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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: 9:40 A.M.

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

December 5, 2017

1                   State Board of Social Workers,  
2                   Marriage and Family Therapists  
3                   and Professional Counselors  
4                   December 5, 2017

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7 BOARD MEMBERS:

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9 Dr. James K. Matta Sr., LPC, NCC, Chair  
10 Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of Professional  
11       and Occupational Affairs  
12 Renee J. Cardone, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chairperson  
13 Dr. Joy E. Corby, LMFT  
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 Bridget K. Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
26       Liaison  
27 Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
28 Andrea Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
29 J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
30 Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator  
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33 ALSO PRESENT:

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35 Boyd Major, Applicant  
36 Shabrie West, Applicant  
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2 State Board of Social Workers,  
3 Marriage and Family Therapists  
4 and Professional Counselors

5 December 5, 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, December 5, 2017. Dr. James K. Matta Sr.,  
11 LPC, NCC, Chair, called the meeting to order at  
12 9:40 a.m.

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14 Introduction of Board Members/Staff  
15 [Chair Matta requested the introduction of Board  
16 members and staff in attendance.]

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18 Approval of Minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting  
19 CHAIR MATTA:

20 The first item on the agenda is approval  
21 of the Board Minutes. Reviewing those  
22 Minutes, are there any items that we  
23 need to attend to?

24 [The Board discussed corrections to the Minutes.  
25 Approval was tabled for further discussion.]

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2 Report of the Prosecutorial Division

3 [Bridget K. Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
4 Liaison, introduced and offered the Board her  
5 assistance as the Board Prosecution Liaison.]

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7 [Heather McCarthy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
8 presented a Consent Agreement for File No. 16-69-  
9 02788.]

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11 [Andrea Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
12 a VRP Consent Agreement for File No. 17-69-06166.]

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14 FYI-Case Status Report

15 [Chair Matta referred Board members to the Case Status  
16 Report for review.]

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18 Approval of Minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting  
19 (Continued)

20 [The Board discussed corrections to the Minutes.]

21 CHAIR MATTA:

22 Are there any other items that we need  
23 to attend to related to the approval? I  
24 guess not. Given the revisions  
25 mentioned here, can I get an approval of

1 the Minutes?

2 DR. OSUNDEKO:

3 So moved.

4 MS. KEISLING:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR MATTA:

7 All in favor, say aye? Those that  
8 oppose? Abstain?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 Report of Board Counsel

12 Matters for Deliberation

13 [Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted matters  
14 for deliberation during Executive Session as well as  
15 two scheduled hearings.]

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17 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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19 Report from Other Board Members

20 [Renee Cardone, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chair, discussed her  
21 attendance at the Association of Social Work Boards  
22 (ASWB) Delegate Assembly in Atlanta in November. Ms.  
23 Cardone stated the mobility issue was voted on and  
24 approved by the states. The states will attempt to  
25 work together and identify rules, regulations, and

1 policies within their regulations that would stand in  
2 the way of mobility across states. She noted that ASWB  
3 will work on this issue and provide direction.

4 Ms. Cardone stated licensees will be responsible  
5 for contacting ASWB and placing their own information  
6 into the databank.

7 Ms. Cardone discussed the four qualification  
8 criteria, including passing the clinical or  
9 appropriate exam in one state. She stated those who  
10 were grandfathered in for licenses might not qualify,  
11 which would be a decision made by each individual  
12 state. Ms. Cardone commented that it was not  
13 guaranteed that with proceeding with the mobility  
14 initiative that all licensees would be licensed in  
15 other states.

16 Ms. Cardone offered to attend the next ASWB  
17 meeting in Nova Scotia in May 2018. Ms. Matter will  
18 see if Board members are permitted to travel outside  
19 the United States.]

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21 Report of Committees

22 [The Board discussed possible supervision subcommittee  
23 meeting dates, as well as individual research in  
24 preparation for the meeting on March 27, 2018, at 8:15  
25 a.m.]

1 Ms. Cardone questioned whether research regarding  
2 mobility should be done publically and whether the  
3 rules and regulations should be reviewed.

4 Dr. Corby suggested waiting until the results of  
5 the Commissioner's study were available as regulations  
6 may need to be reviewed at that time. Dr. Corby noted  
7 the language by the Association of Marriage & Family  
8 Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) could possibly  
9 cover any license.

10 Chair Matta suggested the committee wait until  
11 June to incorporate the mobility issue and reassess it  
12 at that time. He thanked the committee for organizing  
13 the work and spearheading the process.]

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15 Report of Deputy Commissioner

16 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of  
17 Professional and Occupational Affairs, read a  
18 proclamation into the record for Janet R. Hess, NCC,  
19 LPC, for her commitment to the highest standards of  
20 ethics, betterment of the professional counselor  
21 profession, and responsible acts as a public servant.]

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23 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner, exited the  
24 meeting at 10:10 a.m.]

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1 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
2 10:10 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
3 with Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
4 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations in  
5 a number of matters that are currently pending before  
6 the Board and to receive the advice of Counsel. The  
7 Board returned to Open Session at 11:06 a.m.]

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9 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:06 a.m. until 11:36  
10 a.m. In the Matter of the Application for a License to  
11 Practice Social Work and to Take the ASWB Master's  
12 Examination of Shabrie Monique West; File No. 17-69-  
13 08156, Docket No. 1402-69-2017.]

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15 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
16 11:37 a.m. the Board re-entered Executive Session with  
17 Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose  
18 of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations in a number  
19 of matters that are currently pending before the Board  
20 and to receive the advice of Counsel. The Board  
21 returned to Open Session at 11:47 a.m.]

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23 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:47 a.m. until 12:07  
24 p.m. In the Matter of the Application for a License by  
25 Endorsement without Examination to Practice



1 Professional Counseling of Boyd Allen Major; File No.  
2 17-69-08858, Docket No. 1535-69-17.]

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4 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
5 12:08 a.m. the Board re-entered Executive Session with  
6 Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose  
7 of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations in a number  
8 of matters that are currently pending before the Board  
9 and to receive the advice of Counsel. The Board  
10 returned to Open Session at 1:49 a.m.]

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12 MOTIONS

13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 I believe the Board will entertain a  
15 motion to adopt the following Consent  
16 Agreements: File No. 16-69-02788, the  
17 name of that file being Prudence Faith  
18 Genest, LSW, and File No. 17-69-06166.

19 MS. KEISLING:

20 So moved.

21 MS. HESS:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR MATTA:

24 Any further discussion? If not, all  
25 those in favor, say aye. Those that

1                   oppose? Those that abstain?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5                   I believe the Board will entertain a  
6                   motion to approve the Application for a  
7                   License by Examination to Practice  
8                   Social Work and to take the ASWB  
9                   Master's Examination of Carla Marie  
10                   Storrs.

11 DR. OSUNDEKO:

12                   So moved.

13 MR. GALLICK:

14                   Second.

15 CHAIR MATTA:

16                   Any further discussion? If not, those  
17                   in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
18                   Those that abstain?

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. WUCINSKI:

22                   I believe the Board will entertain a  
23                   motion to approve the Application for a  
24                   License by Examination to Practice  
25                   Clinical Social Work of Thomas G.

1                   McLellan.

2 DR. CORBY:

3                   So moved.

4 MR. GALLICK:

5                   Second.

6 CHAIR MATTA:

7                   Any further discussion? If not, those  
8                   in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
9                   Abstain?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13                   I believe the Board will entertain a  
14                   motion to approve the Application for a  
15                   License by Examination to Practice  
16                   Professional Counseling of Stephanie  
17                   Downer and to withdrawal the Provisional  
18                   Denial.

19 DR. KRAUS:

20                   So moved.

21 MS. KEISLING:

22                   Second.

23 CHAIR MATTA:

24                   Any further discussion? If not, those  
25                   in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?

1 Abstain?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5 I believe the Board will entertain a  
6 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft  
7 an Adjudication and Order at File No.  
8 11-69-10980, Docket No. 1614-69-16, the  
9 name being Sheri Lynn Colston, LPC.

10 DR. CORBY:

11 So moved.

12 DR. KRAUS:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR MATTA:

15 Any further discussion? If not, those  
16 in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
17 Abstain?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 I believe the Board will entertain a  
22 motion to adopt as final the draft  
23 Adjudication and Order of Kelly Sheridan  
24 Magee, LPC, File No. 14-69-08746, Docket  
25 No. 1675-69-16.

1 MS. HESS:

2 So moved.

3 MS. CARDONE:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR MATTA:

6 Any further discussion? If not, those  
7 in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
8 Abstain?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 I believe the Board will entertain a  
13 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft  
14 a Final Order in accordance with  
15 discussions in Executive Session  
16 regarding Velis Natali Fleurys Sanchez,  
17 File No. 17-69-05043, Docket No. 0868-  
18 69-17.

19 DR. KRAUS:

20 So moved.

21 MR. GALLICK:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR MATTA:

24 Any further discussion? If not, those  
25 in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?

1 Abstain?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5 I believe the Board will entertain a  
6 motion to approve the request of Earl  
7 Grady Yarbrough, Jr.

8 DR. OSUNDEKO:

9 So moved.

10 DR. CORBY:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR MATTA:

13 Any further discussion? If not, those  
14 in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
15 Abstain?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MS. WUCINSKI:

19 I believe the Board will entertain a  
20 motion to Provisionally Deny the  
21 Education of the following applicants:  
22 Tiffany Renee Chenery, Shaina L. Bailey,  
23 Alvin Chris Couch, Rashidah Inge, Ryan  
24 Patrick Skimmons and Jane Marie Boyd.

25 MS. CARDONE:

1 So moved.

2 DR. CORBY:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR MATTA:

5 Any further discussion on any of those  
6 cases? If not, those in favor, say aye.  
7 Those that oppose? Abstain?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. WUCINSKI:

11 I believe the Board will entertain a  
12 motion to approve the education of  
13 Shawnese Givens.

14 DR. CORBY:

15 So moved.

16 MS. HESS:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR MATTA:

19 Any further discussion? If not, those  
20 in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
21 Abstain?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 I believe the Board will entertain a

1 motion to approve the request of Sha-Ron  
2 Denise Allen.

3 DR. KRAUS:

4 So moved.

5 MR. GALLICK:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR MATTA:

8 Any further discussion? If not, those  
9 in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
10 Abstain?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 I believe the Board will entertain a  
15 motion to approve the education of  
16 Jennifer Seip.

17 DR. CORBY:

18 So moved.

19 MS. CARDONE:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR MATTA:

22 Any further discussion? If not, those  
23 in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
24 Abstain?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]



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2 MS. WUCINSKI:

3 I believe the Board will entertain a  
4 motion to grant the request of Lisa  
5 Gottesman, LCSW and Kelsie Patton, LSW.

6 MR. GALLICK:

7 So moved.

8 DR. KRAUS:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR MATTA:

11 Any further discussion? If not, those  
12 in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
13 Abstain?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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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 Shabrie Monique West, File No. 17-69-  
22 08156.

23 MS. HESS:

24 So moved.

25 MS. KEISLING:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR MATTA:

3 Any further discussion? If not, those  
4 in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
5 Abstain?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 MS. WUCINSKI:

9 I believe the Board will entertain a  
10 motion to approve the Application for a  
11 License by Endorsement Without  
12 Examination to Practice Professional  
13 Counseling of Boyd Allen Major, File No.  
14 17-69-08858, Docket No. 1535-69-17.

15 DR. KRAUS:

16 So moved.

17 DR. CORBY:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR MATTA:

20 Any further discussion? If not, those  
21 in favor, say aye. Those that oppose?  
22 Abstain?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Adjournment

1 CHAIR MATTA:

2 Do I get a motion for adjournment?

3 DR. CORBY:

4 So moved.

5 MR. GALLICK:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR MATTA:

8 I'm not going to ask for further  
9 discussion on that.

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11 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
12 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and  
13 Professional Counselors' meeting adjourned at 1:55  
14 p.m.]

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16 [The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2018.]

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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.



Corey Elizabeth Fake,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
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30	11:06	Formal Hearing - Shabrie Monique West
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