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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: 10:35 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

October 2, 2023

State Board of Psychology
October 2, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:

Steven K. Erickson, 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
LaJewel Harrison, MBA, Public Member
Dean C. Maynard, Ed.D., Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel
Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
Thomas Leech II, Board Administrator
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director,
Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D., Esquire
Michael F. Pogue-Geile, Ph.D., Professor and Clinical
Program Chair, Department of Psychology, University
of Pittsburgh
Molly Cowan, Psy.D., Director of Professional
Affairs, Pennsylvania Psychological Association
Rachael Baturin, MHP, JD, Pennsylvania Psychological
Association
Kari Orchard, Democratic Executive Director, House
Professional Licensure Committee
Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership Program Region 8
Sophia Mahoney

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 October 2, 2023

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 10:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive
7 Session with Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel,
8 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
9 deliberations on a number of matters that are
10 currently pending before the Board and to receive the
11 advice of counsel. The Board returned to open
12 session at 10:30 a.m.]

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14 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, advised
15 everyone that the meeting was being held pursuant to
16 Act 100 of 2021, where virtual meetings are permitted
17 and taking place in a public forum to effectuate the
18 business of the Board.

19 She noted the meeting was being recorded, and
20 those who continued to participate were giving their
21 consent to be recorded.

22 Ms. Miley also noted the Board met in Executive
23 Session to have attorney-client consultation and for
24 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
25 deliberations.]

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2 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
3 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, October 2,
4 2023. Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, called the
5 meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

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7 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

8 [Thomas Leech II, Board Administrator, provided an
9 introduction of Board members and attendees.]

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11 Approval of minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting

12 CHAIR ERICKSON:

13 The first item on the agenda is
14 approval of the minutes from the August
15 7, 2023 Board Meeting.

16 I believe there is a motion to
17 approve the minutes.

18 DR. MCALEER:

19 So moved.

20 CHAIR ERICKSON:

21 Is there a second?

22 DR. BRADLEY:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR ERICKSON:

25 Is there any discussion?

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Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner

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Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.

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Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.

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Maynard, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Prosecution

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[Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecution

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Liaison, informed Board members that he is the

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Board's new liaison. He presented the Consent

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Agreement for Case No. 20-63-012143.

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Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D., Esquire, counsel

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for the respondent, was present and participated in

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the discussion.]

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CHAIR ERICKSON:

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I believe the Board will entertain a

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motion to reject the consent agreement

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at agenda item number 2 case number 20-

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63-012143 as the proposed discipline is

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too harsh.

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Do I hear a motion?

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DR. MCALEER:

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So moved.

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CHAIR ERICKSON:

1 Do I have a second?

2 DR. BRADLEY:

3 I'll second.

4 MS. MILEY:

5 Is there any discussion on the motion?

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7 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
8 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
9 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
10 Maynard, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
12 name for Case No. 20-63-012143 at agenda item 2 was
13 not read into the record.]

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15 Report of Board Chairperson

16 [Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, referred to prior
17 Board discussion regarding whether or not the
18 requirement for in-person or live continuing
19 education was consistent with best practices and
20 whether other jurisdictions require in-person,
21 synchronous, or live continuing education (CE)
22 requirements.

23 Chair Erickson reported Alabama, Colorado, Ohio,
24 Nevada, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, and Washington
25 do not require live or in-person CEs after

1 consultation with other colleagues and what he could
2 acquire. He noted the Board would continue to
3 discuss whether or not there is good reason to
4 continue requiring in-person or live continuing
5 education hours because of the burden on people in
6 terms of personal circumstances and being unable to
7 attend a 6- to 8-hour live presentation.

8 Chair Erickson commented that it also severely
9 limits the topics that people can often take with
10 continuing education. He noted that the Board's
11 continuing education regulations are currently under
12 revision and would continue to deliberate and
13 welcomed any comments from the public regarding this
14 issue.

15 Dr. McAleer noted appreciation for Chair
16 Ericson's initial work but asked whether Board
17 Counsel or the board administrator would be able to
18 reach out to the other 50 states for a yes or no
19 answer. He also requested research from members of
20 the public on the primacy of learning in a live
21 environment versus a CE online asynchronous model.

22 Chair Erickson welcomed any research or input
23 from the public within the next few months as they
24 deliberate over the continuing education issue.]

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1 Report of Board Counsel - Legislative Update
2 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted that
3 House Bill 1000 was submitted to the Professional
4 Licensure Committee regarding prescriptive
5 psychologists and the authority to prescribe and
6 informed everyone of a public hearing, where that
7 continues to be assessed.

8 Ms. Miley noted a potential issue was raised by
9 one of the members of the legislature pertaining to
10 minors in their capacity to not involve their parents
11 as it relates to a school psychologist's ability to
12 prescribe medication to them without parental
13 involvement. She mentioned that a couple of schools
14 in Pennsylvania intend to put academic programming in
15 place if the legislation passes and was also
16 discussed at the hearing.]

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18 Report of Acting Commissioner

19 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
20 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board
21 members that the request for proposal (RFP) for the
22 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) replacement went
23 live on September 28, 2023, and he would keep the
24 Board updated as the process moves forward.]

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1 Report of Board Administrator - Application to
2 Request Approval to Sit for the Psychology
3 Licensing Examinations

4 [Thomas Leech II, Board Administrator, informed Board
5 members that he did not feel comfortable approving
6 Margarita Maria Cossuto, Ph.D., so brought it before
7 the Board to decide.]

8 CHAIR ERICKSON:

9 I believe that the Board will entertain
10 a motion to approve this applicant,
11 Margarita Maria Cossuto, to sit for the
12 psychology licensing examinations.

13 Do I hear that motion?

14 DR. MCALEER:

15 So moved.

16 CHAIR ERICKSON:

17 Do I hear a second?

18 DR. BRADLEY:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR ERICKSON:

21 Any discussion?

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23 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
24 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
25 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.

1 Maynard, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Report of Board Administrator - Application to
5 Practice Psychology for Persons Licensed in Other
6 States

7 MR. LEECH:

8 Meredith Wilmer, Ph.D., is the first
9 one applying under Act 41, and she is
10 coming from Massachusetts. She is our
11 first Massachusetts state.

12 CHAIR ERICKSON:

13 I believe the Board will entertain a
14 motion to approve the applicant, Dr.
15 Meredith Wilmer, for Act 41 as we find
16 Massachusetts to be substantially
17 equivalent.

18 Do I hear that motion?

19 DR. MCALEER:

20 So moved.

21 DR. BRADLEY:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR ERICKSON:

24 Any discussion?

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

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 Report of Board Administrator - Application for
8 Approval of Corporate of Fictitious Name

9 MS. MILEY:

10 Agenda items 6 through 10. I believe
11 the Chair at this time would entertain
12 a motion to approve the Corporate or
13 Fictitious Names of the Applicants
14 identified at items 6, 7, 9, and 10 for
15 Clarity Neuropsychology PLLC, Solutions
16 for Mental Health Change LLC, Inspiring
17 Change LLC, and Crux Psychotherapy LLC,
18 respectively.

19 Is there such a motion?

20 DR. MCALEER:

21 So moved.

22 DR. BRADLEY:

23 Second.

24 MS. MILEY:

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Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
Maynard, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

MS. MILEY:

I believe the Chair at this time would
entertain a motion to deny the
Application for Approval of the
Corporate or Fictitious Name of agenda
item 8 identified by the name
Associates in Neuropsychology &
Wellness LLC.

Is there such a motion?

DR. MCALEER:

So moved.

DR. BRADLEY:

Second.

MS. MILEY:

Any discussion on the matter?

DR. MCALEER:

I think the Board would appreciate some

1 additional information from the
2 Applicant as to their specific training
3 in the area of neuropsychology, and
4 that would help us with our decision.

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6 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
7 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
8 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
9 Maynard, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Correspondence

13 CHAIR ERICKSON:

14 I believe the Board will entertain a
15 motion to approve the request for a one
16 time exception to allow the four
17 workshops taken by Drs. Hoover, Nagrant
18 and Taylor to count towards the CE
19 requirement for the current renewal
20 cycle at item 11 on the agenda.

21 DR. MCALEER:

22 So moved.

23 DR. BRADLEY:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR ERICKSON:

1 Any discussion?

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3 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
4 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
5 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
6 Maynard, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 CHAIR ERICKSON:

10 Moving on to agenda item 12, I believe
11 the Board will entertain a motion to
12 deny the PPLE Examination request of
13 the Applicant, Karen Wasserstein.

14 Do I hear that motion?

15 DR. MCALEER:

16 So moved.

17 DR. BRADLEY:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR ERICKSON:

20 Any discussion?

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22 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
23 Claggett, nay; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
24 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
25 Maynard, aye.

1 [The motion carried. Arion Claggett opposed the
2 motion.]

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4 CHAIR ERICKSON:

5 I believe the Board will entertain a
6 motion in regard to item 13 on the
7 agenda to approve the Continuing
8 education request of Dr. Kristi Musick.

9 Do I hear that motion?

10 DR. MCALEER:

11 So moved.

12 DR. BRADLEY:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR ERICKSON:

15 Any discussion?

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17 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
18 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
19 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
20 Maynard, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Report of Regulatory Counsel

24 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
25 Board members that Jacqueline Wolfgang from

1 regulatory council would be joining the meeting
2 shortly.

3 Ms. Miley stated 16A-6317 regarding continuing
4 education was sent for exposure but noted the Board's
5 desire to maybe incorporate some kind of home study,
6 along with adding language into the continuing
7 education draft.

8 Chair Erickson commented that the Board is
9 currently deliberating on making an amendment or
10 change to the regulations to permit all 30 of the
11 credit hours to be earned through home study without
12 the requirement for synchronous or live
13 participation.

14 Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Board Counsel,
15 provided a brief summary of her professional
16 background. She reported having oversight of all
17 regulatory boards over the last five years but would
18 now only have eight boards moving forward to be able
19 to move regulations along at a faster pace.

20 Ms. Miley reported no active update for general
21 revisions 16A-6320.

22 Ms. Miley referred to 16A-6324 regarding the Code
23 of Ethics, noting she spoke with education and
24 legislative counsel from the the American
25 Psychological Association (APA). She mentioned the

1 Code of Ethics is still being revised and APA did not
2 have a specific timeline in terms of whether or not
3 they would be issued within the next 12 months.

4 Ms. Miley stated the 2017 Code of Ethics is still
5 applicable by the APA even though they have not been
6 adopted yet and asked whether it makes sense to wait
7 until the APA implements their revised Code of
8 Ethics.

9 Chair Erickson commented that the APA approving
10 their revision of the Code of Ethics has been ongoing
11 and would be comfortable with waiting another six
12 months to have another discussion.

13 Ms. Miley mentioned that the APA representatives
14 were pretty certain that they would be issued and
15 coming soon.

16 Acting Commissioner Claggett agreed with Chair
17 Erickson's suggestion to wait.

18 Ms. Miley referred to 16A-6327 and informed Board
19 members that APA does not have a position on
20 Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System
21 (PCSAS) parity after receiving clarification from an
22 APA representative and was confident that it would be
23 ready for a vote at the next meeting.]

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25 Upcoming Meeting Dates

1 [Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, noted upcoming
2 2023 and 2024 meeting dates.

3 Dr. McAleer pointed out Easter Sunday is on March
4 31, 2024, and suggested changing the date to April 8
5 or April 15.

6 Mr. Leech offered to check the availability of
7 other dates and provide the information at the next
8 Board meeting.]

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10 Public Comment

11 [Michael F. Pogue-Geile, Ph.D., Professor and
12 Clinical Program Chair, Department of Psychology,
13 University of Pittsburgh, requested information
14 concerning the vote at the next meeting since the
15 Board already voted to grant PCSAS parity at a prior
16 Board meeting.

17 Ms. Miley explained that the vote would be to
18 approve the proposed language of the annex, which
19 would then be forwarded for comment if the Board
20 approves the motion.]

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22 Adjournment

23 CHAIR ERICKSON:

24 I will entertain a motion for
25 adjournment.

1 DR. MCALEER:

2 So moved.

3 DR. BRADLEY:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR ERICKSON:

6 Thank you very much everyone.

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8 [There being no further business, the State Board of
9 Psychology Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.]

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12 CERTIFICATE

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

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Sophia Mahoney,

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