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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**

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Board Room C
One Penn Center
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

July 25, 2017

1 State Board of Social Workers,
2 Marriage and Family Therapists
3 and Professional Counselors
4 July 25, 2017
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7 BOARD MEMBERS:
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9 Dr. James K. Matta Sr., LPC, NCC, Chairperson - Absent
10 Ian J. Harlow, Commissioner of Professional
11 and Occupational Affairs - Absent
12 Renee J. Cardone, MSW, Vice Chairperson
13 Joy E. Corby, LMFT - Absent
14 David E. Gallick, MSW, LSW, LMFT
15 Janet R. Hess, NCC, LPC
16 Amy K. Keisling, LCSW
17 Dr. Kurt L. Kraus, LPC
18 Dr. Teniola Osundeko, LCSW
19 Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member
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22 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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24 Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
25 T'rese M. Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
26 Steven A. Mimm, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
27 J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
28 Heather McCarthy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
29 Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator
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32 ALSO PRESENT:
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34 Johanna Byrd, National Association of Social
35 Workers-Pennsylvania
36 Denise Getgen, Director, Pennsylvania Department of
37 Aging Protective Services
38 Tina Kotsalos, Director, Investor Education and
39 Consumer Outreach, Department of Banking and
40 Securities
41 Jessica Thor
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2 State Board of Social Workers,
3 Marriage and Family Therapists
4 and Professional Counselors

5 July 25, 2017

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7 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
8 Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family
9 Therapists and Professional Counselors was held on
10 Tuesday, July 25, 2017. Renee J. Cardone, MSW, Vice
11 Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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13 Approval of Minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

15 I believe we'll take a look at our Draft
16 Minutes. Does anyone have any
17 corrections? All those in favor of
18 approval of the Minutes? Can I have a
19 motion to approve the Minutes with
20 changes?

21 MS. PAINTER:

22 So moved.

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

24 Can I have a second?

25 DR. KRAUS:

1 Second.

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

3 All those in favor? Anyone opposed?

4 Anyone abstained? Two abstentions.

5 [The motion carried. Janet R. Hess and Dr. Teniola
6 Osundeko abstained from voting on the motion.]

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8 Report of the Prosecutorial Division

9 [Heather McCarthy, Esquire, introduced Jessica Thor,
10 daughter of paralegal Beth Harris and a social work
11 college student who was present to observe the
12 meeting.]

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14 [T'rese M. Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on
15 behalf of Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
16 presented a Consent Agreement for File No.
17 15-69-02527.]

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19 [Steven A. Mimm, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
20 a Consent Agreement for File No. 14-69-00822.]

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22 [T'rese M. Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
23 Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented Consent
24 Agreements for File No. 14-69-09283 and File No.
25 11-69-08871.]

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2 [Janet R. Hess, David E. Gallick, and Dr. Teniola
3 Osundeko exited the meeting for recusals purposes at
4 9:54 a.m. and reentered at 10:01 a.m.]

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6 [J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
7 presented a Consent Agreement for File No.
8 17-69-01518.]

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10 FYI - Case Status Report

11 [Vice Chairperson Cardone referred to the Case Status
12 Reports for May and June 2017 for the Board's review.]

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14 Introduction of Board Members/Audience

15 [Vice Chairperson Cardone requested the introduction
16 of Board.]

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18 Appointments

19 Department of Banking and Securities - Elder Financial
20 Abuse

21 [Denise Getgen, Director, Pennsylvania Department of
22 Aging Protective Services, and Tina Kotsalos,
23 Director, Investor Education and Consumer Outreach,
24 Department of Banking and Securities, addressed the
25 Board regarding elder financial exploitation. A video

1 regarding the matter was shown.

2 Ms. Kotsalos discussed the role of Banking and
3 Securities. She stated the Department regulates all
4 of the financial institutions in Pennsylvania. She
5 educates the community on fraud abuse and the
6 reporting of fraud abuse.

7 Ms. Getgen noted there has been a significant
8 increase in elder abuse over the past ten years. Ms.
9 Getgen discussed the "red flags" including impaired
10 decision-making, isolation, missed appointments,
11 medication issues, and self-neglect.

12 The Pennsylvania Law mandates the Older Adults
13 Protective Service Act and voluntary reporting. Ms.
14 Getgen noted immunity for people who are reporting in
15 good faith and sanctions for those who fail to report.

16 Ms. Getgen stated concerned citizens should
17 contact their local Area Agency on Aging who will
18 assess the situation and send an investigator.

19 Ms. Kotsalos informed the Board of a free
20 continuing education training program for medical and
21 social professionals. There were questions and
22 comments by Board members.]

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24 [Amy K. Keisling, LCSW, exited the meeting at 10:29
25 a.m. and reentered at 10:31 a.m.]

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2 Report of Board Regulatory Counsel - No Report

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4 Report of Board Counsel

5 Matters for Deliberation

6 [Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted matters
7 for deliberation during Executive Session as listed on
8 the agenda as Items 9 through 15 and 16 through 18, as
9 well as the Consent Agreements.]

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11 Report of Vice Chairperson

12 [Vice Chairperson Cardone noted cases and disciplinary
13 actions for deliberation during Executive Session.]

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15 [Amy K. Keisling, LCSW, exited the meeting at 10:31
16 a.m. and reentered at 10:32 a.m.]

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18 Report From Other Board Members

19 [Procedures were discussed for requesting financial
20 approval to attend professional meetings as they
21 relate to Board activities.]

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23 Report of Commissioner - No Report

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25 Report of Board Administrator

1 [Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator, noted 2018
2 Board meeting dates and changes.]

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4 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
5 10:40 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
6 with Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
7 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations in
8 a number of matters that are currently pending before
9 the Board and to receive the advice of counsel. The
10 Board returned to open session at 12:40 p.m.]

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12 MOTIONS

13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 I believe the Board will entertain a
15 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement at
16 File No. 15-69-02527.

17 MS. PAINTER:

18 So moved.

19 MR. GALLICK:

20 Second.

21 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

22 All those in favor? All those opposed?
23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
25 name is Maria T. Murray, LMFT.]

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MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board will entertain a motion to adopt the Consent Agreement at File No. 14-69-00822.

DR. OSUNDEKO:

So moved.

MS. HESS:

Second.

VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

All those in favor? All those opposed? Abstentions?

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's name is Frederic Moriarty Haas, LPC.]

MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board will entertain a motion to adopt the Consent Agreement at File No. 14-69-09283.

MS. PAINTER:

So moved.

DR. OSUNDEKO

Second.

VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

All those in favor? All those opposed?

1 Abstentions?

2 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
3 name is Kathleen M. Marusa, LCSW.]

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5 MS. WUCINSKI:

6 I believe the Board will entertain a
7 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement at
8 File No. 11-69-08871.

9 MS. HESS:

10 So moved.

11 MS. KEISLING:

12 Second.

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

14 All those in favor? All those opposed?
15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried. Dr. Teniola Osundeko abstained
17 from voting on the motion. The Respondent's name is
18 Sandra Block Steiker, LCSW.]

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20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 I believe the Board will entertain a
22 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement at
23 File No. 17-69-01518. I want to note
24 that Hess, Gallick, and Osundeko are
25 recused.

1 MS. PAINTER:

2 So moved.

3 DR. KRAUS:

4 Second.

5 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

6 All those in favor? All those opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried. Janet R. Hess, David E. Gallick,
9 and Dr. Teniola Osundeko recused from deliberations
10 and voting on the motion. The Respondent's name is
11 Kathleen E. Buckley, LSW.]

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13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 I believe the Board will entertain a
15 motion to adopt the Hearing Examiner's
16 Draft Adjudication and Order of Claire
17 C. Abdeldaim, LPC, File No. 14-69-11877,
18 Docket No. 1616-69-16.

19 MS. PAINTER:

20 So moved.

21 MR. GALLICK:

22 Second.

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

24 All those in favor? All those opposed?

25 Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. WUCINSKI:

4 Agenda Item Number 10, the Hearing
5 Examiner's Draft Adjudication and Order
6 of Edward Alfred Thiry, III, LCSW, File
7 No. 15-69-05643, Docket No. 1136-69-15
8 is tabled.

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10 MS. WUCINSKI:

11 I believe the board will entertain a
12 motion to adopt the Draft Adjudication
13 and Order of Annette M. Shutters, File
14 No. 17-69-03210, Docket No. 0618-69-17
15 as final.

16 MS. HESS:

17 So moved.

18 MS. PAINTER:

19 Second.

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

21 All those in favor? All those opposed?

22 Abstentions?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

24 ***

25 MS. WUCINSKI:

1 I believe the Board will entertain a
2 motion to approve the Application for a
3 License by Examination to Practice
4 Clinical Social Work of Lynne Julie
5 Opsasnick and to withdraw the May 15,
6 2017 Provisional Denial Letter.

7 DR. OSUNDEKO:

8 So moved.

9 MS. KEISLING:

10 Second.

11 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

12 All those in favor? All those opposed?
13 Abstentions?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

15 ***

16 MS. WUCINSKI:

17 I believe the Board will entertain a
18 motion to approve the Application for a
19 License to Practice Social Work and to
20 take the ASWB Master's Examination of
21 Kristina K. Crippen; File No. 17-69-
22 01571, Docket No. 0617-69-17 and to
23 withdraw the March 1, 2017 Provisional
24 Denial Letter.

25 MR. GALLICK:

1 So moved.

2 MS. HESS:

3 Second.

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

5 All those in favor? All those opposed?

6 Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 MS. WUCINSKI:

10 I believe the Board will entertain a
11 motion to approve the Application for a
12 License by Examination to Practice
13 Professional Counseling of Brandon
14 Thomas Graf.

15 DR. OSUNDEKO:

16 So moved.

17 DR. KRAUS:

18 Second.

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

20 All those in favor? All those opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

23 ***

24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 I believe the Board will entertain a

1 motion to approve the Application for a
2 License by Examination to Practice
3 Professional Counseling of Claude Theon
4 Hendricks.

5 MS. PAINTER:

6 So moved.

7 MR. GALLICK:

8 Second.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

10 All those in favor? All those opposed?

11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Review of Applications

15 MS. WUCINSKI:

16 For agenda Item 16, Review of the
17 Application of Professional Counseling
18 by Examination for Danae Meloney, the
19 Board has directed the Board
20 Administrator to write a letter to the
21 Applicant based on discussions in
22 Executive Session.

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24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 Moving on to 17, I believe the Board

1 will entertain a motion to Approve the
2 Supervised Clinical Experience of
3 Danielle Adinolfi.

4 MS. HESS:

5 So moved.

6 MS. KEISLING:

7 Second.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

9 All those in favor? All those opposed?
10 Abstentions?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 Finally, I believe the Board will
15 entertain a motion to Approve the
16 Request of Richard Nicolazzi, LCSW, to
17 Complete All Continuing Education Online
18 for the 17-19 Biennial Renewal Period.

19 MS. PAINTER:

20 So moved.

21 DR. KRAUS:

22 Second.

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

24 All those in favor? All those opposed?
25 Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Adjournment

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

5 A motion to adjourn?

6 DR. KRAUS:

7 So moved.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

9 Do we have a second?

10 MS. KEISLING:

11 Second.

12 VICE CHAIRPERSON CARDONE:

13 All those in favor? All those opposed?

14 Abstentions?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 [The State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and
18 Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors meeting
19 adjourned at 12:49 p.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.



Seth R. Baier,

Minute Clerk

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STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
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