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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: 11:36 A.M.

January 25, 2022

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State Board of Social Workers,  
Marriage and Family Therapists,  
and Professional Counselors  
January 25, 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
- Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT
- Christian Jordal, Ph.D., LMFT
- Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN
- Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board/Regulatory Counsel
- Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
- Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
- Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Colby B. Widdowson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Sarah McNeill, Board Administrator
- Danie Bendesky, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of State
- Marc Farrell, Deputy Director, Office of Policy, Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

- Samantha Sabatini

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

5 January 25, 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 Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
10 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on  
11 a number of matters before the Board today and to  
12 receive advice of counsel. The Board entered into  
13 public session at 11:36 a.m.]

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15 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
16 Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family  
17 Therapists, and Professional Counselors was held on  
18 Tuesday, January 25, 2022. Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT,  
19 Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

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21 [Chair Corby welcomed Acting Commissioner Claggett and  
22 acknowledged those in attendance.]

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24 Introduction of Board Members

25 [Chair Corby requested an introduction of Board

1 members.]

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3 [Chair Corby reminded everyone that the meeting was  
4 being recorded, and those who continued to participate  
5 were giving their consent to be recorded.]

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7 Approval of minutes of the November 30, 2021 meeting

8 CHAIR CORBY:

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I believe that corrections for the draft  
10 minutes of the November 30 Board meeting  
11 were sent to our Board administrator.

12 I would like to hear a motion to  
13 accept the minutes with corrections.

14 DR. JORDAL:

15 So moved.

16 MS. PAINTER:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR CORBY:

19 All in favor, raise your hand. Anyone  
20 opposed? Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Report of Board Prosecutorial Division

24 [Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,

25 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 21-69-

1 014371.]

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3 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on  
4 behalf of Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
5 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No.  
6 20-69-006765 and Case No. 21-69-003674.

7 Dr. Santiago noted a correction, where the person  
8 is listed as a marriage and family therapist (MFT) but  
9 should be listed as a licensed professional counselor  
10 regarding Case No. 20-69-006765.]

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12 [Colby B. Widdowson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
13 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 15-69-  
14 13215.]

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16 Report of Board Counsel

17 MS. BLACK:

18 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the  
19 Sunshine Act, prior to today's meeting,  
20 the Board entered into executive session  
21 for the purpose of conducting quasi-  
22 judicial deliberations on the matters  
23 currently before the Board and to  
24 receive the advice of counsel.

25

I believe the Board would entertain

1 a motion to approve the Consent  
2 Agreement at item 2, Case No. 21-69-  
3 014371.

4 DR. JORDAL:

5 So moved.

6 DR. EVANS:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR CORBY:

9 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
10 Abstentions? Recused?

11 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago and Linda  
12 Martin recused themselves from deliberations and  
13 voting on the motion. The Board accepted the Consent  
14 Agreement at Case No. 21-69-014371, BPOA v. Stephane  
15 Marie Elisco, LSW.]

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17 MS. BLACK:

18 I believe the Board would entertain a  
19 motion to approve the Consent Agreement  
20 at item 3, Case No. 15-69-13215.

21 DR. SANTIAGO:

22 I make a motion.

23 DR. JORDAL:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CORBY:

1 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
2 Abstentions? Recused?

3 [The motion carried unanimously. The Board accepted  
4 the Consent Agreement at Case No. 15-69-13215, BPOA v.  
5 Mark Cameron Pentz, LPC.]

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7 MS. BLACK:

8 I believe the Board would entertain a  
9 motion to approve the Consent Agreement  
10 at item 4 with the referenced edit, Case  
11 No. 20-69-006765.

12 DR. JORDAL:

13 So moved.

14 DR. SANTIAGO:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR CORBY:

17 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
18 Abstentions? Recused?

19 [The motion carried unanimously. The Board accepted  
20 the Consent Agreement at Case No. 20-69-006765, BPOA  
21 v. Margaret Stimmel, LPC.]

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23 MS. BLACK:

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

1 at item 5, Case No. 21-69-003674.

2 DR. JORDAL:

3 So moved.

4 MS. MARTIN:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR CORBY:

7 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

8 Abstentions? Recused?

9 [The motion carried. Joy Corby recused herself from  
10 deliberations and voting on the motion. The Board  
11 accepted the Consent Agreement at Case No. 21-69-  
12 003674, BPOA v. Bethany Swartz, LPC.]

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14 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and Order

15 MS. BLACK:

16 Moving on to item 6, I believe the Board  
17 would entertain a motion approving as  
18 final the Adjudication and Order at Case  
19 No. 21-69-004829, Megan Neil,  
20 Professional Counselor by Examination.

21 DR. JORDAL:

22 So moved.

23 MS. MARTIN:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR CORBY:



1 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
2 Abstentions? Recused?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Report of Board Counsel - Matters for Deliberation

6 MS. BLACK:

7 I believe the Board would entertain a  
8 motion directing Board counsel to draft  
9 an Adjudication and Order in accordance  
10 with discussions held in executive  
11 session for item 7, Case No. 21-69-  
12 010685.

13 DR. JORDAL:

14 So moved.

15 DR. SANTIAGO:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR CORBY:

18 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
19 Abstentions? Recused?

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

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23 MS. BLACK:

24 Regarding item 8, I believe the Board  
25 would entertain a motion directing Board

1                   counsel to draft an Adjudication and  
2                   Order in accordance with discussions  
3                   held in executive session for Case No.  
4                   21-69-012549.

5 DR. SANTIAGO:

6                   Motion.

7 DR. JORDAL:

8                   Second.

9 CHAIR CORBY:

10                   All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
11                   Abstentions? Recused?

12 [The motion carried. Linda Martin recused herself  
13 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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15 [Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, recalled item  
16 2 for clarification.]

17 MS. BLACK:

18                   I believe the Board would entertain a  
19                   motion to approve the Consent Agreement  
20                   at item 2, Case No. 21-69-014371.

21 DR. JORDAL:

22                   So moved.

23 CHAIR CORBY:

24                   Do I her a second?

25 MS. PAINTER:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR CORBY:

3 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

4 Abstentions? Recused?

5 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago, Linda Martin,  
6 and Erika Evans recused themselves from deliberations  
7 and voting on the motion. The Board accepted the  
8 Consent Agreement at Case No. 21-69-014371, BPOA v.  
9 Stephane Marie Elisco, LSW.]

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11 Review of Applications

12 MS. BLACK:

13 For item 9, the Board is directing the  
14 Board administrator to reach out to  
15 Chelsea Ackerman to request additional  
16 information.

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18 MS. BLACK:

19 I believe the Board would entertain a  
20 motion to provisionally deny the  
21 Application for a Waiver at item 10,  
22 Professional Counselor by Examination,  
23 for Michael Bradley.

24 DR. SANTIAGO:

25 Motion.

1 DR. JORDAL:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR CORBY:

4 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

5 Abstentions? Recused?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 MS. BLACK:

9 I believe the Board would entertain a  
10 motion to approve the request at item  
11 11, Professional Counselor by  
12 Examination of Natasha Kara.

13 MS. PAINTER:

14 So moved.

15 MS. MARTIN:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR CORBY:

18 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

19 Abstentions? Recused?

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

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23 MS. BLACK:

24 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
25 provisionally deny the Application for

1 Professional Counselor by Examination,  
2 item 12, Irina Sundukova?

3 MS. PAINTER:

4 So moved.

5 DR. JORDAL:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR CORBY:

8 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
9 Abstentions? Recused?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 MS. BLACK:

13 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
14 provisionally deny the Application at  
15 item 13, Marriage and Family Therapist  
16 by Examination, Gurjot Mondair?

17 DR. SANTIAGO:

18 Motion.

19 DR. JORDAL:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR CORBY:

22 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
23 Abstentions? Recused?

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MS. BLACK:

2 I believe the Board would entertain a  
3 motion to provisionally deny the request  
4 at item 14, Marriage and Family  
5 Therapist by Examination, Margaret  
6 Peterson.

7 DR. JORDAL:

8 So moved.

9 MS. PAINTER:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR CORBY:

12 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
13 Abstentions? Recused?

14 [The motion carried. Joy Corby opposed the motion.  
15 Erika Evans recused herself from deliberations and  
16 voting on the motion.]

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18 MS. BLACK:

19 I believe the Board would entertain a  
20 motion to provisionally deny the  
21 Application for Marriage and Family  
22 Therapist by Examination at item 15, Lis  
23 Cristina Santamaria Garcia.

24 DR. JORDAL:

25 So moved.

1 DR. SANTIAGO:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR CORBY:

4 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

5 Abstentions? Recused?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Act 41 Review

9 MS. BLACK:

10 Regarding item 16, I believe the Board  
11 would entertain a motion to approve the  
12 Application under Act 41 for  
13 Professional Counselor by Endorsement  
14 for Hei Ka Chan.

15 DR. SANTIAGO:

16 Motion.

17 DR. JORDAL:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR CORBY:

20 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

21 Abstentions? Recused?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. BLACK:

25 Would the Board entertain a motion to

1 ratify the Provisional Act 41 Order  
2 under item 17 for Perri Hooper?

3 DR. JORDAL:

4 So moved.

5 MS. PAINTER:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR CORBY:

8 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
9 Abstentions? Recused?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 MS. BLACK:

13 I believe the Board would entertain a  
14 motion to ratify the Provisional Act 41  
15 Order under item 17 for Stephanie  
16 Eisenstein.

17 MS. PAINTER:

18 So moved.

19 DR. EVANS:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR CORBY:

22 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?  
23 Abstentions? Recused?

24 [The motion carried. Christian Jordal recused himself  
25 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]



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2 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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4 Miscellaneous - Annual Election of Officers

5 [Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the  
6 Board is delaying the annual election of officers.

7 Dr. Jordal suggested having a Board discussion  
8 regarding the No Surprises Act, which is a federal law  
9 that has implications for any licensed mental health  
10 practitioners.

11 Mr. Anderson informed the Board that the  
12 Pennsylvania Insurance Department is in the process of  
13 scheduling a meeting with the Board and believed it  
14 would be in March 2022.

15 Ms. McNeill noted that the presentation is  
16 scheduled for the March 8, 2022 meeting.]

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18 Report of Commissioner - No Report

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20 Miscellaneous - Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates

21 [Sarah McNeill, Board Administrator, requested the  
22 Board accept the proposed 2023 Board meeting dates.]

23 DR. SANTIAGO:

24 I make a motion that we approve the  
25 dates for 2023.

1 DR. JORDAL:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR CORBY:

4 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

5 Abstentions? Recused?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 [The Board recessed from 12:08 p.m. until 12:55 p.m.]

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10 [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:02 p.m. until

11 2:32 p.m. In the Matter of the Application for a

12 License by Examination as a Marriage and Family

13 Therapist of Emma Carpenter, Case No. 21-69-012544.]

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15 [A Formal Hearing was held from 2:38 p.m. until

16 3:06 p.m. In the Matter of the Application for a

17 License by Examination as a Professional Counselor of

18 Ava Robinson, Case No. 21-69-016032.]

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20 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at

21 3:06 p.m., the Board entered into executive session

22 with Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the

23 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and

24 to receive advice of counsel. The Board entered into

25 public session at 3:55 p.m.]

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2 Adjournment

3 CHAIR CORBY:

4 I entertain a motion to adjourn this  
5 meeting.

6 DR. JORDAL:

7 So moved.

8 MS. PAINTER:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR CORBY:

11 All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
15 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and  
16 Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at  
17 3:55 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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Samantha Sabatini,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,  
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AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
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14	11:36	Official Call to Order
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