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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: 9:13 A.M.

BOARD ROOM C

One Penn Center

2601 North Third Street

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

April 9, 2018

State Board of Psychology
April 9, 2018

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BOARD MEMBERS:

Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman
Ian J. Harlow, Commissioner of Professional and
Occupational Affairs - Absent
Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Katherine Bradley, Ph.D., Secretary
Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D.
Todd B. Narvol, Esquire, Public Member
Richard F. Small, Ph.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
Andrea L. Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Heather McCarthy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Chris Stuckey, Board Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Rachael Baturin, MHP, JD, Pennsylvania Psychological
Association

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 April 9, 2018

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, April 9, 2018.
7 Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman, called the
8 meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

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

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13 Approval of Minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting

14 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

15 Approval of the Minutes. I was not
16 here, so all those who were here, have
17 you read the Minutes? Thank you,
18 Dr. Bradley, for handling the duties.
19 We'll need approval.

20 DR. BRADLEY:

21 Motion to approve.

22 DR. ERICKSON:

23 Second.

24 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

25 Dr. Bradley and Dr. Erickson. All those

1 in favor? Opposed?

2 [Dr. DonGiovanni and Dr. Spayd abstained. The motion
3 carried.]

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5 Report of Board Prosecution

6 [Andrea L. Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
7 presented a VRP Consent Agreement for File No.
8 17-63-13015.]

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10 Report of Board Counsel

11 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted
12 matters for deliberation during Executive Session
13 along with the status of previously drafted
14 regulations.]

15 Chairman DonGiovanni requested clarification on
16 procedure guidelines. Ms. Wucinski explained the
17 rulemaking process. She indicated the Code of Ethics
18 was forwarded to the North Office Building for
19 department-level policy review a year ago.

20 Dr. Small explained the importance of not
21 permitting guideline changes as APA changes as that
22 would be delegating the Board's authority to APA. Ms.
23 Stuckey noted that, in the future, the Board will
24 review new APA guidelines and decide whether to amend
25 the regulation considering the new guideline.

1 Ms. Wucinski defined EDCC as the Executive Deputy
2 Chief Counsel. She noted a weekly meeting on
3 regulations to recognize the ones that are statutorily
4 mandated for priority processing.]

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6 Report of Board Chairman

7 [Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman, again thanked
8 Dr. Bradley for handling the duties of Chair at the
9 February meeting.]

10 Chairman DonGiovanni informed the Board that he
11 will be attending the Association of State and
12 Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Meeting scheduled
13 April 12 to 15, 2018, in Savannah, Georgia.

14 Chairman DonGiovanni stated Dr. Joseph French had
15 recently passed away and offered his condolences to
16 his family.

17 Chairman DonGiovanni noted the next State Board
18 of Psychology Meeting as Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

19 Chairman DonGiovanni noted the approval to attend
20 the Pennsylvania Psychological Association (PPA)
21 Convention and further noted a lunch with the Board
22 would be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018, from 11:45
23 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Chairman DonGiovanni urged Board
24 members to attend for discussion regarding the
25 different aspects of the Board. He stated there would

1 be presentations from Board Prosecution with regard to
2 the processing of complaints as well as an update on
3 regulations.]

4 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

5 I guess we should entertain a motion to
6 allow Dr. Spayd and myself to attend the
7 PPA Convention.

8 DR. BRADLEY:

9 I'll motion.

10 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

11 Dr. Bradley motioned. Second?

12 DR. ERICKSON:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

15 Second, Dr. Erickson. All those in
16 favor? Those opposed?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

20 I entertain a motion for Dr. Small to
21 also attend the convention but receive
22 mileage only.

23 DR. BRADLEY:

24 I'll motion.

25 DR. SPAYD:

1 Second.

2 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

3 Dr. Bradley. Second, Dr. Spayd. All
4 those in favor? Any opposed?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 Report of Board Chairman (Continued)

8 [Chairman DonGiovanni suggested there be discussion at
9 the next Board meeting with regard to Board
10 presentations. He also suggested that a form be
11 provided to indicate that the Board could answer
12 questions, but cannot provide advisory opinions.

13 There was discussion with regard to term
14 expiration dates for several Board members.]

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16 Report of Commissioner - No Report

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18 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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20 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
21 9:37 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
22 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
23 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
24 a number of matters that are currently pending before
25 the Board and to receive advice of Counsel. The Board

1 returned to Open Session at 10:34 a.m.]

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3 [The Board recessed from 10:34 a.m. until 10:39 a.m.]

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5 MOTIONS

6 MS. WUCINSKI:

7 Having returned from Executive Session,
8 I believe the Board will entertain a
9 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft
10 a final Adjudication and Order for Lisa
11 M. Sugerman, Ph.D., at File No. 17-63-
12 11379.

13 DR. SPAYD:

14 So moved.

15 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

16 So moved, Dr. Spayd.

17 DR. BRADLEY:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

20 Second, Dr. Bradley. All those in
21 favor? Opposed?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 I believe the Board will entertain a

1 motion to adopt the VRP Agreement at
2 File No. 17-63-13015.

3 DR. SMALL:

4 So moved.

5 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

6 So moved, Dr. Small.

7 DR. ERICKSON:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

10 Second, Dr. Erickson. All those in
11 favor? Opposed?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 I believe the Board will entertain a
16 motion to grant the Application to
17 Request Approval to Sit for the
18 Psychology Licensing Examination of
19 Shannon Len Deets, Ph.D., pending the
20 receipt of documentation that the
21 program meets the residency
22 requirements.

23 DR. BRADLEY:

24 I'll motion.

25 DR. SPAYD:

1 Second.

2 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

3 Dr. Bradley. Second, Dr. Spayd. All
4 those in favor? Opposed?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MS. WUCINSKI:

8 I believe the Board will entertain a
9 motion to approve the supervised
10 experience of the following: Belinda
11 Elizabeth Barnett, Ph.D.; Jedidiah Siev,
12 Ph.D.; and Michelle Lynne Nerish, Ph.D.

13 DR. SMALL:

14 So moved.

15 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

16 So moved, Dr. Small.

17 DR. ERICKSON:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

20 Second, Dr. Erickson. All those in
21 favor? Opposed?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 I believe the Board will entertain a

1 motion to approve the corporate or
2 fictitious name of the following: Mount
3 Pleasant Counseling & Psychological
4 Services; Lynn Seskin, Psy.D., P.C.
5 d/b/a Behavioral Medicine of
6 Pennsylvania; Strong Foundations
7 Psychological Associates, Inc.; HBPS,
8 LLC; Heartwalker Psychotherapy LLC;
9 Bright Path Therapy and Associates, LLC;
10 The Bryn Mawr Center for Psychological
11 and Educational Services; MLH
12 Psychological Services, LLC; and Lehigh
13 Valley Psychological Services.

14 DR. SPAYD:

15 So moved.

16 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

17 So moved, Dr. Spayd.

18 DR. BRADLEY:

19 Second.

20 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

21 Second, Dr. Bradley. All those in
22 favor? Any opposed?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. WUCINSKI:

1 I believe the Board will entertain a
2 motion to approve the temporary permit
3 extension request of Sarah Sullivan-
4 Singh, Ph.D.

5 DR. BRADLEY:

6 I'll move.

7 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

8 Dr. Bradley moves.

9 DR. SPAYD:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

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

13 Opposed?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Report of Board Members - No Report

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18 Discussion Items

19 [Board members viewed a video regarding 2018 Security
20 Awareness Training.

21 Chairman DonGiovanni noted the Association of
22 State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Annual
23 Meeting will be held in Salt Lake City in October
24 2018. He will update the Board members at the next
25 meeting.]

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2 FYI Items

3 [Board members addressed a memo from Commissioner
4 Harlow with regard to the PALS Project Status.

5 Chairman DonGiovanni referred Board members to
6 the Examination for Professional Practice in
7 Psychology (EPPP) Part 2 Early Admit Opt Webinar
8 email, which will be held on April 24, 2018, from
9 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.]

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11 Upcoming Hearings

12 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, stated a
13 hearing scheduled for June may be continued by
14 Counsel.]

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16 Upcoming Meeting Dates

17 [Chairman DonGiovanni noted the following upcoming
18 Board meeting dates: June 12, 2018; August 6, 2018;
19 October 15, 2018; and December 3, 2018.]

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21 Adjournment

22 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

23 Any other information to come before the
24 Board? Hearing none, I will entertain a
25 motion to adjourn.

1 DR. BRADLEY:

2 I'll move.

3 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

4 Dr. Bradley.

5 MR. NARVOL:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

8 Thank you. All those in favor? Those
9 opposed?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 [There being no further business, the State Board of
13 Psychology Meeting adjourned at 11:12 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.

Amy L. Warehime

Amy L. Warehime,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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