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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: 11:04 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

April 25, 2023

1 State Board of Social Workers,
2 Marriage and Family Therapists,
3 and Professional Counselors
4 April 25, 2023

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7 BOARD MEMBERS:

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9 Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Chair
10 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs
12 Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS
13 Kimberly Early, LSW
14 Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT, Vice Chair
15 Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN
16 Cindy Moyer, LCSW
17 Mayte Redcay, LCSW, LCADC, SAP, CEAP
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20 BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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22 Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
23 Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel
24 Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
25 Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
26 Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
27 Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
28 Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
29 Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator
30 Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
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33 ALSO PRESENT:

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35 Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC
36 Johanna Byrd, ACSW, IOM, CAE, Executive Director,
37 National Association of Social Workers,
38 Pennsylvania Chapter
39 Carlton Smith, Social Work Services Manager,
40 Department of Human Services, Children and Youth
41 Division
42 Farida E. Boyer, CEO, LMFT, Boyer Counseling Group
43 Melanie
44 Derek Richmond
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State Board of Social Workers,
Marriage and Family Therapists
and Professional Counselors

April 25, 2023

[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
at 9:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
Session with Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel,
for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
deliberations and to have attorney-client
consultation. The Board entered into public session
at 11:00 a.m.]

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family
Therapists, and Professional Counselors was held on
Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Michelle Santiago, Psy.D.,
LPC, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Introduction of Board Members
[Chair Santiago requested an introduction of Board
members.]

Introduction of Attendees

1 [Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator, provided an
2 introduction of attendees.]

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4 Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
5 meeting was being conducted virtually in a hybrid
6 format pursuant to Act 100 of 2021 to conduct
7 business during a public meeting. She also noted a
8 quorum had been satisfied by the use of the virtual
9 platform.

10 Ms. Miley advised everyone that the meeting was
11 being recorded, and those who continued to
12 participate were giving their consent to be recorded.

13 Ms. Miley informed everyone that the Board met in
14 Executive Session to have attorney-client
15 consultation and for the purpose of conducting quasi-
16 judicial deliberations.]

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18 Approval of minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Our first item is approval of the draft
21 minutes. Are there any corrections,
22 additions, or deletions? Seeing none.

23 Can I have a motion to accept the
24 minutes?

25 MS. MOYER:

1 So moved.

2 MS. REDCAY:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5 Is there any discussion about the
6 minutes? Seeing none. Sarah, could we
7 have the roll call vote?

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9 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
10 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
11 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Report of Prosecutorial Division

15 [Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution

16 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No.
17 19-69-010872.

18 Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC,
19 counsel for the respondent, was present regarding
20 Case No. 19-69-010872.

21 Mr. Giunta presented the Consent Agreements for
22 Case No. 22-69-011470 and Case No. 22-69-016719.]

23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Starting with item 2, I believe the
25 Board will entertain a motion to adopt

1 the Consent Agreement at number 2.

2 MS. MOYER:

3 So moved.

4 MS. REDCAY:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 Is there any discussion with item 2?

8 Seeing none. Sarah, could we have the
9 roll call vote, please?

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11 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
12 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
13 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
15 name at Case No. 19-69-010872 is Lora Beth Henne,
16 LPC.]

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18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

19 I believe the Board will entertain a
20 motion to adopt the Consent Order for
21 item 3.

22 May I have a motion, please?

23 MS. MOYER:

24 So moved.

25 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

1 Second?

2 MS. REDCAY:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5 Is there any discussion? Seeing none.

6 Sarah, could we have the roll call,
7 please?

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9 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

10 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

11 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
13 name at Case No. 22-69-011470 is Tiffany Scheide,
14 LSW.]

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16 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

17 In terms of item 4, I believe the Board
18 will entertain a motion to approve the
19 Consent Agreement.

20 May I have a motion, please?

21 MS. MOYER:

22 So moved.

23 MS. REDCAY:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

1 Is there any discussion? Seeing none.

2 Could we have the vote, please?

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4 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

5 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

6 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 Report of Board Counsel - Matters for Deliberation

10 MS. MILEY:

11 The first matter before the Board is
12 regarding the Application of Sabine
13 Alexis, Social Worker by Examination at
14 agenda item 5. This individual is
15 applying for a Social Worker by
16 Examination here in the commonwealth.

17 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

18 Item 5. I believe the Board will
19 entertain a motion to provisionally
20 deny the application.

21 MS. MOYER:

22 So moved.

23 MS. REDCAY:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

1 Is there any discussion? Could we have
2 the vote, please?

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4 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
5 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
6 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 MS. MILEY:

10 The next item is number 6, the Clinical
11 Social Worker by Endorsement
12 Application of Christine Caputo.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 I believe the Board will entertain a
15 motion to grant the license.

16 May I have a motion, please?

17 MS. MOYER:

18 So moved.

19 MS. REDCAY:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

22 Is there any discussion? Could we have
23 the vote, please?

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25 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

1 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
2 Martin, nay; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

3 [The motion carried. Linda Martin opposed the
4 motion.]

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6 MS. MILEY:

7 For item 7, we have the Application of
8 Jill Kreimeyer for Professional
9 Counselor by Endorsement.

10 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

11 I'd like to make a motion to grant the
12 provisional license for the Applicant
13 at number 7.

14 Could I have a motion, please?

15 MS. MOYER:

16 So moved.

17 MS. REDCAY:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Is there any discussion? Could we have
21 the roll, please?

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23 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye;
24 DeCriscio, nay; Early, nay; Evans, nay;
25 Martin, aye; Moyer, nay; Redcay, nay.

1 [The motion failed. Michelle Santiago, Eric
2 DeCriscio, Kimberly Early, Erika Evans, Cindy Moyer,
3 and Mayte Redcay opposed the motion.]

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5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 I believe that the Board will entertain
7 a motion to provisionally deny the
8 Application at item 7.

9 Could I have a motion, please?

10 MS. MOYER:

11 So moved.

12 MS. REDCAY:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

15 Is there any discussion? Could we have
16 the vote, please?

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18 Santiago, aye; Claggett, nay;

19 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

20 Martin, nay; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

21 [The motion carried. Arion Claggett and Linda Martin
22 opposed the motion.]

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24 MS. MILEY:

25 The next item is item 8, the

1 Application of Rory McNicholl for
2 Professional Counselor by Examination.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 I believe the Board will entertain a
5 motion to approve the Application of
6 number 8.

7 MS. MOYER:

8 So moved.

9 MS. REDCAY:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

12 Is there any discussion? Sarah, could
13 we have the vote, please?

14

15 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

16 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

17 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MS. MILEY:

21 Number 9 is a matter for deliberation
22 regarding the Application of Lis
23 Cristina Santamaria Garcia at Case No.
24 22-69-002375 for a Marriage and Family
25 Therapist by Examination.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 I believe the Board will entertain a
3 motion for counsel to draft an
4 Adjudication Order consistent with the
5 discussions held during Executive
6 Session.

7 Could I have a motion, please?

8 MS. MOYER:

9 So moved.

10 MS. REDCAY:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Any discussion? Seeing none. Could we
14 have the vote, please?

15

16 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

17 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

18 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Report of Board Counsel - Draft Adjudication and
22 Order

23 MS. MILEY:

24 The next item on the agenda today is
25 the draft Adjudication and Order found

1 at item 10 for the Application of Emma
2 Carpenter at Case No. 21-69-012544 for
3 a Marriage and Family Therapist License
4 by Examination.

5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 I believe the Board will entertain a
7 motion adopting the Order as a final
8 determination of the Board with the
9 discussion that was held in Executive
10 Session.

11 Could I have a motion, please?

12 MS. MOYER:

13 So moved.

14 MS. REDCAY:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

17 Is there any discussion? Seeing none.
18 The vote, please?

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20 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
21 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
22 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Report of Board Administrator

1 [Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator, requested
2 travel approval to attend the Counseling Regulatory
3 Boards Summit in Nashville, TN, July 26-29, 2023.]

4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5 I believe that the Board will entertain
6 a motion to approve travel for our
7 Board Administrator, Sarah McNeill.

8 May I have a motion, please?

9 MS. MOYER:

10 So moved.

11 MS. REDCAY:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Is there any discussion, members?
15 Seeing none. Sarah, could you please
16 call the vote?

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18 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
19 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
20 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Review of Applications

24 MS. MILEY:

25 Act 41 Review. Number 12 is Melanie

1 Letts, Social Worker by Examination.

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 I believe the Board will entertain a
4 motion approve the Unrestricted LSW for
5 Melanie Letts at number 12.

6 Could I have a motion?

7 MS. MOYER:

8 So moved.

9 MS. REDCAY:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

12 Is there any discussion, members?

13 Seeing none. Could we have the vote?

14

15 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

16 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

17 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MS. MILEY:

21 The next item is Barbara Holton at
22 number 13, Clinical Social Worker by
23 Endorsement.

24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 I believe the Board will entertain a

1 motion approve an Unrestricted LCSW for
2 item 13, Barbara Holton.

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 MS. MOYER:

5 So moved.

6 MS. REDCAY:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

9 Is there any discussion, members?

10 Seeing none. Could we have the vote?

11

12 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

13 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

14 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. MILEY:

18 The next item is Clinical Social Worker

19 by Endorsement at number 14 of Carolyn

20 Meyer-Wartels.

21 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

22 I believe the Board will entertain a

23 motion approve an Unrestricted LCSW for

24 item 14, Carolyn Meyer-Wartels.

25 May I have a motion, please?

1 MS. MOYER:

2 So moved.

3 MS. REDCAY:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 Is there any discussion, members?

7 Seeing none. Could we have the vote?

8

9 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

10 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

11 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 MS. MILEY:

15 The next item is item 16, the

16 Application of Ashley Burnette for a

17 Professional Counselor by Endorsement.

18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

19 I believe the Board will entertain a

20 motion to approve an Unrestricted

21 License for Ashley Burnette starting

22 May 4, 2023.

23 Could I have a motion, please?

24 MS. MOYER:

25 So moved.

1 MS. REDCAY:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Is there any discussion, members?

5 Seeing none. Could we have the vote,
6 please?

7

8 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

9 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

10 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MS. MILEY:

14 The next item is the Application of

15 Joshua Curry at item 16 for a

16 Professional Counselor by Endorsement.

17 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

18 I believe the Board will entertain a

19 motion to provisionally deny the

20 Application of Joshua Curry at item 16.

21 May I have a motion, please?

22 MS. MOYER:

23 So moved.

24 MS. REDCAY:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 Is there any discussion, members?

3 Seeing none. Could we have the vote,
4 please?

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6 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

7 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

8 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. MILEY:

12 The next item on the agenda is number
13 17, the Application of Kelly Bishop for
14 Professional Counselor by Endorsement.

15 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

16 I believe the Board will entertain a
17 motion to approve the provisional
18 license for Kelly Bishop at number 17.

19 Could I have a motion, please?

20 MS. MOYER:

21 So moved.

22 MS. REDCAY:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 Is there any discussion? Seeing none.

1 Could we have the vote, please?

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3 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

4 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

5 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 MS. MILEY:

9 The next item on the agenda is number

10 18, the Application of Natasha

11 Dickerson-Amaya for Professional

12 Counselor by Endorsement.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 I believe the Board will entertain a

15 motion to approve the provisional LPC

16 for Natasha Dickerson-Amaya at number

17 18.

18 Could I have a motion, please?

19 MS. MOYER:

20 So moved.

21 MS. REDCAY:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Is there any discussion? Could we have

25 the vote, please?

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Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

MS. MILEY:

The next item is item 19, the
Application of Renee Gibson for
Professional Counselor by Endorsement.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

I believe the Board will entertain a
motion to provisionally deny the
Application of Renee Gibson.

Could I have a motion, please?

MS. MOYER:

So moved.

MS. REDCAY:

Second.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

Is there any discussion, members?

Seeing none. Could we have the vote,
please?

Santiago, aye; Claggett, nay;

1 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
2 Martin, nay; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.
3 [The motion carried. Arion Claggett and Linda Martin
4 opposed the motion.]

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6 MS. MILEY:

7 The next item is item 20, the
8 Application of Richard Kohl Jr. for
9 Professional Counselor by Endorsement.

10 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

11 I believe the Board will make a motion
12 to approve the provisional license for
13 Richard Kohl Jr. at item 20.

14 May I have a motion, please?

15 MS. MOYER:

16 So moved.

17 MS. REDCAY:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Any discussion? Seeing none. Could we
21 have the vote, please?

22
23 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
24 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
25 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. MILEY:

4 The next item on the agenda today is
5 item 21, the Application of Samantha
6 Collins for Professional Counselor by
7 Endorsement.

8 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

9 I believe the Board will make a motion
10 to approve the provisional license for
11 Samantha Collins at item 21.

12 Can I have a motion, please?

13 MS. MOYER:

14 So moved.

15 MS. REDCAY:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

18 Is there any discussion? Seeing none.

19 Could we have the vote, please?

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21 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye;

22 DeCriscio, nay; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

23 Martin, nay; Moyer, aye; Redcay, nay.

24 [The motion failed. Michelle Santiago, Eric

25 DeCriscio, Linda Martin, and Mayte Redcay opposed the

1 motion.]

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3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

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Could somebody give us a motion to move
5 to Executive Session?

6 MS. MOYER:

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I motion we move to Executive Session.

8 MS. REDCAY:

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Second.

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11 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
12 at 11:39 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
13 Session with Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel,
14 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
15 deliberations and to have attorney-client
16 consultation. The Board entered into public session
17 at 11:48 a.m.]

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19 MS. MILEY:

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Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the

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Sunshine Act, the Board did enter into

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Executive Session with Board Counsel to

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have attorney-client consultations and

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for the purpose of conducting quasi-

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judicial deliberations.

1 At this time, we are returning to
2 item 21 on today's agenda pertaining to
3 Samantha Collins, the Professional
4 Counselor by Endorsement Application.

5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 I believe the Board will entertain a
7 motion to approve the provisional
8 license for Samantha Collins at item
9 21.

10 Could I have a motion, please?

11 MS. MOYER:

12 So moved.

13 MS. REDCAY:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

16 Is there any discussion, members?

17 Could we have the vote, please?

18

19 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye;

20 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

21 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

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

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25 MS. MILEY:

1 The next item on the agenda is item 22,
2 the Application of Stephanie Adams-
3 Rodriguez for Professional Counselor by
4 Endorsement.

5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 I believe the Board will entertain a
7 motion to approve the provisional
8 license for Stephanie Adams-Rodriguez
9 at number 22.

10 Could I have a motion, please?

11 MS. MOYER:

12 So moved.

13 MS. REDCAY:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

16 Any discussion? Could we have the
17 vote, please?

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19 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
20 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;
21 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 Miscellaneous

25 MS. MILEY:

1 The next item on the agenda for voting
2 is the NCE Accommodation Request of
3 Maria Valeri de Colina at item 23, NCE
4 Accommodation Request of Lynda Young at
5 item 24, and the NCE Accommodation
6 Request of Fanta Richardson at item 25.

7 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

8 I believe the Board will entertain a
9 motion to approve the NCE Accommodation
10 Requests of numbers 23, 24, and 25.

11 Could I have a motion, please?

12 MS. MOYER:

13 So moved.

14 MS. REDCAY:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

17 Is there any discussion? Seeing none.

18 Could we have the vote, please?

19

20 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

21 DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye; Evans, aye;

22 Martin, aye; Moyer, aye; Redcay, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Regulatory Report

1 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
2 Board members that there would be an in-depth
3 discussion at the June meeting regarding the current
4 state of regulations.]

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6 Report of Board Chairperson

7 [Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Chairperson,
8 announced that the American Association of State
9 Counseling Boards Annual Conference would be held
10 January 7-9, 2024.]

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12 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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14 Old Business

15 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
16 the Social Work Licensure Compact. She noted the
17 model legislature has been provided and that it has
18 been indicated they are currently seeking support
19 from the legislature to present the bill.

20 Ms. Miley provided the compact model legislation
21 for the Board's review. She referred to the
22 coversheet that indicates the project is funded by
23 the Department of Defense, noting language must be
24 enacted into law by the state to officially join the
25 Social Work Licensure Compact but is not yet before

1 the legislature in Pennsylvania. She mentioned that
2 no substantive changes should be made to the model
3 language and that any substantive changes may
4 jeopardize the enacting state's participation in the
5 compact.

6 Ms. Miley stated The Council of State Governments
7 National Center for Interstate Compacts reviews the
8 state compact legislation to ensure consistency with
9 the model language and to direct any inquiries to
10 Jessica Thomas.

11 Chair Santiago asked how everything fits together
12 with where the organization is at when looking at
13 their licensure exam function.

14 Johanna Byrd, ACSW, IOM, CAE, Executive Director,
15 National Association of Social Workers, explained
16 that the National Association of Social Workers came
17 out officially against the Association of Social Work
18 Boards (ASWB) Exam in its current form
19 because of the struggles with equity and the diverse
20 populations who were negatively impacted by the exam.

21 Ms. Byrd explained that some states have
22 eliminated the exam requirement for some of the lower
23 licenses, which would be the equivalent of the LSW in
24 Pennsylvania. She mentioned that they were willing
25 to come out against the compact in general, along

1 with motivating some revisions to the language,
2 noting states have done that or have alternative
3 pathways to licensure, which is another option being
4 explored.

5 Ms. Byrd stated they would actually be accepted
6 or at least are not explicitly excluded under the
7 compact language. She mentioned that was the main
8 issue NASW was holding out for and since then has
9 come out full force for the compact.

10 Ms. Byrd reported several states are in the
11 process but none have passed legislation. She
12 mentioned that Illinois and Rhode Island eliminated
13 the LSW exam, and there may be a couple of others in
14 the process of making that change. She noted
15 Wisconsin is in the process of defining an
16 alternative pathway, where they are not eliminating
17 the exam but may have an alternative pathway by
18 gaining additional supervised hours for obtaining
19 their license.

20 Ms. Martin asked who would review everything for
21 any sort of conflict with Pennsylvania license
22 regulations.

23 Ms. Miley informed Board members that she would
24 be responsible for review but noted that the next
25 step does not take place until it is actually in

1 front of the legislature for consideration.]

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3 [A Formal Hearing was held from 12:02 p.m. until
4 12:33 p.m. in the Matter of the Appeal of the
5 Provisional Denial of the Application for Licensure
6 of Laura Nicole Sarsony, Case No. 22-69-017694.]

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8 [Kimberly Early, MSW, LSW, exited the meeting at
9 12:30 p.m.]

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11 Appointment - Department of Human Services
12 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, announced
13 that the Department of Human Services presentation
14 would take place at the June 13 Board meeting.]

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16 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

17 I make a motion that we adjourn to
18 Executive Session.

19 Could I have a second, please?

20 MS. REDCAY:

21 Second.

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23 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
24 at 12:32 p.m., the Board entered into Executive
25 Session with Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel,

1 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
2 deliberations regarding today's agenda items. The
3 Board entered into public session at 12:48 p.m.]

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5 [Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT, Vice Chair, exited the
6 meeting at 12:59 p.m. and reentered the meeting at
7 1:04 p.m.]

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9 [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:04 p.m. until
10 3:07 p.m. in the Matter of the Application for
11 Licensure of Madeline R. Bush, Case No. 22-69-
12 013837.]

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14 [Mayte Redcay, LCSW, LCADC, SAP, CEAP, and Eric
15 DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS, exited the meeting during
16 the hearing.]

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18 MS. MILEY:

19 In regard to the appointment listed as
20 item 28 on today's agenda pertaining to
21 Laura Nicole Sarsony at Case No. 22-69-
22 017694, I believe the Board would
23 entertain a motion directing Board
24 Counsel to draft an Adjudication and
25 Order.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 I make a motion.

3 MS. MILEY:

4 Is there a second?

5 MS. MOYER:

6 Second.

7 MS. MILEY:

8 Is there any discussion?

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10 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Evans,
11 aye; Martin, aye; Moyer, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 MS. MILEY:

15 For item 29 on today's agenda, the
16 matter of Madeline Bush at Case No. 22-
17 69-013837, I believe the Board would
18 entertain a motion directing Board
19 Counsel to issue a Memorandum Order
20 granting the Application of Madeline
21 Bush.

22 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

23 I make a motion.

24 DR. EVANS:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 Is there any discussion? Could we have
3 the roll?

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5 Santiago, abstain; Moyer, aye; Martin,
6 aye; Evans, aye; Claggett, aye.

7 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago abstained
8 from voting on the motion.]

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10 Adjournment

11 DR. EVANS:

12 I make a motion to adjourn.

13 MS. MOYER:

14 I second the motion.

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16 [There being no further business, the State Board of
17 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
18 Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at
19 3:09 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.



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2 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,
3 AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
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	TIME	AGENDA	
11	9:00	Executive Session	
12	11:00	Return to Open Session	
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14	11:04	Official Call to Order	
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16	11:05	Introduction of Board Members	
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18	11:05	Introduction of Attendees	
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20	11:08	Approval of Minutes	
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22	11:09	Report of Prosecutorial Division	
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24	11:17	Report of Board Counsel	
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26	11:29	Review of Applications	
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28	11:39	Executive Session	
29	11:48	Return to Open Session	
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31	11:50	Miscellaneous	
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33	11:52	Regulatory Report	
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35	11:53	Report of Board Chairperson	
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37	11:54	Old Business	
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39	12:02	Formal Hearing - Laura Nicole Sarsony	
40	12:33		
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42	12:33	Executive Session	
43	1:00	Return to Open Session	
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45	1:04	Formal Hearing - Madeline R. Bush	
46	3:07		
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48	3:07	Motions	
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50	3:09	Adjournment	