASCB) Bylaws, Pennsylvania Association for  
5 Marriage and Family Therapy (PAMFT) letter, and  
6 Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation  
7 Council (MPCAC) letter for the Board's information.]

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9 [Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair, noted she was sorry  
10 to see Dr. Kraus and Ms. Keisling leave the Board,  
11 noting they will be greatly missed and may they be  
12 blessed.]

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14 [Kurt L. Kraus, Ed.D., NCC, ACS, LPC, and Amy K.  
15 Keisling, LCSW, exited the meeting at 1:03 p.m.]

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17 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
18 1:03 p.m., the Board entered into Executive Session  
19 with Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
20 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and  
21 to receive advice of counsel. The Board entered into  
22 public session at 1:25 p.m.]

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24 [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:31 p.m. until  
25 2:14 p.m. in the Matter of an Application for a

1 License by Examination as a Professional Counselor of  
2 Sharon Spaid, Case No. 21-69-010685.]

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4 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
5 2:16 p.m., the Board entered into Executive Session  
6 with Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
7 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and  
8 to receive advice of counsel. The Board entered into  
9 public session at 2:31 p.m.]

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11 Adjournment

12 CHAIR CORBY:

13 Do I hear a motion to adjourn this  
14 meeting?

15 DR. JORDAL:

16 Motion.

17 DR. SANTIAGO:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR CORBY:

20 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
24 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and  
25 Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at



1 2:31 p.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

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

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Samantha Sabatini,

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Minute Clerk

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STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,  
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AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
REFERENCE INDEX

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| TIME  | AGENDA                           |
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| 9:30  | Executive Session                |
| 11:00 | Return to Open Session           |
| 12:04 | Official Call to Order           |
| 12:04 | Introduction of Board Members    |
| 12:05 | Introduction of Attendees        |
| 12:07 | Approval of Minutes              |
| 12:09 | Report of Prosecutorial Division |
| 12:27 | Report of Board Counsel          |
| 12:39 | Applications                     |
| 12:46 | Report of Board Chairperson      |
| 12:51 | Report of Commissioner           |
| 12:58 | Report of Board Administrator    |
| 1:01  | For Your Information             |
| 1:03  | Executive Session                |
| 1:25  | Return to Open Session           |
| 1:31  | Formal Hearing - Sharon Spaid    |
| 2:14  |                                  |
| 2:16  | Executive Session                |
| 2:31  | Return to Open Session           |
| 2:31  | Adjournment                      |