

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26

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

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

MEETING OF:

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

TIME: 11:31 A.M.

November 30, 2021

1                   State Board of Social Workers,  
2                   Marriage and Family Therapists,  
3                   and Professional Counselors  
4                   November 30, 2021  
5  
6

7 BOARD MEMBERS:  
8

9 Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair  
10 K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of  
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs  
12 Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Vice Chair  
13 Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT  
14 Christian Jordal, Ph.D., LMFT  
15 Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN  
16 Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member  
17  
18

19 BUREAU PERSONNEL:  
20

21 Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board/Regulatory Counsel  
22 Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
23 Kayla R. Bolan, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
24 Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator  
25 Sarah McNeill, Board Administrator  
26 Shannon Boop, Fiscal Management Specialist 1, Bureau  
27 of Finance and Operations, Department of State  
28 Amanda Richards, Acting Fiscal Chief, Bureau of  
29 Finance and Operations, Department of State  
30  
31

32 ALSO PRESENT:  
33

34 Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43  
44  
45  
46  
47  
48  
49  
50

1 \*\*\*

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

5 November 30, 2021

6 \*\*\*

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 and to receive  
12 advice of counsel. The Board entered into public  
13 session at 11:31 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 30, 2021. Joy E. Corby, Ph.D.,  
19 LMFT, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

20 \*\*\*

21 [Chair Corby noted the meeting was being recorded, and  
22 those who continued to participate were giving their  
23 consent to be recorded.]

24 \*\*\*

25 Approval of minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting

1 CHAIR CORBY:

2 I believe that corrections were sent to  
3 the Board administrator for the draft  
4 minutes.

5 Do I hear a motion to accept the  
6 minutes with the corrections?

7 DR. JORDAL:

8 So moved.

9 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR CORBY:

12 All in favor, raise your hand. Any  
13 opposed? Abstentions? Recusals?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

15 \*\*\*

16 Introduction of Board Members

17 [Chair Corby requested Board members introduce  
18 themselves.]

19 \*\*\*

20 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Operations Annual  
21 Budget Presentation

22 [Shannon Boop, Fiscal Management Specialist 1, Bureau  
23 of Finance and Operations, Department of State,  
24 addressed the licensee population from a revenue  
25 standpoint. She noted 28,882 licenses at the time of

1 the report, which increased this morning to 28,994.  
2 She also noted from FY17-19, licenses increased by  
3 2,270 with another increase of 3,640 from FY19-21.  
4 She reported 9 licensed bachelor social workers at the  
5 time of the report for FY21 with a recent increase to  
6 11.

7 Ms. Boop addressed revenue by source. She noted  
8 the biennial total. She stated 96% of revenue came  
9 from renewals and applications.

10 Ms. Boop provided a categorical breakdown of  
11 expenses. She noted expenses for FY19-20, FY20-21,  
12 and the current FY21-22 budget and expenses as of  
13 November 15, 2021. She reported on the current  
14 expenses.

15 Ms. Boop reviewed revenues and expenses for the  
16 current fiscal year showing a negative balance. She  
17 noted going forward that the bottom line would  
18 continue to go further into the negative and the  
19 Bureau of Finance and Operations (BFO) would need to  
20 return to present a fee increase package at the next  
21 Board meeting.

22 Dr. Jordal requested more information regarding  
23 the increase in hearing expenses for FY21-22 and what  
24 portion was due to court record stenography compared  
25 to the hearing examiner's office.

1 Ms. Boop stated the Hearing Examiner's Office  
2 informed BFO of a large complex case for FY21-22. She  
3 noted the current stenographer costs for the current  
4 year and BFO's projected figure.

5 Ms. Boop provided a breakdown of Board member  
6 expenses, noting FY19-20 and FY20-21, and the FY21-22  
7 budget and FY21-22 expenses as of November 15, 2021.  
8 She noted a recent increase in the expenses. She  
9 noted the current budget to be adequate, which would  
10 be carried over to FY22-23.

11 Ms. Boop noted that any excess revenue goes back  
12 into the restricted account for the Board's use.

13 Chair Corby commented that the Board was told at  
14 another presentation that an increase was not  
15 necessary because the Board would be adding on the  
16 bachelor social work.

17 Amanda Richards, Acting Fiscal Chief, Bureau of  
18 Finance and Operations, Department of State, explained  
19 that BPO was told two years ago that the Board was  
20 anticipating 100 licensees for bachelor social work,  
21 but there were only 9 when the report was created.  
22 She mentioned that more licensed bachelor social  
23 workers will help to bring the revenue up.

24 Dr. Jordal asked whether any of the boards have  
25 any type of fee structure where some licenses are more

1 affordable than others with regard to the application  
2 fee or whether there a set fee across all boards.

3 Commissioner Johnson explained that all of the  
4 boards are responsible for reviewing their expenses  
5 and revenue and determining a fee structure based on  
6 what BFO provides them on an annual basis. He  
7 mentioned that there is a uniform requirement of all  
8 boards, where they must be revenue neutral and must  
9 cover all operating expenses with their revenue.]

10 \*\*\*

11 Report of Board Prosecutorial Division

12 [Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,  
13 presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 19-69-  
14 012154, Case No. 21-69-006967, and Case No. 21-69-  
15 015891.]

16 \*\*\*

17 [Kayla R. Bolan, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
18 the Consent Agreement for Case Nos. 19-69-003468 &  
19 Case No. 21-69-002382.

20 Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC,  
21 counsel for the respondent, was present and  
22 participated in the discussion.]

23 \*\*\*

24 Report of Board Counsel

25 MS. BLACK:

1 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the  
2 Sunshine Act, prior to today's meeting,  
3 the Board entered into Executive Session  
4 for the purpose of conducting quasi-  
5 judicial deliberations on a number of  
6 matters currently before the Board and  
7 to receive the advice of counsel.

8 I believe the Board would entertain  
9 a motion to approve the Consent  
10 Agreement at item 2, Case No. 19-69-  
11 012154.

12 CHAIR CORBY:

13 Do I hear a motion?

14 DR. SANTIAGO:

15 Motion.

16 DR. JORDAL:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR CORBY:

19 All in favor, raise your hand. Any  
20 opposed? Abstentions? Recusals?

21 [The motion carried unanimously. The Board has  
22 accepted the Consent Agreement at item 2, Case No. 19-  
23 69-012154 for BPOA v. Justin John Stilson, LPC.]

24 \*\*\*

25 MS. BLACK:



1 I believe the Board would entertain a  
2 motion to approve the Consent Agreement  
3 at item 3, Case No. 21-69-006967.

4 MS. PAINTER:

5 So moved.

6 DR. JORDAL:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR CORBY:

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

11 [The motion carried. Linda Martin and Michelle  
12 Santiago opposed the motion. The Board has accepted  
13 the Consent Agreement at item 3, Case No. 21-69-006967  
14 for BPOA v. Jake D. Thiessen, LMFT.]

15 \*\*\*

16 MS. BLACK:

17 I believe the Board would entertain a  
18 motion to approve the VRP Consent  
19 Agreement at item 4, Case No. 21-69-  
20 0015891.

21 DR. JORDAL:

22 So moved.

23 MS. EVANS:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

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

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

4 \*\*\*

5 MS. BLACK:

6 Regarding item 5, as a reminder, Ms.  
7 Martin would have to recuse for this  
8 matter.

9 I believe the Board would entertain  
10 a motion to reject the Consent Agreement  
11 at item 5, Case Nos. 19-69-003468 & 21-  
12 69-002382, for being too lenient at.

13 DR. SANTIAGO:

14 Motion.

15 DR. JORDAL:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR CORBY:

18 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
19 Abstentions? Recused?

20 [The motion carried. Linda Martin recused herself  
21 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

22 \*\*\*

23 Report of Board Counsel - Matters for Deliberation

24 MS. BLACK:

25 Moving on to item 6, I believe the Board

1 would entertain a motion scheduling item  
2 6, Ava Robinson, Case No. 21-69-016032,  
3 for a hearing before the Board.

4 MS. PAINTER:

5 So moved.

6 DR. EVANS:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR CORBY:

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

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

12 \*\*\*

13 MS. BLACK:

14 Would the Board entertain a motion  
15 delegating item 7 of Margaret Stimmel,  
16 Case No. 20-69-006765 to the office of  
17 hearing examiners.

18 DR. SANTIAGO:

19 Motion to approve.

20 MS. PAINTER:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR CORBY:

23 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
24 Abstentions? Recusals?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

1 \*\*\*

2 MS. BLACK:

3 Regarding item 8, Commonwealth Court  
4 Appeal of Final Board Order of Barbra  
5 Bauer, Case No. 19-69-005825, the Board  
6 is instructing Board counsel to respond  
7 to a settlement offer in this appeal in  
8 accordance with discussions held in  
9 Executive Session.

10 \*\*\*

11 MS. BLACK:

12 Regarding item 9, I believe the Board  
13 would entertain a motion to instruct  
14 Board counsel to draft an Adjudication  
15 and Order for Lorraine Land, Case No.  
16 20-69-010685.

17 CHAIR CORBY:

18 Do I hear a motion?

19 MS. PAINTER:

20 So moved.

21 CHAIR CORBY:

22 Second?

23 MS. MARTIN:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

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

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

4 \*\*\*

5 MS. BLACK:

6 Regarding item 10, would the Board  
7 entertain a motion to adopt the  
8 Adjudication and Order as final for  
9 Megan Showers, Case No. 18-69-001541?

10 DR. JORDAL:

11 So moved.

12 MS. PAINTER:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR CORBY:

15 All in favor, raise your hand.  
16 Abstentions? Opposed? Recusals?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

18 \*\*\*

19 Report of Regulatory Board Counsel

20 [Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, proposed the  
21 Board schedule a separate regulatory meeting to  
22 discuss the general provisions packet and the annex  
23 and whether the Board wants to do a fee regulation and  
24 include that with the general revisions packet.

25 Ms. Black noted the Board would need to Sunshine

1 the meeting, and the Board agreed to schedule the  
2 meeting for January 11 at 10:00 to discuss any  
3 revisions.]

4 \*\*\*

5 MS. BLACK:

6 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
7 schedule a Sunshined regulatory meeting  
8 for January 11 from 10:00 to 12:00?

9 CHAIR CORBY:

10 Do I hear a motion?

11 MS. PAINTER:

12 So moved.

13 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR CORBY:

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

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

19 \*\*\*

20 Review of Applications

21 MS. BLACK:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a  
23 motion to approve the Application for  
24 Professional Counselor by Examination  
25 for Keith Brownlee Jr.

1 DR. SANTIAGO:

2 Motion.

3 DR. JORDAL:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR CORBY:

6 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

7 Abstentions? Recusals?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

9 \*\*\*

10 MS. BLACK:

11 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
12 provisionally deny the Application for  
13 Professional Counselor by Examination  
14 for Brooke Pinney?

15 MS. PAINTER:

16 So moved.

17 DR. JORDAL:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR CORBY:

20 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

21 Abstentions? Recusals?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

23 \*\*\*

24 MS. BLACK:

25 Would the Board entertain a motion to

1                   provisionally deny the Application for  
2                   Professional Counselor by Examination  
3                   for Yuliya Kiselva?

4 MS. PAINTER:

5                   So moved.

6 DR. EVANS:

7                   Second.

8 CHAIR CORBY:

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

11 [The motion carried. Linda Martin opposed the  
12 motion.]

13   \*\*\*

14 MS. BLACK:

15                   Would the Board entertain a motion to  
16                   provisionally deny the Application for  
17                   item 17, Professional Counselor by  
18                   Examination for Melinda Korte?

19 MS. PAINTER:

20                   So moved.

21 DR. SANTIAGO:

22                   Second.

23 CHAIR CORBY:

24                   All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
25                  Abstentions? Recusals?



1 [The motion carried unanimously]

2 \*\*\*

3 MS. BLACK:

4 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
5 approve the Application for Professional  
6 Counselor by Examination for Angel  
7 Vaccaro?

8 DR. SANTIAGO:

9 Motion.

10 MS. PAINTER:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR CORBY:

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

15 [The motion carried unanimously]

16 \*\*\*

17 MS. BLACK:

18 Regarding item 19, I believe the Board  
19 would entertain a motion to approve the  
20 Provisional License as a Professional  
21 Counselor under Act 41 for Patrick  
22 Whaley.

23 MS. PAINTER:

24 So moved.

25 DR. JORDAL:

1                   Second.

2 CHAIR CORBY:

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

5 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
6 motion.]

7   \*\*\*

8 MS. BLACK:

9                   Would the Board entertain a motion to  
10                   approve the Provisional License as a  
11                   Professional Counselor under Act 41 for  
12                   Tracy Charles Margarum?

13 MS. PAINTER:

14                   So moved.

15 DR. EVANS:

16                   Second.

17 CHAIR CORBY:

18                   All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
19                   Abstentions? Recusals?

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

22   \*\*\*

23 MS. BLACK:

24                   Would the Board entertain a motion to  
25                   approve the Provisional License for item

1 21, Professional Counselor under Act 41  
2 for Nichole Burritt?

3 MS. PAINTER:

4 So moved.

5 MS. MARTIN:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR CORBY:

8 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
9 Abstentions? Recusals?

10 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
11 motion.]

12 \*\*\*

13 MS. BLACK:

14 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
15 approve the Provisional License as a  
16 Professional Counselor under Act 41 for  
17 Donna Goldberg?

18 MS. PAINTER:

19 So moved.

20 DR. JORDAL:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR CORBY:

23 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
24 Abstentions? Recusals?

25 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the

1 motion.]

2

\*\*\*

3 MS. BLACK:

4

5

6

7

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Provisional License as a Professional Counselor under Act 41 for Kate McGinley.

8 MS. PAINTER:

9

So moved.

10 MS. MARTIN:

11

Second.

12 CHAIR CORBY:

13

All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

14

Abstentions? Recusals?

15 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
16 motion.]

17

\*\*\*

18 MS. BLACK:

19

20

21

22

The Board would entertain a motion to approve the Provisional License as a Professional Counselor under Act 41 for Angela Pesce.

23 MS. PAINTER:

24

So moved.

25 DR. JORDAL:

1                   Second.

2 CHAIR CORBY:

3                   All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

4                   Abstentions? Recusals?

5 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
6 motion.]

7   \*\*\*

8 MS. BLACK:

9                   The Board would entertain a motion to  
10                   approve the Provisional License for item  
11                   25, as a Professional Counselor under  
12                   Act 41 for Joseph Grosh.

13 MS. PAINTER:

14                   So moved.

15 DR. JORDAL:

16                   Second.

17 CHAIR CORBY:

18                   All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

19                   Abstentions? Recusals?

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

22   \*\*\*

23 MS. BLACK:

24                   The Board would entertain a motion to  
25                   approve the Provisional License as a

1 Professional Counselor under Act 41 for  
2 Emily Koklas.

3 DR. EVANS:

4 So moved.

5 MS. MARTIN:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR CORBY:

8 All those in favor? Opposed?

9 Abstentions? Recusals?

10 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
11 motion.]

12 \*\*\*

13 MS. BLACK:

14 The Board would entertain a motion to  
15 approve the Provisional License as a  
16 Professional Counselor under Act 41 for  
17 Samantha Barbieri.

18 DR. EVANS:

19 So moved.

20 DR. SANTIAGO:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR CORBY:

23 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

24 Abstentions? Recusals?

25 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the

1 motion.]

2

\*\*\*

3 MS. BLACK:

4

5

6

7

The Board would entertain a motion to  
approve the Provisional License under  
Act 41 for item 28 as a Professional  
Counselor for Heather Keltai.

8 MS. PAINTER:

9

So moved.

10 DR. JORDAL:

11

Second.

12 CHAIR CORBY:

13

All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

14

Abstentions? Recusals?

15 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
16 motion.]

17

\*\*\*

18 MS. BLACK:

19

20

21

22

The Board would entertain a motion to  
approve the Provisional License as a  
Professional Counselor under Act 41 for  
Briana Driver.

23 MS. PAINTER:

24

So moved.

25 DR. EVANS:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR CORBY:

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

5 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
6 motion.]

7 \*\*\*

8 MS. BLACK:

9 I believe the Board would entertain a  
10 motion to approve a Provisional License  
11 for item 30 for a Marriage and Family  
12 Therapist under Act 41 for Jessica  
13 Fricke.

14 MS. PAINTER:

15 So moved.

16 DR. JORDAL:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR CORBY:

19 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
20 Abstentions? Recusals?

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

23 \*\*\*

24 MS. BLACK:

25 The Board would entertain a motion to



1           approve a Provisional License as a  
2           Marriage and Family Therapist under Act  
3           41 for Kristen Fabiano.

4 MS. PAINTER:

5           So moved.

6 DR. SANTIAGO:

7           Second.

8 CHAIR CORBY:

9           All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

10          Abstentions? Recusals?

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

13    \*\*\*

14 MS. BLACK:

15           I believe the Board would entertain a  
16           motion to approve a Provisional License  
17           as a Social Worker under Act 41 for  
18           Logan Christensen.

19 MS. PAINTER:

20           So moved.

21 DR. SANTIAGO:

22           Second.

23 CHAIR CORBY:

24           All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

25          Abstentions? Recusals?

1 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
2 motion.]

3 \*\*\*

4 MS. BLACK:

5 Lastly, based on discussions held in  
6 Executive Session, would the Board  
7 entertain a motion directing Board  
8 counsel to issue provisional licenses  
9 under Act 41 and ratify those licenses  
10 at the following board meetings?

11 CHAIR CORBY:

12 Do I hear a motion?

13 DR. JORDAL:

14 So moved.

15 MS. MARTIN:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR CORBY:

18 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
19 Abstentions? Recusals?

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

22 \*\*\*

23 [Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, acknowledged  
24 that this was Ms. Matter's last meeting, noting how  
25 knowledgeable Ms. Matter is and thanked her for

1 sharing that knowledge. She was glad to have had the  
2 chance to work with her.]

3 \*\*\*

4 Report of Board Chair

5 [Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair, addressed revisions  
6 to the supervised clinical experience forms under  
7 supervised clinical experience hours numbers 1, 2, 3,  
8 and 4. She also addressed instructions provided when  
9 filling out the forms and provided a summary of  
10 questions on the forms.]

11 CHAIR CORBY:

12 Do I have a motion to accept these forms  
13 with the revisions mentioned?

14 DR. JORDAL:

15 So moved.

16 DR. EVANS:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR CORBY:

19 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
20 Abstentions? Recusals?

21 [The motion carried. Dr. Santiago abstained from  
22 voting on the motion.]

23 \*\*\*

24 Report of Commissioner

25 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of

1 Professional and Occupational Affairs, also  
2 acknowledged Ms. Matter's last meeting, noting her to  
3 be an invaluable resource and thanked her for her  
4 commitment and service.

5 Ms. Matter informed the Board that the new start  
6 time for Executive Session for January and March 2022  
7 would be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. She  
8 mentioned that the Board can decide what time to start  
9 the other Board meetings at the March meeting based on  
10 whether they will be virtual or not.

11 Chair Corby asked Commissioner Johnson to provide  
12 information regarding continuing virtual meetings and  
13 whether there had been discussion about interpreting  
14 what in person means for the boards whose statutes  
15 require in person.

16 Commissioner Johnson informed the Board of  
17 legislation that would provide for hybrid  
18 presentations in addition to the in-person function,  
19 where there would also a streaming component. He  
20 stated the intent of the legislation is to capture all  
21 of the public benefits recognized through the  
22 pandemic, where meetings are now more transparent and  
23 accessible to the public.

24 Commissioner Johnson stated, barring any changes  
25 or superseding events, everyone would return to in-

1 person meetings on April 1, 2022, and still be allowed  
2 to stream the meeting to individuals viewing through  
3 the link.

4 Commissioner Johnson mentioned that the challenge  
5 internally is making sure that all of the hardware and  
6 software matches the intent of the legislation,  
7 whether that means transitioning to a slightly  
8 different application or going to a Teams application  
9 to stream the meetings as opposed to Webex. He stated  
10 the plan was to allow for streaming and the  
11 continuation of meetings in the event that whether it  
12 is commuting, weather or someone's inability to be  
13 present.

14 Chair Corby asked whether there would be an  
15 option to being in person because Board regulations  
16 require four of the eight meetings to be in person and  
17 whether the interpretation of physically present is  
18 that going to be defined.

19 Commissioner Johnson believed the provisions  
20 would allow for the virtual presence to meet the  
21 quorum requirement but does not eliminate the  
22 conditions for physical presence. He also believed  
23 the legislators intended for this to not change the  
24 quorum requirements but provide greater flexibility in  
25 extenuating circumstances, where a Board member could

1 still participate even if they are not physically  
2 present. He noted that the extenuating circumstances  
3 would be up to the boards to determine.

4 Ms. Painter requested an update regarding  
5 additional Board members.

6 Commissioner Johnson noted working with the  
7 governor's office on vetting potential candidates and  
8 preparing an upcoming package. He mentioned that a  
9 large number of the boards had their candidates vetted  
10 but could not speak specifically to their Board.

11 Ms. Martin asked Commissioner Johnson whether he  
12 said the legislation passed regarding Board meetings  
13 held online.

14 Commissioner Johnson noted it passed in one  
15 chamber and believed it was still before the House.]

16 \*\*\*

17 Miscellaneous

18 [Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair, referred to the  
19 correspondence from the American Association of State  
20 Counseling Boards (AASCB) regarding the Council for  
21 Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational  
22 Programs (CACREP) and the AASCB Annual Conference for  
23 the Board's review.

24 Chair Corby opened the floor to Board members for  
25 any comments they would like to make to Ms. Matter,

1 and the Board members expressed their appreciation of  
2 her support to the Board members and constituents and  
3 wished her the very best in her retirement.

4 Chair Corby expressed appreciation for her  
5 patience, guidance, and wealth of knowledge to the  
6 Board and wished her the best.

7 Ms. Matter noted that it had been a pleasure  
8 working with all of the Board members over the years.

9 Dr. Santiago addressed her attendance at the  
10 AASCB Meeting a couple weeks ago regarding guidelines  
11 and bylaws. She informed the Board that Matt Grayson  
12 is the new executive director of AASCB and that AASCB  
13 is moving from North Carolina to Kentucky.

14 Dr. Santiago mentioned AASCB has a new firm  
15 called Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and  
16 Regulation (CLEAR) Association Management. She stated  
17 the AASCB has stepped back from the Center for  
18 Credentialing & Education (CCE), which was supported  
19 by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC).  
20 She noted the AASCB Annual Conference on February 8  
21 and February 18.

22 Dr. Jordal reminded Board members that effective  
23 January 1 the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage  
24 and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) is  
25 transitioning to Standards Version 12.5. He stated

1 the principal impact related to licensure boards was  
2 where programs would have the option to lower their  
3 total clinical contact hours under the master's degree  
4 to potentially 300 if permitted by the state.

5 Dr. Jordal commented that Pennsylvania had a  
6 minimum of 300 hours but other states with a minimum  
7 of 500 hours may be affected in four or five years.  
8 He stated that they are reducing the total number of  
9 required direct client contact hours under the  
10 master's degree and thinks there is going to be  
11 differences in the master's level total hours in a few  
12 years across applicants for licensure, which may come  
13 up under endorsement.

14 Chair Corby added that their program has always  
15 done 300 hours and that the change in Standard 12.5 is  
16 all about competency.

17 Dr. Jordal stated that this aligns with the shift  
18 within marriage and family therapist (MFT) education  
19 to specify an outcome-based framework. He commented  
20 that it would be interesting to watch overtime the  
21 data that supports the total number of hours required  
22 to be competent.]

23

\*\*\*

24 [The Board recessed from 12:59 p.m. until 1:31 p.m.]

25

\*\*\*



1 [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:31 p.m. until 2:15  
2 p.m. In the Matter of the Application for a License by  
3 Examination to Practice Professional Counseling of  
4 Alisa Sheinin, Case No. 21-69-012549.]

5 \*\*\*

6 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
7 2:15 p.m., the Board entered into Executive Session  
8 with Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
9 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and  
10 to receive advice of counsel.]

11 \*\*\*

12 [The Board returned to public session for adjournment  
13 at 2:33 p.m.]

14 CHAIR CORBY:

15 Do I hear a motion for adjourn to this  
16 meeting?

17 MS. PAINTER:

18 So moved.

19 DR. JORDAL:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR CORBY:

22 All in favor, raise your hand.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

24 \*\*\*

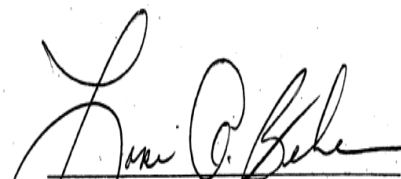
25 [There being no further business, the State Board of

1 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and  
2 Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at  
3 2:33 p.m.]

4 \*\*\*

5  
6 CERTIFICATE

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

16  
17  
18   
19 Lori A. Behe,

20 Minute Clerk

21 Sargent's Court Reporting  
22 Service, Inc.  
23  
24  
25  
26

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,  
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
REFERENCE INDEX

November 30, 2021

	TIME	AGENDA
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11	9:30	Executive Session
12	11:30	Return to Open Session
13		
14	11:31	Official Call to Order
15		
16	11:31	Approval of Minutes
17		
18	11:32	Introduction of Board Members
19		
20	11:34	Appointment - Bureau of Finance and
21		Operations Annual Budget Presentation
22		
23	11:46	Report of Prosecutorial Division
24		
25	12:06	Report of Board Counsel
26		
27	12:10	Report of Regulatory Counsel
28		
29	12:19	Review of Applications
30		
31	12:27	Report of Board Chairperson
32		
33	12:33	Report of Commissioner
34		
35	12:45	Miscellaneous
36		
37	12:59	Recess
38	1:31	Returned to Open Session
39		
40	1:31	Formal Hearing - Alisa Sheinin
41	2:15	
42		
43	2:15	Executive Session
44	2:33	Return to Open Session
45		
46	2:33	Adjournment
47		
48		
49		
50		