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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: 9:32 A.M.

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

July 9, 2019

1 State Board of Social Workers,
2 Marriage and Family Therapists,
3 and Professional Counselors
4 July 9, 2019

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7 BOARD MEMBERS:
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9 Renee J. Cardone, MSW, LCSW, Chair
10 Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Vice Chair
11 K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
12 Professional and Occupational Affairs
13 Jeanne Elberfeld, M.D., LSW - Absent
14 Christian Jordal, Ph.D., LMFT
15 Amy K. Keisling, LCSW
16 Kurt L. Kraus, Ed.D., NCC, ACS, LPC
17 Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN
18 Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member
19 Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC
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22 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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24 Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
25 Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Prosecution
26 Liaison
27 Bridget K. Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
28 Tara J. Smith, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
29 Monty J. Batson, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
30 Colby B. Widdowson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
31 Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Deputy Chief Counsel,
32 Prosecution Division
33 Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator
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36 ALSO PRESENT:
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38 Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC
39 Cynthia Rish, Operations Manager, Rish Law Office, LLC
40 Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D., Esquire
41 Charles Hartwell, Esquire, Dethlefs-Pykosh Law Group
42 Dan Tanczos
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2 State Board of Social Workers,
3 Marriage and Family Therapists
4 and Professional Counselors

5 July 9, 2019

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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, July 9, 2019. Renee J. Cardone, MSW, LCSW,
11 Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

12 Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN, and Marilyn L.
13 Painter, Public Member, were not present at the
14 commencement of the meeting.

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16 [Chair Cardone requested Board and audience members to
17 introduce themselves.]

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19 Approval of minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting

20 CHAIR CARDONE:

21 Are there any additions or corrections
22 to the minutes?

23 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

24 CHAIR CARDONE:

25 Any other additions or corrections? Can

1 I have a motion to approve the minutes
2 as amended?

3 DR. KRAUS:

4 So moved.

5 CHAIR CARDONE:

6 Second?

7 DR. JORDAL:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR CARDONE:

10 All those in favor of approving the
11 minutes as amended? All those opposed?

12 [The motion carried. Mr. Johnson abstained from
13 voting on the motion.]

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15 [Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN, entered the meeting at
16 9:35 a.m.]

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18 Report of Board Prosecutorial Division

19 [Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor,
20 presented the Consent Agreement for File No. 19-69-
21 005247.]

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23 [Tara J. Smith, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
24 the Consent Agreement for Case No. 18-69-004539.]

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1 [Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member, entered the
2 meeting at 9:39 a.m.]

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4 [Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member, exited the meeting
5 at 9:39 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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7 [Tara J. Smith, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
8 the Consent Agreement for Case No. 18-69-004608.]

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10 [Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member, reentered the
11 meeting at 9:42 a.m.]

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13 [Tara J. Smith, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
14 the Consent Agreements for Case No. 19-69-04436 and
15 Case No. 14-69-09688.

16 Charles J. Hartwell, Esquire, counsel for the
17 respondents, was present for the discussion.]

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19 [Tara J. Smith, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
20 the Consent Agreements for Case Nos. 14-69-02241 &
21 Case No. 14-69-02612 and Case No. 18-69-000794.]

22 Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D., Esquire, counsel
23 for the respondent, was present and participated in
24 the discussion.]

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1 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
2 Professional and Occupational Affairs, exited the
3 meeting at 9:56 a.m. and reentered the meeting at
4 9:58 a.m.]

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6 [Bridget K. Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
7 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 16-69-
8 06763.]

9 Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D., Esquire, was
10 present and participated in the discussion.]

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12 Appointment - Prosecution Division Presentation

13 [Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Deputy Chief
14 Counsel, Prosecution Division, introduced herself and
15 provided a brief summary of her professional
16 background.

17 Ms. DeLaurentis provided information for the
18 State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family
19 Therapists, and Professional Counselors for
20 FY 2018-2019, noting 269 cases were opened and 201
21 open cases as of July 1, 2019. She also provided
22 information regarding enforcement statistics.

23 Ms. DeLaurentis noted 69 immediate temporary
24 suspensions, in general, for the prosecution division
25 in FY 2018-2019 and 11,359 open cases as of July 1.

1 She mentioned the past fiscal period, noting that
2 14,030 cases were opened, which is up from 12,604 the
3 year before. She noted 13,270 cases were closed in
4 the fiscal year.

5 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed the Pennsylvania
6 Justice Network (JNET), where the prosecution division
7 receives an alert when licensees from all of the
8 Boards and Commissions are charged with a crime. She
9 noted that two administrative assistants process those
10 to look for arrests that are relevant for each Board.

11 Ms. DeLaurentis reviewed the Office of General
12 Counsel's Mediation Program, which is free of charge.
13 She stated the consent agreement will show if the case
14 was resolved through mediation.]

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16 Report of Board Counsel

17 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted that
18 the Board will be discussing consent agreements
19 presented today in executive session along with agenda
20 items 10 through 17 and 19 through 29. She also noted
21 hearings at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.]

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23 Report of Regulatory Counsel

24 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
25 mentioned that there were no regulatory updates.]

1 Report of Acting Commissioner

2 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
3 Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced that
4 Governor Wolf signed House Bill 1172, which is now Act
5 41 of 2019, allowing Boards and Commissions of the
6 Commonwealth to provide provisional licenses and
7 license by endorsement to promote licensure
8 portability for those actively licensed in other
9 states.
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11 Acting Commissioner Johnson commented that Act 41
12 of 2019 does not supersede any of the existing
13 Practice Acts or provisions of law. He stated
14 candidates must be licensed in another jurisdiction
15 and meet the criteria and have no discipline or no
16 conviction. The General Assembly was very clear that
17 they want to promote portability of licensure and
18 passed this legislation with the desire to promote the
19 Commonwealth as a place for professionals to come and
20 work.

21 Acting Commissioner Johnson commented that the
22 bill was intended for military spouses who were not
23 able to settle in one place.

24 Acting Commissioner Johnson stated the bill will
25 become effective in 60 days from July 2, 2019, but

1 each Board must promulgate regulations. He noted that
2 Cindy Montgomery, Deputy Chief Counsel, will address
3 all of the regulatory requirements.

4 Acting Commissioner Johnson stated an applicant
5 with a license in a jurisdiction that has similar
6 requirements would be granted a provisional license so
7 they would be able to complete additional
8 requirements. He noted that Act 41 of 2019 would not
9 obviate the requirements but would allow those to work
10 while studying.

11 Acting Commissioner Johnson noted that the
12 legislation does state each Board and Commission shall
13 promulgate regulations and mentioned the need for
14 discussion regarding promulgating rulemaking.

15 Acting Commissioner Johnson commented that the
16 General Assembly created this one-size-fits-all
17 solution because it spends too much time focusing on
18 the 29 different Practice Acts. He stated the
19 intent behind the bill was to obviate the push for
20 compacts in a lot of different professions. He
21 mentioned that the General Assembly felt this bill was
22 a fix to a compact, which was designed for ease of the
23 applicant to apply 1 time in 13 different
24 jurisdictions. He stated the bill allows some level
25 of flexibility with the Commonwealth and gives the

1 Boards flexibility and somewhat of a say in terms of
2 how they navigate this process of increasing
3 portability without having to wait for individual
4 statutory changes in their practice acts.

5 Acting Commissioner Johnson again noted that the
6 bill becomes effective in 60 days and then figure out
7 whether or not there are going to be 29 individual
8 rulemakings or one omnibus package and move it
9 through.

10 Acting Commissioner Johnson noted working on the
11 development of provisional license types and new
12 terminologies within the Pennsylvania Licensing System
13 (PALS).]

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15 [Christian Jordal, Ph.D., LMT, exited the meeting at
16 10:33 a.m. and reentered the meeting at 10:34 a.m.]

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18 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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20 Report of Other Board Members - No Report

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22 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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24 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
25 10:36 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session

1 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
2 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
3 a number of matters that are currently pending before
4 the Board and to receive the advice of Counsel. The
5 Board returned to open session at 11:09 a.m.]

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7 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
8 Professional and Occupational Affairs, exited the
9 meeting at 11:09 a.m.]

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11 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:09 a.m. until
12 12:09 p.m. in the matter of the Application for a
13 License by Examination to Practice Professional
14 Counseling of Camille Whitsett, M.Ed., Case No. 19-69-
15 007005.]

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17 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
18 12:09 p.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
19 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
20 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
21 a number of matters that are currently pending before
22 the Board and to receive the advice of Counsel. The
23 Board returned to open session at 1:04 p.m.]

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25 MOTIONS

1 MS. WUCINSKI:

2 Having returned from executive session,
3 I believe the Board will entertain a
4 motion to adopt the Consent Agreements
5 at agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and
6 9.

7 DR. CORBY:

8 So moved.

9 DR. KRAUS:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR CARDONE:

12 All those in favor? All those opposed?
13 Any abstentions?

14 [The motion carried. Ms. Painter recused herself from
15 deliberations and voting on items 3 and 5. Number 2
16 is the VRP Consent Agreement, File No. 19-69-005247.
17 Number 3 is Laura Elizabeth Terry, LPC, Case No. 18-
18 69-004539; Anita L. Mallicone, LCSW, Case No. 19-69-
19 004436; Jennifer Ann Rhodes, LSW, Case No. 18-69-
20 004608; Sara Elizabeth French, LPC, Case No. 14-69-
21 02241 & 14-69-02612; Thomas M. McCluskey, LSW, Case
22 No. 14-69-09688; Albert V. Pohl, LPC, Case No. 18-69-
23 000794; and Amanda Danielle Wellner, LCSW, Case No.
24 16-69-06763.]

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1 MOTIONS

2 MS. WUCINSKI:

3 Having returned from executive session,
4 I believe the Board will entertain a
5 motion to provisionally deny the
6 Application for a License to Practice as
7 a Social Worker of Melissa Bonilla.

8 DR. CORBY:

9 So moved.

10 DR. JORDAL:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR CARDONE:

13 All those in favor? All those opposed?
14 Any abstentions?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. WUCINSKI:

18 I believe the Board will entertain a
19 motion to approve the Application for a
20 License to Practice as a Social Worker
21 of Daniel Devivo.

22 CHAIR CARDONE:

23 Motion?

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25 MS. KEISLING:

1 So moved.

2 DR. JORDAL:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR CARDONE:

5 All those in favor? All those opposed?

6 Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 MS. WUCINSKI:

10 I believe the Board will entertain a
11 motion to adopt the draft Adjudication
12 and Order with the corrections mentioned
13 in executive session as final for
14 Maureen E. Elmer, Case No. 19-69-004942.

15 DR. CORBY:

16 So moved.

17 MS. KEISLING:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR CARDONE:

20 All those in favor? All those opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried. Dr. Santiago opposed the
23 motion.]

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25 MS. WUCINSKI:

1 I believe the Board will entertain a
2 motion to direct Board counsel to draft
3 an Adjudication and Order at Case No.
4 17-69-011705 for Christina Stagers,
5 LPC, as discussed in executive session.

6 DR. KRAUS:

7 So moved.

8 DR. JORDAL:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR CARDONE:

11 All those in favor? All those opposed?
12 Abstentions?

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 draft Adjudication
18 and Order as final for Janard Pendleton,
19 LSW, at Case No. 18-69-03104.

20 MS. KEISLING:

21 So moved.

22 DR. SANTIAGO:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR CARDONE:

25 All those in favor? All those opposed?

1 Abstentions?

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 draft Adjudication
7 and Order as final for Katrina C.
8 Clancey, LPC, Case No. 16-69-11500.

9 DR. KRAUS:

10 So moved.

11 DR. SANTIAGO:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR CARDONE:

14 All those in favor? All those opposed?
15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MS. WUCINSKI:

19 I believe the Board will entertain a
20 motion to adopt the draft Adjudication
21 and Order as final for Jacqueline L.
22 George, LCSW, Case No. 13-69-06890.

23 DR. CORBY:

24 So moved.

25 DR. KEISLING:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR CARDONE:

3 All those in favor? All those opposed?
4 Abstentions?

5 [The motion carried. Dr. Kraus recused himself from
6 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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8 MS. WUCINSKI:

9 I believe the Board will entertain a
10 motion to authorize Board counsel to
11 issue a final Adjudication and Order for
12 James Corley Jr., Case No. 19-69-004937
13 as discussed in executive session.

14 DR. KRAUS:

15 So moved.

16 DR. CORBY:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR CARDONE:

19 All those in favor? All those opposed?
20 Abstentions?

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

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24 [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:08 p.m. until
25 2:07 p.m. in the matter of the Application for a

1 License by Examination to Practice Clinical Social
2 Work of Laura Ann Fischer-Tanczos, LSW, Case No. 19-
3 69-007004.]

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
6 2:07 p.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
9 a number of matters that are currently pending before
10 the Board and to receive the advice of Counsel. The
11 Board returned to open session at 3:15 p.m.]

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13 MOTIONS

14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 I believe the Board will entertain a
16 motion to approve the education of
17 Elizabeth Ann Roethling.

18 DR. CORBY:

19 So moved.

20 MS. KEISLING:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR CARDONE:

23 All those in favor? All those opposed?
24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board will entertain a motion to approve the education of Kathleen Michelle Killian.

DR. KRAUS:

So moved.

DR. JORDAL:

Second.

CHAIR CARDONE:

All those in favor? All those opposed?
Abstentions?

[The motion carried unanimously.]

MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board will entertain a motion to approve the education of Sara D. Edwards.

DR. CORBY:

So moved.

DR. SANTIAGO:

Second.

CHAIR CARDONE:

All those in favor? All those opposed?
Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. WUCINSKI:

4 I believe the Board will entertain a
5 motion to provisionally deny the
6 Application for a License by Examination
7 to Practice Professional Counseling of
8 Deborah Kerr.

9 DR. SANTIAGO:

10 I make that motion to provisionally
11 deny.

12 DR. JORDAL:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR CARDONE:

15 All those in favor? All those opposed?
16 Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

18 ***

19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 I believe the Board will entertain a
21 motion to approve the supervised
22 clinical experience of Julia Thompson.

23 DR. CORBY:

24 So moved.

25 DR. KRAUS:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR CARDONE:

3 All those in favor? All those opposed?

4 Abstentions?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MS. WUCINSKI:

8 Agenda Item No. 24, I note the Board
9 directed the Board administrator to
10 write a letter to Lael Jennifer Rasch
11 concerning her education.

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13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 I believe the Board will entertain a
15 motion to approve the education of
16 Karina Torroba Suero.

17 DR. CORBY:

18 So moved.

19 DR. SANTIAGO:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR CARDONE:

22 All those in favor? All those opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MS. WUCINSKI:

2 I believe the Board will entertain a
3 motion to approve the education of
4 Jacqueline Ann Huber.

5 DR. SANTIAGO:

6 I make a motion.

7 CHAIR CARDONE:

8 Do I have a second?

9 MS. KEISLING:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR CARDONE:

12 All those in favor? All those opposed?

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 MS. WUCINSKI:

16 Item No. 27, I will note that the Board
17 has directed the Board administrator to
18 send a letter to Kevin Chaffinch
19 regarding his education.

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21 MS. WUCINSKI:

22 Agenda Item No. 28 has been tabled.

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24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 I believe the Board will entertain a

1 motion to approve the Application for a
2 License by Examination to Practice
3 Marriage and Family Therapy of Jessica
4 Harris-Gray.

5 DR. CORBY:

6 So moved.

7 MS. MARTIN:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR CARDONE:

10 All those in favor? All those opposed?

11 [The motion carried. Dr. Jordal recused himself from
12 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 I believe the Board will entertain a
16 motion to waive examination and grant
17 the Application for a License by
18 Examination to Practice Professional
19 Counseling of Laura Ann Fischer Tanczos,
20 Case No. 19-69-007004.

21 MS. MARTIN:

22 So moved.

23 MS. PAINTER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CARDONE:

1 All those in favor? All those opposed?

2 [The motion carried. Dr. Santiago opposed the
3 motion.]

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5 Adjournment

6 DR. CORBY

7 I move for adjournment.

8 CHAIR CARDONE:

9 We have a move to adjourn. Do we have a
10 second?

11 DR. SANTIAGO:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR CARDONE:

14 All those in favor? All those opposed?
15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 [There being no further business, the State Board of
19 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
20 Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at
21 3:18 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.



Amber Garbinski,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
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10:13	Report of Acting Commissioner
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11:09	Formal Hearing - Camille Whitsett
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12:09	Executive Session
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1:04	Motions
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