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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: 9:34 A.M.

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

March 27, 2018

1                                   State Board of Social Workers,  
2                                   Marriage and Family Therapists  
3                                   and Professional Counselors  
4                                   March 27, 2018  
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7 BOARD MEMBERS:  
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9 James K. Matta Sr., Ed.D., LPC, NCC, Chair  
10 Ian J. Harlow, Commissioner of Professional and  
11 Occupational Affairs - Absent  
12 Renee J. Cardone, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chairperson  
13 Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, AAMFT - Absent  
14 David E. Gallick, MSW, LSW, LMFT  
15 Amy K. Keisling, LCSW  
16 Kurt L. Kraus, Ed.D., NCC, ACS, LPC  
17 Teniola O. Osundeko, Ph.D., LCSW, SAP  
18 Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member  
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21 BUREAU PERSONNEL:  
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23 Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel  
24 Bridget K. Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
25 Liaison  
26 Heather McCarthy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
27 Steven A. Mimm, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
28 Andrea L. Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
29 Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator  
30 Erin Fure, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
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33 ALSO PRESENT:  
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35 Johanna Byrd, ACSW, IOM, CAE, Executive Director,  
36 National Association of Social Workers in  
37 Pennsylvania  
38 Alvin Couch  
39 Tiffany Chenery  
40 Jeannel Graham-Tillman  
41 Kenniah C. Chestnut, Esquire  
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2 State Board of Social Workers,  
3 Marriage and Family Therapists  
4 and Professional Counselors

5 March 27, 2018

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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, March 27, 2018. James K. Matta Sr., Ed.D.,  
11 LPC, NCC, Chair, called the meeting to order at  
12 9:34 a.m.

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14 Approval of Minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting

15 CHAIR MATTA:

16 I think the first order of business is  
17 the approval of the minutes from the  
18 last time. Do we have any corrections?

19 MS. CARDONE:

20 I move we approve the minutes.

21 CHAIR MATTA:

22 Can I get a second?

23 MS. KEISLING:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR MATTA:

1 All those say aye that approve. Those  
2 that oppose? Abstain?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Report of Board Prosecutorial Division

6 [Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
7 presented Consent Agreements for File No. 15-69-03924  
8 and File No. 16-69-11574.]

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10 [Andrea L. Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
11 presented a Consent Agreement for File No.  
12 17-69-13128.]

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14 [Steven A. Mimm, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
15 a Consent Agreement for File No. 14-69-08887.]

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17 Report of Board Counsel

18 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted  
19 matters for deliberation during Executive Session and  
20 further noted three scheduled hearings to be heard  
21 later in the meeting. One scheduled hearing was  
22 continued.]

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24 Miscellaneous

25 [Chair Matta referred to House Resolution 708, which

1 recognizes March of 2018 as National Social Work Month  
2 in Pennsylvania. He recognized the mission of social  
3 workers as helping individuals in need with social  
4 problems and life complications. Chair Matta further  
5 noted the more than 650,000 individuals in the U.S.,  
6 including 40,000 in Pennsylvania, who hold social  
7 worker degrees.

8 Chair Matta announced this year was the 63rd year  
9 of the National Association of Social Workers and  
10 thanked the Board for making a positive change in  
11 society.]

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13 Report of Regulatory Board Counsel

14 [Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, stated the  
15 Bachelor of Social Work matter would be on the agenda  
16 in May and public comments would be reviewed at that  
17 time.

18 There was discussion regarding the Independent  
19 Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) process after the  
20 comments are reviewed.

21 Ms. Wucinski estimated the process would take  
22 approximately a year.]

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24 Report of the Board Chairperson

25 [Dr. James K. Matta, Sr., LPC, NCC, Chair, thanked

1 Board members for the opportunity to serve with them  
2 on the Board and expressed that his service on the  
3 Board has been an honor and a privilege.

4 Chair Matta commented on the level of work done.  
5 He also voiced his admiration for the spirit,  
6 dedication, and commitment in terms of the public and  
7 also the profession in terms of supervision and  
8 assuring the competency of individuals in the State of  
9 Pennsylvania.

10 Chair Matta wished the Board well for many years  
11 ahead.]

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13 Report of Other Board Members

14 [Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member, referred Board  
15 members to the Children's Health Insurance Program  
16 (CHIP) presentation at the last meeting for further  
17 discussion. Ms. Painter discussed an editorial from  
18 the Post-Gazette that indicated that CHIP was founded  
19 by the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church near Pittsburgh,  
20 when steelworkers requested help from the church. She  
21 noted that as the very beginning of the CHIP program.]

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23 Report of Commissioner - No Report

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25 Report of Board Administrator

1 [Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator, noted CHIP's  
2 request for an article to be placed in the Board's  
3 newsletter.

4 Ms. Matter requested Board input with regard to  
5 placing articles in the newsletter before the biennial  
6 renewal period concerning the new suicide prevention  
7 CE as well as supervision.

8 Dr. Osundeko offered to write an article  
9 regarding the opioid epidemic. It was suggested that  
10 the opioid article include facts pertaining to public  
11 protection and the training of professionals to  
12 recognize the signs.

13 Ms. Matter asked that the articles be submitted  
14 by the May Board meeting.]

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16 Correspondence

17 [Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator, referred to  
18 the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Mobility  
19 Questionnaire for completion by the Board.]

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21 Miscellaneous

22 Election of Officers

23 CHAIR MATTA:

24 Chairperson of the Board?

25 MR. GALLICK:

1 I nominate Renee Cardone.

2 CHAIR MATTA:

3 Anybody else? Any other candidates?

4 DR. OSUNDEKO:

5 I second that.

6 CHAIR MATTA:

7 I have a motion and have a second. All  
8 those in favor, say aye, to Renee taking  
9 over as Chairperson? Those that say  
10 nay? Abstained? Congratulations.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 [Ms. Matter noted that the election of Vice Chair will  
14 be tabled until the next meeting.]

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16 [Bridget Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
17 Liaison, introduced Erin Fure, Esquire, as the Board's  
18 newest prosecuting attorney. Ms. Guilfoyle provided a  
19 summary of Ms. Fure's educational and professional  
20 background.]

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22 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
23 10:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
24 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
25 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations in

1 a number of matters that are currently pending before  
2 the Board and to receive the advice of Counsel. The  
3 Board returned to Open Session at 11:05 a.m.]

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5 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:08 a.m. until 11:41  
6 a.m. In the Matter of the Application for a License by  
7 Examination to Practice Professional Counseling of  
8 Alvin Chris Couch; File No. 18-69-00526, Docket No.  
9 0105-69-18.]

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11 MOTIONS

12 MS. WUCINSKI:

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I believe the Board will entertain a  
motion to adopt the Consent Agreement  
for File No. 15-69-03924, the name of  
that file being Christina Louise  
Alexander, LPC.

18 DR. OSUNDEKO:

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So moved.

20 CHAIR MATTA:

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Can I get a second?

22 MS. KEISLING:

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Second.

24 CHAIR MATTA:

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All those in favor, say aye. Those that

1                   oppose? Abstain?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5                   I believe the Board will entertain a  
6                   motion to adopt the Consent Agreement  
7                   for File No. 16-69-11574, the name of  
8                   that file being Jason Robert Victory,  
9                   LPC.

10 MS. KEISLING:

11                   So moved.

12 MR. GALLICK:

13                   Second.

14 CHAIR MATTA:

15                   All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
16                   oppose? Abstain?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20                   I believe the Board will entertain a  
21                   motion to adopt the VRP Agreement for  
22                   File No. 17-69-13128.

23 DR. KRAUS:

24                   So moved.

25 MR. GALLICK:

1                   Second.

2 CHAIR MATTA:

3                   All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
4                   oppose? Abstain?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MS. WUCINSKI:

8                   I believe the Board will entertain a  
9                   motion to adopt the Consent Agreement  
10                  for File No. 14-69-08887, the name of  
11                  that file being Susan K. Deitrich, LCSW.

12 CHAIR MATTA:

13                  Can I get a motion?

14 MS. PAINTER:

15                  So moved.

16 CHAIR MATTA:

17                  Second?

18 MR. GALLICK:

19                  Second.

20 CHAIR MATTA:

21                  All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
22                  oppose? Abstain?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. WUCINSKI:

1 I believe the Board will entertain a  
2 motion to adopt the draft Adjudication  
3 as final for File No. 17-69-01768,  
4 Docket No. 0599-69-17, the name of that  
5 case being Paul V. Andrews, LPC.

6 MS. CARDONE:

7 So moved.

8 MS. KEISLING:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR MATTA:

11 All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
12 oppose? Those that abstain?

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 MS. WUCINSKI:

16 I believe the Board will entertain a  
17 motion to adopt the Proposed  
18 Adjudication and Order as final for  
19 Daniel Richard Hitz, LSW, File No. 16-  
20 69-01170, Docket No. 0457-69-17.

21 MR. GALLICK:

22 So moved.

23 MS. PAINTER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR MATTA:

1 All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
2 oppose? Abstain?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 MS. WUCINSKI:

6 I believe the Board will entertain a  
7 motion to adopt the draft Memorandum  
8 Order as final for Tami J. Micsky, LSW,  
9 File No. 13-69-09368, Docket No. 1093-  
10 69-17.

11 DR. OSUNDEKO:

12 So moved.

13 MS. PAINTER:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR MATTA:

16 All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
17 oppose? Abstain?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 I believe the Board will entertain a  
22 motion to withdraw the February 28, 2018  
23 provisional denial in the Matter of the  
24 Application for a License by Examination  
25 to Practice Professional Counseling of



1 MS. WUCINSKI:

2 I believe the Board will entertain a  
3 motion to approve the Practicum Request  
4 of Sonya Thompsen Halsey.

5 MS. PAINTER:

6 So moved.

7 MR. GALLICK:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR MATTA:

10 All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
11 oppose? Abstain?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:44 a.m. until  
15 11:59 a.m. In the Matter of the Application for a  
16 License by Examination to Practice Professional  
17 Counseling of Tiffany Renee Chenery; File No. 18-69-  
18 00522, Docket No. 0104-69-18.]

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20 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
21 12:06 p.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
22 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
23 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations in  
24 a number of matters that are currently pending before  
25 the Board and to receive the advice of Counsel. The

1 Board returned to Open Session at 1:00 p.m.]

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3 MOTIONS

4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5 Having returned from Executive Session,  
6 I believe the Board will entertain a  
7 motion to provisionally deny the  
8 education of Robert Louis Pierfy.

9 DR. OSUNDEKO:

10 So moved.

11 MR. GALLICK:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR MATTA:

14 All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
15 oppose? 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 Virginia Ann Zaspel White.

22 DR. KRAUS:

23 So moved.

24 MS. KEISLING:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR MATTA:

2 All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
3 oppose? Abstain?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MS. WUCINSKI:

7 I believe the Board has directed the  
8 Board Administrator to send a letter to  
9 Jennifer Abigail DeLuise regarding  
10 discussions in Executive Session.

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

14 MS. CARDONE:

15 So moved.

16 MS. PAINTER:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR MATTA:

19 Painter seconded. All those in favor,  
20 say aye. Those that oppose? Abstain?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 I believe the Board will entertain a  
25 motion to approve the Supervisor Request

1 of Shardae Azure Wescott to approve Ruth  
2 Ann Ryan as her supervisor.

3 DR. KRAUS:

4 So moved.

5 MS. KEISLING:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR MATTA:

8 All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
9 oppose? Abstained?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

11 \*\*\*

12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13 I believe the Board will entertain a  
14 motion to provisionally deny the  
15 Application for a License by Endorsement  
16 Without Examination to Practice  
17 Professional Counseling of William  
18 Joseph Hade.

19 MS. PAINTER:

20 So moved.

21 MS. CARDONE:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR MATTA:

24 All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
25 oppose? Abstain?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:14 p.m. until  
4 2:16 p.m. In the Matter of the Application for a  
5 License by Examination to Practice Clinical Social  
6 Work of Jeannel Graham-Tillman; File No. 17-69-03105,  
7 Docket No. 0496-69-17.]

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9 [Renee J. Cardone, MSW, LCSW, Vice Chairperson, exited  
10 the meeting at 1:28 p.m.]

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12 [Amy K. Keisling, LCSW, exited the meeting at  
13 1:54 p.m. and reentered the meeting at 1:57 p.m.]

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15 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
16 2:19 p.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
17 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
18 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations in  
19 a number of matters that are currently pending before  
20 the Board and to receive the advice of Counsel. The  
21 Board returned to Open Session at 2:35 p.m.]

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23 MOTIONS

24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 Having returned from Executive Session,

1 I believe the Board will entertain a  
2 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft  
3 a Final Adjudication and Order  
4 consistent with discussions in Executive  
5 regarding Alvin Chris Couch, File No.  
6 18-69-00526, Docket No. 0105-69-18; and  
7 Tiffany Renee Chenery, File No. 18-69-  
8 00522, Docket No. 0104-69-18.

9 CHAIR MATTA:

10 Can I get a motion?

11 MS. KEISLING:

12 So moved.

13 MR. GALLICK:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR MATTA:

16 All those in favor, say aye. Those that  
17 oppose? Abstain?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

19 \*\*\*

20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 I believe the Board will entertain a  
22 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft  
23 a Final Memorandum Order consistent with  
24 discussions in Executive Session  
25 regarding Jeannel Graham-Tillman, File



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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.

Kayla R. Wargo

Kayla R. Wargo,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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23	9:46	Report of Other Board Members
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25	9:46	Board Administrator
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29	9:55	Miscellaneous
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31	10:00	Executive Session
32	11:05	Return to Open Session
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34	11:06	Motions
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36	11:08	Formal Hearing - Alvin Chris Couch
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39	11:41	Motions
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41	11:44	Formal Hearing - Tiffany Renee Chenery
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44	12:06	Executive Session
45	1:00	Return to Open Session
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1:14	Formal Hearing - Jeannel Graham-Tillman
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2:19	Executive Session
2:35	Return to Open Session
2:35	Motions
2:37	Adjournment