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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  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

TIME: 10:31 A.M.

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

April 4, 2022

State Board of Psychology  
April 4, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:

Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair  
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
Professional and Occupational Affairs  
Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Vice Chair  
Katherine Bradley, Ph.D., Secretary  
Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D.  
Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D.  
LaJewel Harrison, MBA, Public Member  
Dean C. Maynard, Ed.D., Public Member  
Richard F. Small, Ph.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel  
Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Deputy Chief Counsel,  
Prosecution Division  
Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
Kelsey Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Chris Stuckey, Board Administrator  
Matthew Quinn, Program Analyst, Department of State  
Marc Farrell, Deputy Director, Office of Policy,  
Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Jen Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate  
Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure  
Committee

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 April 4, 2022

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
6 9:00 a.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 began open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
14 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, April 4, 2022.  
15 Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting  
16 to order at 10:31 a.m.

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18 Introduction of Board Members

19 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, requested an  
20 introduction of Board members.]

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22 Introduction of Attendees

23 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, requested an  
24 introduction of attendees.]

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1 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the  
2 Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting  
3 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial  
4 deliberations on a number of matters currently pending  
5 before the Board and to receive the advice of counsel.

6 Ms. Wucinski also noted the Board discussed the  
7 consent agreement on the agenda, along with items 4  
8 through 18 and item 22.]

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10 Approval of minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting

11 CHAIR SPAYD:

12 Next on the agenda is approval of  
13 minutes.

14 Any comments about the minutes from  
15 the February 7 meeting?

16 DR. DONGIOVANNI:

17 So moved for acceptance.

18 DR. BRADLEY:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR SPAYD:

21 Any discussion regarding the minutes?

22 We are now doing roll call votes, so  
23 we'll go through each member.

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25 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner

1 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
2 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.  
3 Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
4 Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 Report of Board Prosecution

8 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, mentioned the Board  
9 waived the prosecution presentation after discussion  
10 during Executive Session.]

11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 I believe the Board would entertain a  
13 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement  
14 and Order for Case No. 22-63-000941.

15 DR. MCALEER:

16 So moved.

17 DR. BRADLEY:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR SPAYD:

20 Any discussion? We'll do a roll call  
21 vote.

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23 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner  
24 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
25 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.

1 Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
2 Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5 The Respondent's name is Robert Hafetz.

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8 Report of Board Counsel

9 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed  
10 Senate Bill 1151, which would amend the Mental Health  
11 Procedures Act to add Section 111.1 to clarify and  
12 codify a mental health care practitioner's duty to  
13 warn of a specific immediate threat of serious bodily  
14 injury. She noted the cosponsorship memorandum states  
15 the current law is too vague and ambiguous.

16 Ms. Wucinski stated the bill was referred to the  
17 Department of Health and Human Services on March 17,  
18 2022. She informed Board members that she would be  
19 reaching out to them if the Department is asked  
20 complete a bill analysis.]

21 MS. WUCINSKI:

22 At agenda item 4, I believe the Board  
23 would entertain a motion to approve as  
24 final the Draft Adjudication and Order  
25 for Darla Timbo, Psy.D., Case No. 21-63-

1 001344.

2 DR. MCALEER:

3 So moved.

4 DR. BRADLEY:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR SPAYD:

7 Any discussion? We'll do a roll call  
8 vote.

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10 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner  
11 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
12 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.  
13 Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
14 Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. WUCINSKI:

18 At agenda item 5, I believe the Board  
19 would entertain a motion to rescind the  
20 provisional denial and approve the  
21 supervised experience of Duangporn  
22 O'Toole, Psy.D., Case No. 22-63-002820.

23 DR. MCALEER:

24 So moved.

25 DR. BRADLEY:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR SPAYD:

3 Any discussion?

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5 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner  
6 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
7 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.  
8 Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
9 Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Report of Board Administrator - Application to Request  
13 Approval to Sit for the Psychology Licensing  
14 Examinations

15 MS. WUCINSKI:

16 Moving on to agenda item 6, I believe  
17 the Board would entertain a motion to  
18 grant the Request for Approval to Sit  
19 for the Psychology Licensing  
20 Examinations of Dr. Silvana Loka.

21 DR. MCALEER:

22 So moved.

23 DR. BRADLEY:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR SPAYD:



1 Any discussion?

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3 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner  
4 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
5 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.  
6 Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
7 Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Report of Board Administrator - Application to  
11 Practice Psychology for Persons Licensed in Other  
12 States

13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 Moving on to agenda item 7, I believe  
15 the Board would entertain a motion to  
16 approve the Application to Practice  
17 Psychology for Persons Licensed in Other  
18 States Under Act 41 of Alicia Leigh  
19 Kohalmi, Psy.D.

20 DR. MCALEER:

21 So moved.

22 DR. BRADLEY:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR SPAYD:

25 Any discussion?

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Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner  
Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.  
Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Administrator - Review of Supervised  
Experience

MS. WUCINSKI:

At agenda item 8, I believe the Board  
would entertain a motion to accept the  
1500 hours of Supervised Experience  
submitted by Meghan Bridget Owenz,  
Ph.D., and the Board will require her to  
complete an additional 250 hours of  
acceptable supervised experience to meet  
the 1750-hour requirement.

DR. MCALEER:

So moved.

DR. BRADLEY:

Second.

CHAIR SPAYD:

Any discussion?

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Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner  
Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.  
Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Administrator - Applications for  
Approval of Corporate or Fictitious Name

MS. WUCINSKI:

I'm going to do agenda items 9 through  
18. I believe the Board would entertain  
a motion to approve the Fictitious Names  
for the following: Freewill  
Psychological Services LLC, Fellow  
Travelers Psychological Services LLC,  
Anxiety Care Center LLC, Dynamic  
Learning Services LLC, Spring IOP LLC,  
Main Line Treatment Center for Anxiety  
LLC, Central Keystone Counseling LLC,  
Viola Clinical Services LLC, Tristate  
Psychological Associates, The Family  
Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Health  
LLC.

1 DR. MCALEER:

2 So moved.

3 DR. BRADLEY:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR SPAYD:

6 Any discussion?

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8 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner  
9 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
10 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.  
11 Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
12 Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Correspondence

16 MS. WUCINSKI:

17 I believe the Board would entertain a  
18 motion to approve the Request of Renee  
19 M. Tobin, Ph.D., to waive the 10-year  
20 supervised experience requirement under  
21 Section 41.32(1)(iv) of the Board's  
22 regulations.

23 DR. MCALEER:

24 So moved.

25 DR. BRADLEY:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR SPAYD:

3 Any discussion?

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5 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner  
6 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
7 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.  
8 Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
9 Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Report of Board Chair

13 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, extended sympathies  
14 to the family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Henry  
15 (Hank) Weeks who passed away. She noted he was a  
16 well-known psychologist in the Commonwealth of  
17 Pennsylvania and also previously served on the Board.]

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19 Report of Acting Commissioner

20 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
21 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board  
22 members that the Department is currently working on  
23 replacing the Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) by  
24 the end of 2023 or early 2024 with a new system that  
25 is more efficient and reliable.]

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2 Report of Board Members - No Report

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4 Discussion Items

5 [Chris Stuckey, Board Administrator, referred to an  
6 email from Pearson VUE asking whether the Board would  
7 want to entertain a few items. She noted Pearson VUE  
8 is suggesting reducing the four exam forms to two or  
9 three for the Pennsylvania Psychology Law Examination  
10 due to overlap.

11 Chair Spayd asked whether there would be any cost  
12 savings for the Board.

13 Ms. Stuckey believed the fees are paid by the  
14 applicants who take the exam with no real cost to the  
15 Board itself, noting there was no mention of a  
16 reduction in cost.

17 Ms. Stuckey referred to Pearson VUE's question  
18 regarding adding a few extra unscored questions to the  
19 exam to gather performance-based status for those  
20 additional items. She noted the exam is currently 25  
21 questions and 1-hour long. She mentioned that almost  
22 everyone is done well before the hour, so adding a few  
23 extra questions would be possible and the current seat  
24 time is more than sufficient.

25 Dr. Small expressed personal feelings of going

1 along with Pearson VUE's suggestions and reducing exam  
2 forms to three.

3 Ms. Stuckey reported Pearson VUE has been working  
4 with subject matter experts in writing new items.

5 Dr. Bradley commented that going to three forms  
6 gives Pearson VUE more opportunity to pretest the  
7 extra items and puff up their item bank.

8 Chair Spayd also mentioned Pearson VUE wanted to  
9 know whether the Board is okay with the pass rate.  
10 She noted the current pass rate for the exam is  
11 between 86 and 87 percent, which is normal for this  
12 type of exam, but could be lowered if the Board wanted  
13 to be more stringent.

14 Dr. McAleer mentioned being inclined to leave the  
15 pass rate where it is rather than making it more  
16 difficult with archaic nuances that does not add  
17 anything to the protection of the public or their  
18 ability to practice as psychologists.

19 Chair Spayd stated the Board's consensus of the  
20 questions is to keep the current pass rate, reduce to  
21 three forms, and add pretest questions.

22 Chair Spayd noted tentative 2023 Board meeting  
23 dates are February 6, April 3, June 5, August 7,  
24 October 2, and December 11.

25 Chair Spayd reported Mr. Giunta thankfully will

1 be joining Dr. McAleer, Dr. DonGiovanni, Dr. Small,  
2 and herself at the Annual Pennsylvania Psychological  
3 Association (PPA) Convention on Board discipline. She  
4 stated the impetus behind Board discipline is to  
5 demystify that process and reassure psychologists who  
6 are in good standing and ethical that they do not have  
7 to worry.]

8 CHAIR SPAYD:

9 Reversing back to item 20, we are  
10 looking for a motion to approve the  
11 tentative 2023 Board meeting dates.

12 DR. MCALEER:

13 So moved.

14 DR. BRADLEY:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR SPAYD:

17 Any discussion?

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19 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner  
20 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
21 Bradley, yes; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.  
22 Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
23 Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 FYI Items

2 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, reported the  
3 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards  
4 (ASPPB) is calling for board of director nominations  
5 and volunteers to run various elements of their  
6 organization.

7 Chair Spayd addressed the Psychology  
8 Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) update reminding  
9 everyone Pennsylvania is a PSYPACT state. She noted  
10 momentum is building on interstate practice with 31  
11 states joining PSYPACT.

12 Chair Spayd also noted the Public Comment and  
13 Public Notice from the American Psychological  
14 Association (APA) Commission on Accreditation and the  
15 ASPPB January 2022 Newsletter for the Board's review.]

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17 Upcoming Meeting Dates

18 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, referred to  
19 upcoming meeting dates, noting the next scheduled  
20 Board meeting is on June 6.]

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22 Adjournment

23 CHAIR SPAYD:

24 Do I hear a motion to close the meeting?

25 DR. MCALEER:

1                   So moved.

2 DR. BRADLEY:

3                   Second.

4 CHAIR SPAYD:

5                   Any discussion?

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7                   Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner  
8                   Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.  
9                   Bradley, yes; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Dr.  
10                  Erickson, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.  
11                  Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
15 Psychology Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.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.



Derek Richmond,  
Minute Clerk  
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STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
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| TIME  | AGENDA                        |
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| 9:00  | Executive Session             |
| 10:30 | Return to Open Session        |
| 10:31 | Official Call to Order        |
| 10:31 | Introduction of Board Members |
| 10:32 | Introduction of Attendees     |
| 10:33 | Approval of Minutes           |
| 10:35 | Report of Board Counsel       |
| 10:39 | Report of Board Administrator |
| 10:42 | Correspondence                |
| 10:43 | Report of Board Chair         |
| 10:43 | Report of Acting Commissioner |
| 10:45 | Discussion Items              |
| 10:53 | FYI Items                     |
| 10:55 | Upcoming Meeting Dates        |
| 10:56 | Adjournment                   |