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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
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

TIME: 11:27 A.M.

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

April 26, 2022

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State Board of Social Workers,
Marriage and Family Therapists,
and Professional Counselors
April 26, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Cynthia K. Montgomery, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel
- Steven A. Mimm, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
- Adam Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
- Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator

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

5 April 26, 2022

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7 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
8 9:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive Session
9 with Steven A. Mimm, 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 11:00 a.m.]

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15 [Steven A. Mimm, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
16 meeting was being recorded, and those who continued to
17 participate were giving their consent to be recorded.

18 Mr. Mimm informed everyone that the Board met in
19 Executive Session to have attorney-client consultation
20 and for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
21 deliberations prior to the Board meeting.]

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23 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
24 Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family
25 Therapists, and Professional Counselors was held on

1 Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT,
2 Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:19 a.m.

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4 Introduction of Board Members

5 [Chair Corby requested an introduction of Board
6 members.]

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8 Approval of the February 11, 2022 Regulatory
9 Meeting/March 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

10 CHAIR CORBY:

11 I believe that corrections to the
12 minutes for the regulatory meeting on
13 February 11 and the regular Board
14 meeting on March 8 were sent to the
15 Board administrator.

16 I need a motion to accept the
17 minutes with the corrections.

18 MS. PAINTER:

19 So moved.

20 DR. JORDAL:

21 Second.

22 [A comment was made to the February 11, 2022
23 Regulatory Meeting Minutes.]

24 MR. MIMM:

25 My understanding is there has been a

1 motion to approve the regulatory
2 minutes. How do you vote?

3
4 Dr. Corby, approve; Mr. Claggett, aye;
5 Dr. Santiago, yes; Mr. DeCriscio, yes;
6 Ms. Early, approve; Dr. Evans, approve,
7 Dr. Jordal, approve; Ms. Martin, yes;
8 Ms. Moyer, approve; Ms. Painter,
9 approve; Ms. Redcay, approve.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

11 ***

12 Report of Board Prosecutorial Division

13 [Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
14 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 21-69-
15 014371.

16 Erika Evans, Linda Martin, and Michelle Santiago
17 were recused from this matter.]

18 MR. MIMM:

19 Do I hear a motion to approve this
20 Consent Agreement?

21 MS. PAINTER:

22 So moved.

23 DR. JORDAL:

24 Second.

25 MR. MIMM:

1 How do you vote?

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3 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
4 Santiago, recuse; Mr. DeCriscio, aye;
5 Ms. Early, aye; Dr. Evans, recuse, Dr.
6 Jordal, aye; Ms. Martin, recuse; Ms.
7 Moyer, aye; Ms. Painter, aye; Ms.
8 Redcay, aye.

9 [The motion carried. Erika Evans, Linda Martin, and
10 Michelle Santiago recused themselves from
11 deliberations and voting on the motion. The
12 Respondent's name is Stephane Marie Elisco, LSW.]

13

14 [Heather J. McCarthy, Senior Board Prosecutor,
15 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 20-69-
16 010646.]

17 MR. MIMM:

18 This matter was discussed in Executive
19 Session. Do I hear a motion to reject
20 this Consent Agreement from the Board?

21 DR. SANTIAGO:

22 I make a motion we reject number 4.

23 MR. MIMM:

24 Do I hear a second?

25 MS. EARLY:

1 Second.

2 MR. MIMM:

3 How do you vote?

4

5 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
6 Santiago, yea; Mr. DeCriscio, aye; Ms.
7 Early, aye; Dr. Evans, aye, Dr. Jordal,
8 nay; Ms. Martin, aye; Ms. Moyer, aye;
9 Ms. Painter, no; Ms. Redcay, aye.

10 [The motion carried. Christian Jordal and Marilyn
11 Painter opposed the motion.]

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13 Report of Board Counsel - Matters for Hearing or
14 Delegation

15 MR. MIMM:

16 Number 5, Case No. 21-69-012544. This
17 matter was discussed in Executive
18 Session. It is my understanding that a
19 motion to allow Board counsel to draft
20 an A&O in this matter.

21 Do I hear a motion to allow Board
22 counsel to draft an A&O?

23 DR. JORDAL:

24 So moved.

25 MR. MIMM:

1 Do I hear a second?

2 MS. EARLY:

3 Second.

4 MR. MIMM:

5 I'm just going to ask for a voice vote
6 on this issue. I believe it's
7 everybody. Say aye? Anybody not in
8 agreement?

9 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago and Marilyn
10 Painter opposed the motion.]

11 ***

12 Report of Board Counsel - Miscellaneous

13 [Steven A. Mimm, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred to
14 the Verification of Supervised Clinical Experience
15 forms for the Board's review.]

16 CHAIR CORBY:

17 I believe the motion is that we accept
18 these supervised clinical experience
19 forms.

20 Do I hear a motion to accept them?

21 MS. PAINTER:

22 So moved.

23 DR. JORDAL:

24 Second.

25 MR. MIMM:

1 All in favor, say aye. Anybody not in
2 favor, say nay.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Review of Applications

6 MR. MIMM:

7 Number 9 is the Bachelor Social Worker
8 by Examination, Sarah Kephart. My
9 understanding is there will be a motion
10 for a provisional denial on this.

11 Do I hear such a motion?

12 DR. SANTIAGO:

13 I make a motion that there is a
14 provisional denial for number 9.

15 DR. EVANS:

16 Second.

17 MR. MIMM:

18 I'm going to poll, briefly.

19
20 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
21 Santiago, aye; Mr. DeCriscio, aye; Ms.
22 Early, aye; Dr. Evans, aye, Dr. Jordal,
23 aye; Ms. Martin, aye; Ms. Moyer, aye;
24 Ms. Painter, aye; Ms. Redcay, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 MR. MIMM:

3 Number 10 is the Professional Counselor
4 by Examination, Angela Moore. I believe
5 there is going to be a motion for
6 provisional denial at number 10.

7 Do I hear such a motion?

8 DR. SANTIAGO:

9 I make a motion that we provisionally
10 deny number 10.

11 MR. MIMM:

12 Do I hear a second?

13 DR. JORDAL:

14 Second.

15 MR. MIMM:

16 I'm going briefly poll.

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18 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
19 Santiago, aye; Mr. DeCriscio, aye; Ms.
20 Early, aye; Dr. Evans, aye, Dr. Jordal,
21 aye; Ms. Martin, aye; Ms. Moyer, aye;
22 Ms. Painter, aye; Ms. Redcay, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

24

25 MR. MIMM:

1 Number 11 is the Professional Counselor
2 by Examination, Jennifer Wentz. My
3 understanding is there will be a motion
4 for provisional denial of Ms. Wentz.

5 Do I hear such a motion?

6 DR. SANTIAGO:

7 I make a motion that we provisionally
8 deny number 11.

9 MR. MIMM:

10 Do I hear a second?

11 DR. EVANS:

12 Second.

13 MR. MIMM:

14 We'll go down the list. How do you
15 vote?

16

17 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
18 Santiago, aye; Mr. DeCriscio, aye; Ms.
19 Early, aye; Dr. Evans, aye, Dr. Jordal,
20 aye; Ms. Martin, aye; Ms. Moyer, aye;
21 Ms. Painter, aye; Ms. Redcay, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MR. MIMM:

25 Number 12 is the Professional Counselor

1 by Examination, Kathleen McQuillan. My
2 understanding is there is going to be a
3 motion for provisional denial of number
4 12, Ms. McQuillan.

5 Do I hear such a motion?

6 DR. JORDAL:

7 So moved.

8 MR. MIMM:

9 Do I hear a second?

10 MS. EARLY:

11 Second.

12 MR. MIMM:

13 How do you vote?

14

15 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
16 Santiago, nay; Mr. DeCriscio, aye; Ms.
17 Early, aye; Dr. Evans, aye, Dr. Jordal,
18 aye; Ms. Martin, aye; Ms. Moyer, aye;
19 Ms. Painter, nay; Ms. Redcay, aye.

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

22 ***

23 MR. MIMM:

24 Number 13 is the Professional Counselor
25 by Examination, Kelli Kusniss. I

1 believe that there is going to be a
2 motion for provisional denial for number
3 13.

4 Is there such a motion?

5 MS. EARLY:

6 I'll move for a provisional denial for
7 number 13.

8 MR. MIMM:

9 Do I hear a second?

10 DR. EVANS:

11 Second.

12 MR. MIMM:

13 In terms of a vote, how do you vote?

14

15 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
16 Santiago, aye; Mr. DeCriscio, aye; Ms.
17 Early, aye; Dr. Evans, aye, Dr. Jordal,
18 aye; Ms. Martin, aye; Ms. Moyer, aye;
19 Ms. Painter, aye; Ms. Redcay, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MR. MIMM:

23 Number 14 is the Professional Counselor
24 by Examination, Kenneth Blake. My
25 understanding is that there is going to

1 be a motion for provisional denial for
2 number 14, Mr. Blake.

3 Is there such a motion?

4 DR. SANTIAGO:

5 I make a motion that we provisionally
6 deny number 14.

7 MR. MIMM:

8 Do I hear a second?

9 DR. JORDAL:

10 Second.

11 MR. MIMM:

12 A quick vote.

13

14 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
15 Santiago, aye; Mr. DeCriscio, aye; Ms.
16 Early, aye; Dr. Evans, aye, Dr. Jordal,
17 aye; Ms. Martin, aye; Ms. Moyer, aye;
18 Ms. Painter, aye; Ms. Redcay, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

20

21 Review of Applications - Act 41 Review

22 MR. MIMM:

23 Number 15 is a Social Worker by
24 Examination, Margaret Volk. My
25 understand is there is a motion to

1 accept the Social Worker by Examination
2 for Ms. Volk and grant a provisional
3 license for Ms. Volk under Act 41.

4 Do I hear such a motion?

5 MS. PAINTER:

6 So moved.

7 MR. MIMM:

8 Do I hear a second?

9 DR. JORDAL:

10 Second.

11 MR. MIMM:

12 I'm going to put this for a vote.

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14 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
15 Santiago, nay; Mr. DeCriscio, aye; Ms.
16 Early, aye; Dr. Evans, aye, Dr. Jordal,
17 aye; Ms. Martin, nay; Ms. Moyer, nay;
18 Ms. Painter, aye; Ms. Redcay, nay.

19 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago, Linda Martin,
20 Cindy Moyer, and Mayte Redcay opposed the motion.]

21

22 MR. MIMM:

23 Number 16 is a Social Worker by
24 Examination under Act 41, Maurice Young.
25 I believe there will also be a motion

1 for a provisional license for Mr. Young.

2 Do I hear a motion to accept the
3 Act 41 Application for a provisional
4 license?

5 DR. JORDAL:

6 So moved.

7 MR. MIMM:

8 Do I hear a second?

9 MS. PAINTER:

10 Second.

11 MR. MIMM:

12 Going down the list. How do you vote?

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14 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
15 Santiago, nay; Mr. DeCriscio, aye; Ms.
16 Early, aye; Dr. Evans, nay; Dr. Jordal,
17 nay; Ms. Martin, nay; Ms. Moyer, nay;
18 Ms. Painter, aye; Ms. Redcay, nay.

19 [The motion to grant a provisional license has been
20 denied. Michelle Santiago, Erika Evans, Christian
21 Jordal, Linda Martin, Cindy Moyer, and Mayte Redcay
22 opposed the motion.]

23

24 MR. MIMM:

25 I am going to entertain a secondary

1 motion for provisional denial on number
2 16, Social Worker by Examination,
3 Maurice Young.

4 Do I hear such a motion for
5 provisional denial?

6 DR. JORDAL:

7 So moved.

8 DR. EVANS:

9 Second.

10 MR. MIMM:

11 We're going to take a brief vote on
12 this. How do you vote?

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14 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.
15 Santiago, aye; Mr. DeCriscio, aye; Ms.
16 Early, aye; Dr. Evans, aye; Dr. Jordal,
17 aye; Ms. Martin, aye; Ms. Moyer, aye;
18 Ms. Painter, no; Ms. Redcay, aye.

19 [The motion carried. Marilyn Painter and Mayte Redcay
20 opposed the motion.]

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22 MR. MIMM:

23 Numbers 17 and 23. There was an
24 amendment, for the record, at number 17,
25 as a Licensed Professional Counselor,

1 not actually a Licensed Clinical Social
2 Worker. That is a typo and just noting
3 for the record that is a typo in terms
4 of the license type.

5 Number 17 through 23. I believe we
6 will be able to handle this in one vote.
7 My understanding is we are just going to
8 poll the Board, like we are going to
9 handle these all-in-one matter.

10 It's my understanding there will be
11 a motion to accept the provisional
12 license for numbers 17 through 23 for
13 Vanessa Soleil, Courtney Pfohlman, Dana
14 Kabisch, Joshua Kleiner, Keith Miles,
15 Michael Myett, and Shakirah Ewell.

16 Do I hear such a motion?

17 MS. PAINTER:

18 So moved.

19 DR. JORDAL:

20 Second.

21 MR. MIMM:

22 This vote will be for number 17 through
23 number 23. How do you vote?

24

25 Dr. Corby, aye; Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr.

1 MR. MIMM:

2 I will do a voice vote on this one. All
3 in favor, say aye. Anybody not in
4 favor, speak up. I hear no nays.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

6 ***

7 [Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair, referred to the
8 Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation
9 (CLEAR) Conference.

10 Dr. Jordal requested information regarding the
11 CLEAR Conference for clarification.

12 Chair Corby explained that the AMFTRB meets
13 around the same time the CLEAR Conference does because
14 the AMFTRB Board members attend the CLEAR Conference
15 but are two separate things.]

16 ***

17 Report of Acting Commissioner

18 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
19 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board
20 members that the department is currently in the
21 process of replacing the Pennsylvania Licensing System
22 (PALS) and should have the new system identified and
23 in place by the end of 2023.

24 Dr. Jordal expressed concern with how the
25 organization is going to be aware of changes and

1 prepare for it with the existing application systems
2 that are in use that are connected or familiar with
3 compacts and trying to navigate how to handle
4 licensure with telehealth across state lines.

5 Acting Commissioner Claggett stated that anything
6 dealing with compacts would have to be added into the
7 new system.]

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9 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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11 Review of Applications - Continuing Education

12 MR. MIMM:

13 My understanding is that there was a
14 motion to reject the Application for
15 Approval of the Capital Area
16 Intermediate Unit.

17 Do I hear such a motion to reject?

18 DR. SANTIAGO:

19 I make a motion to reject number 24.

20 MR. MIMM:

21 Do I hear a second?

22 MS. PAINTER:

23 Second.

24 MR. MIMM:

25 I will put this to a voice vote. I

1 believe it has been unanimous at this
2 point. Everybody in favor of rejection,
3 say aye. Anybody who would like to
4 approve this, please say nay. Hearing
5 no nays.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Correspondence

9 [Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair, noted the Request
10 for Special Accommodations to take the National
11 Counselor Examination (NCE) Examination has been
12 tabled to ask for additional information.]

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14 Miscellaneous

15 [Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair, referred to the
16 letter from the Association of Social Work Boards
17 (ASWB) concerning bylaw amendments.

18 Chair Corby also noted the final child abuse
19 reporting requirements regulation for the Board's
20 review.

21 Ms. Martin stated the Association of Social Work
22 Boards is the organization on which the initial
23 licensing regulations were based and the organization
24 that developed the model for licensure for social
25 workers and did not see any need for the Board to make

1 any bylaw amendments.]

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3 Appointments

4 [Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair, noted the two
5 appointments scheduled for this meeting were
6 continued.]

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8 Adjournment

9 CHAIR CORBY:

10 Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

11 DR. JORDAL:

12 So moved.

13 MR. MIMM:

14 Do I hear a second?

15 MS. PAINTER:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR CORBY:

18 All in favor, say aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 [There being no further business, the State Board of
22 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
23 Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at
24 12:06 p.m.]

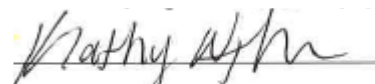
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors meeting.



Kathryn Witherow,

Minute Clerk

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

April 26, 2022

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11:48	Review of Applications
11:56	Report of Board Chairperson
11:59	Report of Acting Commissioner
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12:02	Correspondence
12:02	Miscellaneous
12:06	Adjournment