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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 PSYCHOLOGY

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Board Room C
One Penn Center
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

December 4, 2017

State Board of Psychology
December 4, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS:

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6 Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman
7 Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of Professional
8 and Occupational Affairs
9 Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Vice Chair
10 Katherine Bradley, Ph.D.
11 Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D.
12 Todd B. Narvol, Esquire, Public Member
13 Richard F. Small, Ph.D.
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BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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18 Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
19 Bridget K. Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecution
20 Liaison
21 Chris Stuckey, Board Administrator
22 John D. Kelly, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
23 John Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
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ALSO PRESENT:

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28 Rachael Baturin, MHP, JD, Pennsylvania Psychological
29 Association
30 Nicole Deforge, Esquire
31 Karen E. Minehan, Esquire, Marshall, Dennehey, Warner,
32 Coleman, & Goggin
33 Robert Sawicki, Ph.D.
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2 State Board of Psychology

3 December 4, 2017

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, December 4,
7 2017. Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman, called
8 the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman
9 DonGiovanni noted the hearing scheduled for today at
10 11:00 a.m.

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12 Approval of Minutes of the October 2 and 3, 2017
13 meetings

14 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

15 Any additions or corrections? Hearing
16 none, I will entertain a motion to
17 accept the Minutes as written?

18 DR. BRADLEY:

19 Motion.

20 DR. SPAYD:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

23 Bradley and Spayd. All those in favor?

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Report of Board Prosecution

2 [Chairman DonGiovanni referred members to the Case
3 Status Reports for September and October 2017 for
4 further review.]

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6 [John D. Kelly, Esquire, presented a Consent Agreement
7 for File No. 17-63-05109.]

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9 [Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman, Richard F.
10 Small, Ph.D., and Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., exited
11 the meeting at 9:04 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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13 [John D. Kelly, Esquire, presented a Consent Agreement
14 for File No. 16-63-05143.]

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16 [Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman, Richard F.
17 Small, Ph.D., and Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D. re-entered
18 the meeting at 9:05 a.m.]

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20 [John D. Kelly, Esquire, presented a Consent Agreement
21 for File No. 16-63-13780.]

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23 [Bridget K. Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecution
24 Liaison, introduced herself and offered her assistance
25 to Board as the Board Prosecution Liaison.]

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Report of Board Counsel

[Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted agenda items 5 through 7, along with item 8 for deliberation during Executive Session. She referred Board members to the recusal guidelines for further review.]

[Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs, entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m., exited at 9:10 a.m., and re-entered at 9:15 a.m.]

Report of Board Chairman

[Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman, noted the Pennsylvania Psychological Association (PPA) presentation.

Rachel Baturin, MHP, JD, Pennsylvania Psychological Association, informed the Board of the proposal due December 9, 2017, and that a luncheon will be held at Doubletree Valley Forge in King of Prussia on Thursday, June 14, 2018, from 11:45 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Spayd attended the Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Annual Meeting and addressed the ASPPB Code of Conduct and the

1 American Psychological Association (APA) Code of
2 Ethics.

3 Dr. Spayd mentioned the current discussion was to
4 decide whether states should distinguish between
5 health service providers, psychologists and general
6 psychologists as most general psychology programs are
7 not APA accredited, consequently difficult for those
8 individuals to become licensed.

9 Dr. Spayd discussed expert witnesses in hearings
10 with the thought that, as part of an individual's plea
11 agreement with regard to a reprimand or a sanction,
12 the individual could never serve as an expert witness.

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14 Dr. Spayd mentioned a discussion regarding
15 licensure Board consolidation and changing the way
16 licensure is granted.

17 There was discussion regarding the spring ASPPB
18 meeting in Savannah, Georgia.]

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20 Report of Deputy Commissioner

21 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of

22 Professional and Occupational Affairs, addressed

23 Executive Order 2017-03, signed by Governor Wolf on

24 October 24, 2017. Ms. Waters explained the Order

25 directs a review of the processes for each of the

1 Boards to ensure that they are not overburdensome on
2 the licensees or those applying for licensure. Ms.
3 Waters stated, per a study, 25 percent of the
4 workforce needs to be licensed. Executive Order 2017-
5 03 will examine fees, criminal history, and background
6 check questions to ensure the Board mirrors the public
7 that it serves. Ms. Waters mentioned the setup of a
8 group by the Commissioner to work through statistical
9 information to form an annual report.

10 Ms. Waters stated an email was sent to provide an
11 overview of the Executive Order 2017-03 and a
12 confidential questionnaire, which was to be completed
13 and returned.

14 Chairman DonGiovanni participated in a conference
15 call with all Board Chairs and the Commissioner on
16 October 23, 2017. The subcommittee included two
17 members from the health boards, two members from the
18 business boards, Governor's Office, and Commissioner's
19 Office.

20 Chairman DonGiovanni stated the subcommittee will
21 review whether the regulations of all 29 Boards are a
22 hindrance to employment opportunities and whether
23 overregulation is an issue.

24 Ms. Wucinski informed the Board that information
25 had been gathered from ASPPB.]

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2 Report of Board Administrator

3 [Chris Stuckey, Board Administrator, reviewed the
4 emergency evacuation procedures for One Penn Center.]

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6 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of
7 Professional and Occupational Affairs, exited the
8 meeting at 9:29 a.m.]

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10 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
11 9:29 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
12 with Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
13 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
14 a number of matters that are currently pending before
15 the Board and to receive advice of Counsel. The Board
16 returned to Open Session at 10:41 a.m.]

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18 MOTIONS

19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 Having returned from Executive Session,
21 I believe the Board will entertain a
22 motion to adopt Consent Agreements for
23 the following: Deborah Jean Gregg,
24 M.A., File No. 17-63-05109, and John
25 Girard Kuna, Psy.D., File No. 16-63-

1 13780.

2 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

3 All those in favor? Those opposed? The
4 motion passes.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MS. WUCINSKI:

8 I just wanted to note that agenda Item
9 6, File No. 16-63-05143, was tabled due
10 to a lack of quorum at the time.

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12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13 I believe the Board will entertain a
14 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft
15 an Adjudication and Order in accordance
16 with the discussions in Executive
17 Session for Natalie Mary Barone, Psy.D.,
18 File No. 17-63-05702.

19 DR. BRADLEY:

20 So moved.

21 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

22 So moved, Dr. Bradley. Second?

23 DR. ERICKSON:

24 Second.

25 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

1 Dr. Erickson. All those in favor?
2 Those opposed?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 MS. WUCINSKI:

6 I believe the Board will entertain a
7 motion to approve the Supervised
8 Experience of the following: Heather
9 Bohn, Ph.D.; Colleen Marie Cadigan,
10 Ph.D.; Lynda Sosa-Lowry, Ph.D.; Sapna D.
11 Doshi, Ph.D.; Michelle Hobby, Ph.D.;
12 Kevin Richard Kracke, Ph.D.; Amanda
13 Peterson, Psy.D.; Kathy Ping Wu, Ph.D.;
14 and Irina Khrapatina, Psy.D.

15 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

16 Do we have a motion?

17 MR. NARVOL:

18 So moved.

19 DR. BRADLEY:

20 Second.

21 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

22 Narvol. Second, Dr. Bradley. All those
23 in favor? Those opposed?

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 Corporate or
4 Fictitious Names of the following:
5 WellQor Psychological Services, PC;
6 Developmental Connections; Center for
7 Psychological Health and Wellness, LLC;
8 PSCP: The Psychology Network, Inc.;
9 Diamond Counseling and Consulting; and
10 Steeple City Psychological Services,
11 LLC.

12 DR. SMALL:

13 So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

15 So moved, Dr. Small. Second?

16 MR. NARVOL:

17 Second.

18 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

19 Narvol. All those in favor? Those
20 opposed?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 I believe the Board will entertain a
25 motion to grant the Sponsor/Provider

1 Renewal Requests of the following:
2 Cognitive Health Solutions, LLC; PA
3 Sexual Offenders Assessment Board;
4 Pennsylvania Association for Play
5 Therapy; Gestalt Therapy Institute of
6 Philadelphia; Pennsylvania Training and
7 Technical Assistance Network; and
8 Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems.

9 DR. SPAYD:

10 So moved.

11 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

12 So moved, Dr. Spayd.

13 DR. BRADLEY:

14 Second.

15 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

16 Second, Dr. Bradley. All those in
17 favor? Those opposed?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 I believe the Board will entertain a
22 motion to deny the request of Ray Naar,
23 Ph.D., to waive his continuing education
24 requirements for the 2015-2017 biennial
25 renewal period. However, the Board will

1 entertain a motion to grant an extension
2 for a period of three months to complete
3 the continuing education via home study
4 for the 2015-2017 biennial period.

5 DR. BRADLEY:

6 So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

8 So moved, Dr. Bradley.

9 DR. ERICKSON

10 Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

12 Second, Dr. Erickson. All those in
13 favor? Those opposed?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. WUCINSKI:

17 I believe the Board will entertain a
18 motion to ratify the approval of the
19 request of the following individuals:
20 Douglas J. Sauber, Ph.D.; Andrea
21 Sywulak, Ph.D.; Dorothy Jane McGuffin,
22 Ph.D.; and Cary S. Rothstein, Ph.D.

23 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

24 Do we have a motion?

25 DR. BRADLEY:

1 So moved.

2 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

3 Dr. Bradley.

4 DR. SPAYD:

5 Second.

6 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

7 Second, Dr. Spayd. All those in favor?

8 Those opposed?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 I believe the Board will entertain a
13 motion to deny the request for approval
14 of a plan for supervision of Maria
15 Maddalo, Psy.D.

16 DR. BRADLEY:

17 So moved.

18 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

19 Dr. Bradley moved.

20 DR. SMALL:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

23 Second, Dr. Small. All those in favor?

24 Those opposed?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 MS. WUCINSKI:

3 I believe the Board will entertain a
4 motion to approve the Continuing
5 Education Extension Request for a period
6 of six months listed at agenda Item No.
7 39 for the 2015-2017 biennial renewal
8 period.

9 DR. BRADLEY:

10 So moved.

11 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

12 So moved, Dr. Bradley.

13 DR. SPAYD:

14 Second.

15 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

16 Second, Dr. Spayd. All those in favor?

17 Those opposed?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 Discussion Items

21 Election of Officers

22 DR. SPAYD:

23 I make a motion to nominate the slate of
24 officers to be voted on. Dr.
25 DonGiovanni as Chair, myself as Vice

1 Chair and Dr. Katherine Bradley as
2 Secretary.

3 DR. SMALL:

4 I'll second the motion.

5 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

6 All those in favor of the slate of
7 officers, signify by saying aye?

8 ALL RESPOND AYE

9 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

10 Opposed?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

12 ***

13 Information from the Association of State Provincial
14 Psychology Boards' (ASPPB) Examination for
15 Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) Two-part
16 Exam

17 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Vice Chair, addressed the
18 decision made by ASPPB to change the previously
19 proposed second half of the EPPP. Dr. Spayd stated,
20 as announced at the ASPPB annual meeting, the EPPP
21 would be considered one test with two parts, including
22 a knowledge portion and the skill-based component,
23 which will be adopted by every state and providence
24 and jurisdiction by 2020.

25 Dr. Spayd noted that Dr. Carol Webb, Chief

1 Operating Officer, ASPPB, commented that Pennsylvania
2 was identified as the only state resistant to this
3 plan. She discussed the cost of the exam compared to
4 other professions. A webinar scheduled for Thursday,
5 December 7, 2017, at noon was noted.

6 It was noted, once in place, individuals
7 previously licensed will not be required to take the
8 exam even if there was a change in jurisdiction.

9 Chairman DonGiovanni noted PPA's concern
10 regarding the license renewal process and the receipt
11 of an abundance of calls by the PPA office regarding
12 the computer rollout. Chairman DonGiovanni stated
13 there will probably be more comments from the
14 membership at the presentation in June as well as
15 comments regarding the EPPP2.]

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17 New Business

18 Meeting Dates

19 [It was noted the upcoming ASPPB meetings will be held
20 on April 12, 2018, in Savannah, Georgia, and October
21 17, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Small and
22 Chairman DonGiovanni offered to attend the Savannah
23 meeting.]

24 DR. BRADLEY:

25 So moved.

1 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

2 We have a motion. Second?

3 DR. SPAYD:

4 Second.

5 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

6 Moved by Dr. Bradley and seconded by
7 Dr. Spayd to approve Dr. Small and
8 myself to attend the ASPPB meeting in
9 Savannah. All those in favor? Opposed?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of
13 Professional and Occupational Affairs, re-entered the
14 meeting at 11:04 a.m.]

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16 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
17 11:04 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
18 with Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, and for
19 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations
20 in the number of matters that are currently pending
21 before the Board and to receive advice of Counsel.
22 The Board returned to Open Session at 11:07 a.m.]

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24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 Agenda Item 6 is File No. 16-63-05143.

1 This was tabled earlier and now there is
2 going to be a vote on it. I would first
3 note that the following individuals are
4 recused. That would be Dr. DonGiovanni,
5 Dr. Spayd, and Dr. Small.

6 I believe the remaining members
7 will entertain a motion to reject the
8 Consent Agreement as too lenient.

9 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER WATERS:

10 I move.

11 DR. ERICKSON:

12 Second.

13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 All on favor? Opposed?

15 [The motion carried. Dr. DonGiovanni, Dr. Spayd and
16 Dr. Small recused from deliberations and voting on the
17 motion.]

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19 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of
20 Professional and Occupational Affairs, exited the
21 meeting at 11:12 a.m.]

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23 [A formal hearing was held from 11:18 a.m. until 3:41
24 p.m. In the Matter of an Application to Practice
25 Psychology for Persons Licensed in Other States of

1 Lisa Michelle Sugerman, Ph.D.; File No. 17-63-11379,
2 Docket No. 1993-63-17.]

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4 [Richard F. Small, Ph.D., exited the hearing at 12:16
5 p.m. and re-entered at 12:18 p.m.]

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7 [Richard F. Small, Ph.D., exited the hearing at 1:29
8 p.m.]

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10 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
11 3:44 p.m. the Board is now reentering into Executive
12 Session with Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel,
13 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
14 deliberations in the number of matters that are
15 currently pending before the Board and to receive
16 advice of Counsel. The Board returned to Open Session
17 at 4:06 p.m.]

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19 For Your Information Items

20 [Chairman DonGiovanni referred to letters that had
21 been previously reviewed and sent in response to
22 decisions made at previous meetings.]

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24 Old Business

25 [Chairman DonGiovanni noted the Board will reflect on

1 the PPA during the next few agendas.]

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3 Upcoming Meeting Dates

4 [Chairman DonGiovanni referred Board members to the
5 upcoming meeting dates. He noted the next Board
6 meeting as scheduled for February 12, 2018.]

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8 Adjournment

9 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

10 I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

11 DR. SPAYD:

12 So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

14 Dr. Spayd.

15 DR. BRADLEY:

16 Second.

17 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

18 Second, Dr. Bradley. All those in
19 favor? Those opposed?

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 [The State Board of Psychology meeting adjourned at
23 4:09 p.m.]

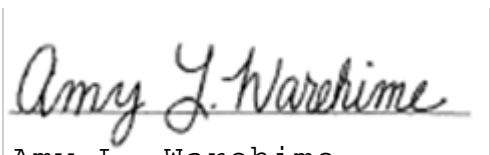
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Psychology meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Psychology meeting.



Amy L. Warehime,

Minute Clerk

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