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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: 9:12 A.M.

June 9, 2020

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State Board of Social Workers,
Marriage and Family Therapists,
and Professional Counselors
June 9, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair
- Theodore Stauffer, Executive Assistant, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
- K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
- Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Vice Chair
- Renee J. Cardone, MSW, LCSW
- Jeanne Elberfeld, M.D., LSW
- Christian Jordal, Ph.D., LMFT
- Amy K. Keisling, LCSW
- Kurt L. Kraus, Ed.D., NCC, ACS, LPC
- Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN
- Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board/Regulatory Counsel
- J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
- Andrea L. Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Carolyn DeLaurentis, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution Division
- Garrett A. Rine, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator

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

5 June 9, 2020

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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, June 9, 2020. Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT,
11 Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

12 K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau
13 of Professional and Occupational Affairs, was not
14 present at the commencement of the meeting.

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16 Introduction

17 [Chair Corby requested everyone introduce themselves.]

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19 Approval of minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting

20 CHAIR CORBY:

21 Do I have a motion for approval of the
22 minutes with changes from March 10?

23 DR. JORDAL:

24 So moved.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 Do I have a second?

2 DR. ELBERFELD:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR CORBY:

5 All those in favor? Opposed?

6 Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 Approval of minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting

10 CHAIR CORBY:

11 Do I have a motion for approval of the
12 draft minutes with changes for April 21?

13 MS. CARDONE:

14 So moved.

15 DR. JORDAL:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR CORBY:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21 ***

22 Report of Board Prosecutorial Division

23 [J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Board Prosecution

24 Liaison, presented the VRP Consent Agreements for Case

25 No. 20-69-000476 and Case No. 20-69-000839.]

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2 [Amy K. Keisling, LCSW; Kurt L. Kraus, Ed.D., NCC,
3 ACS, LPC; and Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member,
4 exited the meeting at 9:20 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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6 [Andrea L. Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
7 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 19-69-
8 008122.]

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10 [Amy K. Keisling, LCSW; Kurt L. Kraus, Ed.D., NCC,
11 ACS, LPC; and Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member,
12 reentered the meeting at 9:25 a.m.]

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14 Report of Board Counsel

15 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
16 Board would be discussing Consent Agreements, along
17 with agenda items 16 through 21 in Executive Session.]

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19 Miscellaneous

20 [Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, noted correspondence from
21 Michelle Gross.

22 Ms. Wucinski explained the information as an FYI
23 regarding a whistleblower complaint. She commented
24 Ms. Gross sent a letter, and there was a follow-up
25 letter from the National Board for Certified

1 Counselors (NBCC), along with a follow-up
2 investigation, which was between the two parties and
3 not something that involved the Board at this point.

4 Dr. Santiago mentioned reading through the
5 material and noted a good bit of resistance from a few
6 key employees regarding decision-making where Michele
7 Gross' position was restructured from associate vice
8 president to director level.

9 Dr. Santiago noted Ms. Gross stayed in her
10 position for a number of years and never made a
11 complaint until she was let go and asked for several
12 years of substantial severance pay. She mentioned
13 siding with NBCC on what they said according to
14 everything she read.

15 Dr. Kraus served on the Board of Directors of the
16 National Board for Certified Counselors and knows the
17 parties.

18 Ms. Wucinski stated the current discussion was
19 acceptable, but Dr. Kraus may want to recuse from any
20 decision made in the future.

21 Chair Corby noted the National Center for
22 Interstate Compacts at the Council of State
23 Governments was an FYI for the Board's review.]

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25 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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2 Report from Other Board Members - No Report

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4 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
5 9:36 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
6 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
7 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
8 a number of matters that are currently pending before
9 the Board and to receive the advice of Counsel. The
10 Board returned to open session at 12:01 p.m.]

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12 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
13 Professional and Occupational Affairs, joined the
14 teleconference at 12:01 p.m.]

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16 MOTIONS

17 MS. WUCINSKI:

18 Having returned from Executive Session,
19 I believe the Board will entertain a
20 motion to approve the following VRP
21 Consent Agreements: Case No. 20-69-
22 00476 and Case No. 20-69-000839.

23 CHAIR CORBY:

24 Do I have a motion?

25 DR. KRAUS:

1 So moved.

2 DR. JORDAL:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR CORBY:

5 All those in favor? 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 approve the Consent Agreement
12 at Case No. 19-69-008122, noting that
13 Amy Keisling, Kurt Kraus, and Marilyn
14 Painter are recused.

15 CHAIR CORBY:

16 Do I have a motion?

17 DR. SANTIAGO:

18 Motion.

19 DR. ELBERFELD:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR CORBY:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Ms. Keisling, Dr. Kraus, and Ms.
25 Painter recused themselves from deliberations and

1 voting on the motion.]

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3 MS. WUCINSKI:

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I believe the Board will entertain a

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motion to approve the Application for a

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License by Examination to Practice

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Social Work of Rosemarie Young.

8 CHAIR CORBY:

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Is there a motion?

10 DR. JORDAL:

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So moved.

12 MR. JOHNSON:

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Second.

14 CHAIR CORBY:

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All those in favor? Opposed?

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Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried. Dr. Santiago opposed the motion.

18 Dr. Elberfeld recused herself from deliberations and

19 voting on the motion.]

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21 MS. WUCINSKI:

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I believe the Board will entertain a

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motion to adopt as final the draft

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Adjudication and Order for Trond Harman,

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LCSW, Case No. 12-69-09261.

1 CHAIR CORBY:

2 Is there a motion?

3 MS. KEISLING:

4 So moved.

5 DR. JORDAL:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR CORBY:

8 All those in favor? Opposed?

9 Abstentions?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13 At agenda Item No. 8, I would note that
14 the Board has directed the Board
15 administrator to send a letter to Eric
16 Penrod regarding his request to waive
17 the examination requirement.

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19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion to provisionally deny the request
22 of Bernadette Knipe to exempt her from
23 taking the ASWB master's examination.

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25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 Is there a motion?

2 DR. JORDAL:

3 So moved.

4 DR. SANTIAGO:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR CORBY:

7 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. WUCINSKI:

11 I believe the Board would entertain a
12 motion to approve the education of Jorge
13 Acosta.

14 DR. JORDAL:

15 So moved.

16 MR. JOHNSON:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR CORBY:

19 All those in favor? Opposed?

20 Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 I believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to approve the supervised

1 clinical experience of Lisa Douglas.

2 CHAIR CORBY:

3 Is there a motion?

4 DR. JORDAL:

5 So moved.

6 DR. ELBERFELD:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR CORBY:

9 All those in favor? Opposed?

10 Abstentions?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 At agenda Item No. 12, the Board
15 directed the Board administrator to send
16 a letter to David Montgomery regarding
17 his request to waive educational
18 requirements.

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20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a
22 motion to approve the Application for a
23 License by Endorsement under Act 41 to
24 Practice Professional Counseling of
25 Erika Mayer.

1 DR. KRAUS:

2 So moved.

3 DR. JORDAL:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR CORBY:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. WUCINSKI:

11 I would note that at agenda Item No. 14,
12 the Board has directed the Board
13 administrator to send a letter to Karen
14 Weiss regarding her education.

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16 MS. WUCINSKI:

17 I believe the Board would entertain a
18 motion to provisionally deny the request
19 of Jason Kamora to waive the educational
20 requirements.

21 CHAIR CORBY:

22 Is there a motion?

23 DR. KRAUS:

24 So moved.

25 DR. JORDAL:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR CORBY:

3 All those in favor? Opposed?

4 Abstentions?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MS. WUCINSKI:

8 I believe the Board would entertain a
9 motion to approve the education of
10 Autumn Brownlee.

11 CHAIR CORBY:

12 Is there a motion?

13 DR. JORDAL:

14 So moved.

15 DR. SANTIAGO:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR CORBY:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21 ***

22 MS. WUCINSKI:

23 I believe the Board would entertain a
24 motion to approve the supervised
25 clinical experience of Natasha Haroon.

1 MS. PAINTER:

2 So moved.

3 DR. KRAUS:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR CORBY:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. WUCINSKI:

11 I believe the Board would entertain a
12 motion to change the Application for a
13 License by Examination to Practice
14 Professional Counseling to a License by
15 Endorsement to Practice Professional
16 Counseling and grant Erin Reilly a
17 provisional License by Endorsement under
18 Act 41.

19 CHAIR CORBY:

20 Is there a motion?

21 DR. JORDAL:

22 So moved.

23 MR. JOHNSON:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

4 ***

5 MS. WUCINSKI:

6 I believe the Board would entertain a
7 motion to grant a provisional license
8 under Act 41 to the following applicants
9 for a License by Endorsement to
10 Practice Professional Counseling: :
11 Precious George and Amanda Tuttle.

12 CHAIR CORBY:

13 Is there a motion?

14 DR. JORDAL:

15 So moved.

16 DR. KRAUS:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR CORBY:

19 All those in favor? All those opposed?

20 Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 I believe the Board will entertain a
25 motion to waive the continuing education

1 requirements for the 2017-2019 biennial
2 period and place the License to Practice
3 Clinical Social Work of Dianne Bell on
4 inactive status.

5 CHAIR CORBY:

6 Is there a motion?

7 MS. KEISLING:

8 So moved.

9 CHAIR CORBY:

10 Second?

11 MR. JOHNSON:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR CORBY:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, discussed
19 moving the Board meeting due to having full Board
20 meetings again.]

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22 DR. SANTIAGO:

23 I make a motion that we move our next
24 meeting to July 15 starting at 9:30 a.m.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 Do I hear a second?

2 DR. JORDAL:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR CORBY:

5 All those in favor? Opposed?

6 Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

8 ***

9 Adjournment

10 CHAIR CORBY:

11 Do I have a motion for adjournment?

12 DR. JORDAL:

13 So moved.

14 CHAIR CORBY:

15 Do I have a second?

16 DR. ELBERFELD:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR CORBY:

19 All those in favor? Opposed?

20 Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 [There being no further business, the State Board of
24 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
25 Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at

1 12:11 p.m.]

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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.



Evan Bingaman,

Minute Clerk

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Service, Inc.

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TIME	AGENDA
9:12	Official Call to Order
9:13	Introduction of Board/Audience
9:17	Approval of Minutes
9:18	Report of Prosecutorial Division
9:25	Report of Board Counsel
9:26	Miscellaneous
9:36	Executive Session
12:01	Return to Open Session
12:24	Motions
12:11	Adjournment