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1	COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	
2	DEPARTMENT OF STATE	
3	BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS	
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5	DRAFT MINUTES	
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7	MEETING OF:	
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9	STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,	
10	MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,	
11	AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS	
12		
13	TIME: 11:13 A.M.	
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15	Held at	
16	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE	
17	2601 North Third Street	
18	One Penn Center, Board Room C	
19	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110	
20	as well as	
21	VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS	
22		
23	November 29, 2022	
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State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors November 29, 2022

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BOARD MEMBERS:

Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Chair Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS Kimberly Early, LSW Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT 15 Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN - Absent Cindy Moyer, LCSW 17 Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member - Absent Mayte Redcay, LCSW, LCADC, SAP, CEAP - Absent

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BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Board Counsel Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel Carolyn DeLaurentis, Board Prosecutor

25 26 Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor 27 Garrett A. Rine, Esquire, Board Prosecutor 28 Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor

Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator Shakena Chappell, Department of State

Marc Farrell, Deputy Policy Director, Department of State

Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist, Department of State

35 36 37

ALSO PRESENT:

Chelsea Ackerman

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

43 44 Kaylee Friedman 45

Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC Jennifer N. Corb

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3 * * * 1 2 State Board of Social Workers, 3 Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors 4 5 November 29, 2022 * * * 6 7 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 9:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive Session with Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, 10 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and to have attorney-client 11 12 consultation. The Board entered into public session 13 at 11:00 a.m.] * * * 14 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, November 29, 2022. Michelle Santiago, 19 Psy.D., LPC, Chair, called the meeting to order at 20 11:13 a.m. 21 * * * 22 Introduction of Board Members 23 [Chair Santiago requested an introduction of Board 24 members. * * * 25

1 Introduction of Attendees

2 | [Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator, provided an

3 introduction of attendees.]

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5 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed 6 everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and

7 those who continued to participate were giving their

8 consent to be recorded.

9 Ms. Miley also noted the Board met in Executive
10 Session to have attorney-client consultation prior to
11 the start of the meeting and for the purpose of
12 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. She also
13 stated the Board is permitted to proceed by way of

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16 Approval of minutes of the September 26, 2022

virtual meetings pursuant to Act 100 of 2021.]

17 | Regulatory Meeting

18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

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19 Item 1 on our agenda is to make a

20 motion to approve the September 26,

21 2022 minutes with minor corrections.

22 | Could I have a motion?

23 MS. MOYER:

So moved.

25 MR. DECRISCIO:

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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Is there any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, abstain;
                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried. Arion Claggett abstained from
9
   voting on the motion.]
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   Approval of minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I believe that we will now make a
14
                  motion to approve with minor
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                  corrections the meeting minutes for
16
                  October 11.
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                       Could I have a motion, please?
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   MS. MOYER:
                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans,
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                  abstain; Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried. Erika Evans abstained from
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   voting on the motion.]
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   Report of Board Prosecutorial Division
7
   [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
   presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 21-69-
9
   015646.1
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11
   [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on
12
   behalf of Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board
13
   Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement
14
   for Case No. 22-69-002632.1
15
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I believe that the Board will entertain
17
                  a motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
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                  for number 3.
19
                       Could I have a motion, please?
20
   DR. EVANS:
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                  So moved.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Is there a second?
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   ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:
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                  Second.
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CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
   name regarding item 3 at Case No. 21-69-015646 is
9
   David Anthony Youll, L.P.C.]
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   MS. MILEY:
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                  Regarding item 6, Case No. 22-69-
13
                  002632.
14
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
15
                  I believe the Board will entertain a
16
                  motion to reject the Consent Agreement
17
                  as too lenient.
18
                       Could I have a motion, please?
19
   DR. EVANS:
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                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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    [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   [Garrett A. Rine, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
7
   presented the Consent Agreement for Case Nos. 18-69-
8
   006971 \& 20-69-011120.
        Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC,
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   counsel for the respondent, was present and
   participated in the discussion.]
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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13
                  I believe the Board will entertain a
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                  motion to adopt the Consent Agreement.
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                       Do I hear a motion?
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   ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:
                  So moved.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Do I have a second?
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
21
                  Second.
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
   name at Case Nos. 18-69-006971 \& 20-69-011120 is
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   Luanne Rossi, L.C.S.W.]
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   [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted Mr.
   Williams would have to bring item 5 at Case No.
   21-69-017321 before the Board at the January meeting
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   because the Board did not have a quorum due to
   absences and recusals.]
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12
   Report of Board Counsel - Matters for Deliberation
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   MS. MILEY:
15
                  Item 7, Social Worker by Examination
16
                  Applicant Brendan O'Grady.
17
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I believe that we will entertain a
19
                  motion to deny the Application of
20
                  number 7, O'Grady.
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                       Could I have a motion, please?
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   DR. EVANS:
23
                  So moved.
24
   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Is there any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
                  Moyer, nay.
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   [The motion carried. Cindy Moyer opposed the
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   motion.1
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   MS. MILEY:
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                  Item 8 on the agenda regarding Social
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                  Worker by Examination Applicant Carie
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                  Kipnis.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I believe that the Board will entertain
                  a motion to grant the Application to
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                  move forward for number 8.
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18
                       Could I have a motion, please?
   DR. EVANS:
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20
                  So moved.
21
   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
23
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Is there any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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    [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   MS. MILEY:
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                  Item 9 on the agenda regarding Social
8
                  Worker by Examination Applicant Jessica
9
                  Morrow.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
                  I believe that the Board will entertain
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12
                  a motion to grant the Application to
13
                  move forward for number 9, Jessica
14
                  Morrow.
15
                       May I have a motion, please?
   DR. EVANS:
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17
                  So moved.
18
   MR. DECRISCIO:
                  Second.
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20
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
21
                  Is there any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   MS. MILEY:
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                  Item 10 on the agenda regarding Social
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                  Worker by Examination Applicant Phillip
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                  Gentile.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I believe that the Board will entertain
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                  a motion to grant the Application to
10
                  move forward for number 10.
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                       May I have a motion, please?
   DR. EVANS:
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13
                  So moved.
14
   MR. DECRISCIO:
15
                  Second.
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Is there any discussion?
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                  Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
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   motion.1
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   MS. MILEY:
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13 1 Item 11, Professional Counselor by 2 Examination Applicant, Chelsea 3 Ackerman. CHAIR SANTIAGO: 4 5 I believe the Board will adopt the 6 Final Adjudication and Order for 7 Chelsea Ackerman. 8 Could I have a motion, please? 9 DR. EVANS: 10 So moved. MR. DECRISCIO: 11 Second. 12 13 CHAIR SANTIAGO: 14 Is there any discussion? 15 16 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; 17 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye; 18 Moyer, aye. 19 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 20 21 MS. MILEY: 22 Item 12, Professional Counselor by 23 Examination Applicant, Nancy Brooks. 24 CHAIR SANTIAGO: 25 I believe the Board will entertain a

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                  motion to deny the Application of Nancy
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                  Brooks, number 12.
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                       Could I have a motion, please?
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   DR. EVANS:
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                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Is there any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   Report of Regulatory Board Counsel - No Report
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   Report of Board Chairperson - No Report
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   Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report
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   Report of Board Administrator - No Report
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   Review of Applications
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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15 I believe that the Board will entertain 1 2 a motion to deny the Application of 3 number 13, Anyelina Hernandez Dela 4 Rosa. 5 Could I have a motion, please? DR. EVANS: 6 7 So moved. 8 MR. DECRISCIO: 9 Second. 10 CHAIR SANTIAGO: 11 Is there any discussion? 12 13 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; 14 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye; 15 Moyer, aye. 16 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 17 18 CHAIR SANTIAGO: I believe that the Board will entertain 19 20 a motion to deny the Application of the 21 person at number 14, Diana 22 Isakhodzhaeva. 23 Could I have a motion, please? 24 DR. EVANS: 25 So moved.

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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Is there any discussion about the
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                  person at number 14?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I believe that the Board will entertain
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                  a motion to deny the Application of
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                  number 15, Emogene Snyder.
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                        Could I have a motion, please?
   DR. EVANS:
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18
                  So moved.
   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion from the Board?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I believe that the Board will entertain
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                  a motion to deny the Application of
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                  number 16, Lindsay McCaulley.
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                       Could I have a motion, please?
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   DR. EVANS:
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                  So moved.
   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion from the Board?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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    [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I believe that the Board will entertain
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                  a motion to deny the Application at
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                  number 17, Rebecca Levy.
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                       Could I have a motion, please?
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   DR. EVANS:
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                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                   Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                   DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   Act 41 Review
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                   I believe that the Board will entertain
                   a motion to approve the Application of
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                  Lynann Gibson at number 18 pursuant to
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                  Act 41.
                        Could I have a motion?
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   DR. EVANS:
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                   So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                   Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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    [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                   I believe the Board will entertain a
9
                  motion to approve the Application of
10
                   Sara Shanklin at number 19 pursuant to
11
                  Act 41.
                        Could I have a motion?
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   DR. EVANS:
14
                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
16
                   Second.
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I believe the Board will entertain a
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                  motion to grant a Provisional License
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                  for Aiesha Lee at number 20 pursuant to
 4
                  Act 41.
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                        Could I have a motion?
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   DR. EVANS:
7
                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
9
                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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    [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
                  I believe the Board will entertain a
19
20
                  motion to grant an Unrestricted License
21
                  for David Clark at number 21 pursuant
22
                  to Act 41.
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                        Could I have a motion?
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   DR. EVANS:
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                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                   DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
                   I believe the Board will entertain a
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13
                  motion to deny the Application of
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                  Kaylee Friedman at number 22 pursuant
15
                   to Act 41.
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                        Could I have a motion, please?
   DR. EVANS:
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18
                   So moved.
   MR. DECRISCIO:
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20
                   Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                   DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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22 1 Moyer, aye. 2 [The motion carried unanimously.] 3 CHAIR SANTIAGO: 4 5 I believe the Board will entertain a motion to deny the Application of Laura 6 7 Sarsony at number 23 pursuant to Act 41. 9 May I have a motion, please? 10 DR. EVANS: So moved. 11 MR. DECRISCIO: 12 13 Second. 14 CHAIR SANTIAGO: 15 Any discussion? 16 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; 17 18 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye; 19 Moyer, aye. 20 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 21 22 CHAIR SANTIAGO: 23 I believe the Board will entertain a 24 motion to grant a Provisional License 25 for Applicant Shannon Canu at number 24

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                  pursuant to Act 41.
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                       Could I have a motion, please?
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   DR. EVANS:
                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
13
   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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15
   Preapproved Provider of Continuing Education
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
16
                  I believe the Board will entertain a
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18
                  motion to approve the Application as a
19
                  Preapproved CE Provider for Integrative
20
                  Counseling Services, PC, at number 25.
21
                       Could I have a motion, please?
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   DR. EVANS:
23
                  So moved.
24
   MR. DECRISCIO:
25
                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
7
   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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9
   Miscellaneous
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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11
                  I believe the Board will entertain a
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                  motion to approve the NCE
13
                  Accommodations Request of Carollee
14
                  Jarrett at item 26.
15
                       Could I have a motion, please?
   DR. EVANS:
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                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion about item 26?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I believe the Board will deny the NCE
5
                  Accommodations Request of Micah Small
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                  at item 27.
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                       Could I have a motion, please?
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   DR. EVANS:
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                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
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                  Moyer, aye.
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
                  I believe the Board will entertain a
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                  motion to accept the Fictitious of
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                  Slate Psychotherapy for Daniel Sibert
                  at number 28.
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                       Could I have a motion, please?
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   DR. EVANS:
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                  So moved.
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  Any discussion about item 26?
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
10
                  Moyer, aye.
   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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13
   Miscellaneous - Member Elections
14
   MS. MILEY:
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                  At this time, we'll have elections.
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                  Are there any nominations for the
17
                  position of Vice Chair?
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
                  I nominate Dr. Erika Evans as Vice
19
20
                  Chair.
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   MS. MILEY:
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                  Is there a second to that nomination?
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   MR. DECRISCIO:
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                  Second.
25
   MS. MILEY:
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27 1 Is someone moving to now close 2 nominations? 3 MS. EARLY: 4 I move that we close nominations for 5 Vice Chair. 6 MS. MILEY: 7 Any discussion or debate? Seeing none. 8 Roll call vote at this time. 9 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; 10 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Moyer, aye. [The motion carried. Erika Evans recused herself 11 12 from voting on the motion.] 13 * * * 14 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the 15 Board is appointing Kimberly Early as the alternate 16 for the Probable Cause Screening Committee and 17 replacing Marilyn Painter.] * * * 18 19 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed 20 Board members of a request in the chat for verification on the decision for Chelsea Ackerman. 21 22 Chair Santiago stated the motion was made and 23 accepted as adopting the Final Adjudication and 24 Order. 25 Ms. Miley further explained that the Adjudication

1 and Order denies the education.]

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3 Miscellaneous - CSWE Letter of Concern

4 [Johanna Byrd, ACSW, IOM, CAE, Executive Director,

5 | National Association of Social Workers, addressed the

6 | Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) letter of

7 concern. She stated the letter brings up a

B significant area of concern and referred to the data

9 regarding testing and disparity in the results. She

10 informed Board members that NASW wished to have a

11 discussion with Board members concerning possible

12 actions that could be taken but not necessarily the

13 ones recommended by the CSWE letter.

14 Sierra McNeil, President-Elect, National

15 Association of Social Workers, commented that the

16 results are a great concern for social workers and

17 | that NASW wanted to see if the Board had any plans to

18 address the examination results and creating

19 different pathways for licensure or reexamining some

20 of the questions.

21 Ms. McNeil stated the examination is racially

22 | biased. She noted that one of the barriers is the

23 | fee and asked whether they could rectify the

24 examination itself, where a person would pay the fee

25 once they passed the examination. She commented that

social workers are taking the exam five to six times, and money is a barrier when talking about licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs) or licensed social workers (LSWs), which has an effect on the behavioral health system.

Ms. Miley stated the Board appreciated the opportunity to hear from the NASW regarding their position to CSWE's letter and why and how it impacts the professional members going forward. She noted the Board would take the information under advisement and would probably be reexamining the issue in great detail in the future.

Ms. Byrd mentioned having numerous meetings with their members and having a meeting with the deans and directors of the schools of social work around the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She stated members at the professional level believe it does pose significant barriers to entry in the profession and impact people who are from different races and ethnicities. She also noted a significant barrier for people who were older, where age was a barrier as well. She mentioned that gender was less so but not completely insignificant.

Ms. Byrd stated having a biased test makes a difference in people's lives and their income

- 1 capacity. She noted it verified what they have known
- 2 | anecdotally for years and put hard data behind it.
- 3 | She commented that people are looking at what NASW is
- 4 going to do. She mentioned the Board is also being
- 5 seen as another group in the Commonwealth of
- 6 Pennsylvania that has the authority to do something
- 7 about the situation.
- 8 Ms. Miley reminded everyone that the Board does
- 9 | not speak on its own behalf regarding matters like
- 10 this. She noted the informational aspect of this is
- 11 | the key to the Board's ability to maybe decide if
- 12 some regulatory changes should be proposed regarding
- 13 regulations that currently govern the profession.
- Ms. Miley thanked Ms. Byrd and Ms. McNeil for
- 15 their presentation and information regarding their
- 16 position in the advocacy of their members. She noted
- 17 | two social work members are not present to be able to
- 18 participate in the discussion and NASW may have to
- 19 bring this before the Board again when those members
- 20 | are available to participate.
- 21 Ms. Early commented that it would be helpful to
- 22 know what NASW recommends in terms of solutions for
- 23 conversations in the future.
- 24 Ms. Byrd offered to provide a document to Ms.
- 25 McNeill.

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Chair Santiago referred to the letter under (b),
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   where it mentioned to consider the action taken by
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   the state of Illinois and requested data showing how
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   many people have applied who have not taken the
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   licensing exam after January 1, 2022, as well as the
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   data on decoupling of the interstate compact.
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   also asked whether the meeting with the deans and
   directors of social work programs is open to the
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   public.
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        Ms. Byrd noted the meeting had not been set up
   like that but could be and would send meeting
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   details. She also offered to reach out to the
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   Illinois Chapter for Chair Santiago.]
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   [The Board recessed from 12:12 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.]
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   [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:00 p.m. until
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   1:43 p.m. in the Matter of the Application for a
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   License by Examination as a Professional Counselor of
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   Michael Bradley, Case No. 22-69-002380.]
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   [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
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   at 1:00 p.m., the Board entered into Executive
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   Session with Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel,
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   for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
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32 1 deliberations and to have attorney-client 2 consultation. The Board entered into public session 3 at 1:43 p.m.] 4 5 [Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT, exited the meeting at 6 1:45 p.m.] 7 * * * 8 MOTION 9 MS. MILEY: 10 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, the Board entered into 11 Executive Session with Board Counsel to 12 13 have attorney-client consultations and 14 for the purpose of conducting quasi-15 judicial deliberations. 16 CHAIR SANTIAGO: I would like a motion to direct Board 17 18 Counsel to draft an Adjudication and 19 Order relating to the matter of Michael 20 Bradley, Case No. 22-69-002380. 21 MS. MOYER: 22 So moved. 23 MR. DECRISCIO: 24 Second. MS. MILEY: 25

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                  Any discussion? Roll call vote.
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                  Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
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                  DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Moyer, aye.
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    [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   Adjournment
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  I would like to call for adjournment.
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                  Do I have a motion for adjournment?
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   MS. MOYER:
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                  So moved.
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   MS. EARLY:
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                  Second.
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   CHAIR SANTIAGO:
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                  We are adjourned.
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   [There being no further business, the State Board of
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   Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
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   Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at
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   1:56 p.m.]
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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.

CERTIFICATE

Jennifer Corb

Minute Clerk

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9	TIME	AGENDA
10 11 12	9:00 11:00	Executive Session Return to Open Session
13 14 15	11:13	Official Call to Order
16 17 18 19	11:14	Introduction of Board Members
	11:14	Introduction of Attendees
20	11:17	Approval of Minutes
22 23	11:21	Report of Prosecutorial Division
24 25	11:34	Report of Board Counsel
26 27	11:40	Review of Applications
28 29	11:51	Miscellaneous
30 31 32	12:12 1:00	Recess Return to Open Session
33 34 35	1:00 1:43	Formal Hearing - Michael Bradley
36 37 38	1:43 1:53	Executive Session Return to Open Session
39 40	1:55	Motion
41 42 43	1:56	Adjournment