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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**

TIME: 11:01 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

November 28, 2023

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State Board of Social Workers,
Marriage and Family Therapists,
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ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

James Kutz, Esquire, Chair, Regulatory &
Administrative Agency Law & Professional Licensure
Practice Groups, Post & Schell, P.C.
Madeleine Stevens, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor,
School of Education's Department of Counselor
Education, Duquesne University
Marcus Carter
Sophia Mahoney

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

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7 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
8 at 9:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
9 Session with Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel,
10 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
11 deliberations and to have attorney-client
12 consultation. The Board entered into public session
13 at 11:00 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, November 28, 2023. Michelle Santiago,
19 Psy.D., NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair, called the meeting to
20 order at 11:02 a.m.

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22 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
23 meeting was being held virtually pursuant to Act 100
24 of 2021, which allows meetings to be held in a hybrid
25 format and to establish a quorum to effectuate the

1 business of the Board.

2 Ms. Miley informed everyone that the meeting was
3 being recorded, and those who continued to
4 participate were giving their consent to be recorded.

5 Ms. Miley also noted the Board met in Executive
6 Session to have attorney-client consultation and for
7 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
8 deliberations.]

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10 Introduction of Board Members

11 [Chair Santiago requested an introduction of Board
12 members.]

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14 Introduction of Attendees

15 [Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator, provided an
16 introduction of attendees.]

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18 Approval of minutes of the October 31, 2023 meeting

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Our first item on the agenda is
21 approval of draft minutes.

22 May I have a motion, please?

23 MS. MARTIN:

24 I'd like to ask that the correction
25 that I submitted be included in the

1 minutes.

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 Could we have a motion to include the
4 additions and corrections made by Linda
5 Martin?

6 DR. EVANS:

7 Motion to approve additions made by
8 Linda.

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

12 Any discussion, members? Seeing none.
13 Could we have the roll call vote,
14 please?

15
16 Santiago, abstain; Claggett, aye;
17 Behun, aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
18 Early, abstain; Evans, aye; Martin,
19 aye; Moyer, abstain.

20 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago, Kimberly
21 Early, and Cindy Moyer abstained from voting on the
22 motion.]

23 ***

24 Report of Prosecutorial Division

25 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,

1 presented the Consent Agreement for Case Nos. 19-69-
2 008257 & 19-69-003861.]

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 I believe that the Board will entertain
5 a motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
6 for Case No. 19-69-008257 & 19-69-
7 003861.

8 Could I have a motion, please?

9 MS. MOYER:

10 So moved.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Any discussion, Board members? If
15 there is not, could I have the roll
16 call vote, please?

17
18 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
19 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
20 no; Evans, no; Martin, aye; Moyer, aye.

21 [The motion carried. Kimberly Early and Erika Evans
22 opposed the motion. The Respondent's name is Emily
23 Lyons-Micucci, LSW.]

24 ***

25 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,

1 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 19-69-
2 014375.]

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 I believe the Board will entertain a
5 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
6 for Case No. 19-69-014375.

7 May I have a motion, please?

8 MS. MOYER:

9 So moved.

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Any additional discussion, Board
14 members? Seeing none. Could we have
15 the roll call vote, please?

16
17 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
18 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
19 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, nay; Moyer,
20 aye.

21 [The motion carried. Linda Martin opposed the
22 motion. The Respondent's name is Faith Elizabeth
23 King, LSW.]

24 ***

25 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed

1 Mr. Anderson that the 2 p.m. hearing may be available
2 earlier depending on the business portion of the
3 meeting.]

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5 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudications and
6 Orders

7 MS. MILEY:

8 The first matter is item 4 found at
9 Case No. 22-69-013837 for Applicant
10 Madeline Bush.

11 Aa this time, Chair Santiago, do
12 you entertain a motion?

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 I believe that the Board will entertain
15 a motion to adopt the Adjudication and
16 Order in this matter at Case No. 22-69-
17 013837.

18 May I have a motion, please?

19 MS. MOYER:

20 So moved.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Any additional discussion, Board
25 members? Seeing none. Could we have

1 the roll call vote, please?

2

3 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
4 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
5 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
6 aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

8

9 MS. MILEY:

10 Next on the agenda is item 5, Case No.
11 22-69-013902, pertaining to Applicant,
12 Neeka Noje-Murray.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 I believe that the Board will entertain
15 a motion to adopt the Adjudication and
16 Order in this matter at Case No. 22-69-
17 013902.

18 Could I have a motion, please?

19 MS. MOYER:

20 So moved.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Any discussion, Board members? Seeing
25 none. Could we have the roll call

1 vote, please?

2

3 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
4 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
5 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
6 aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

8

9 Report of Board Counsel - Matters for Deliberation

10 MS. MILEY:

11 Item 6 is the Application of Binta
12 Barry-Toe for a Clinical Social Worker
13 by Endorsement at Case No. 23-69-
14 001831.

15 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

16 I believe that the Board will entertain
17 a motion to direct Board Counsel to
18 issue a Final Order granting license
19 for the Applicant at item 6, Binta
20 Barry-Toe.

21 May I have a motion, please?

22 MS. MOYER:

23 So moved.

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 Any other discussion, Board members?
3 Could we have the roll call vote,
4 please?

5
6 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
7 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
8 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
9 aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Next is the matter at item 7. After
14 consideration of documents, this Chair
15 would direct Board Counsel to draft a
16 Final Adjudication and Order consistent
17 with agenda item 7, Ashley Lantz.

18 May I have a motion, please?

19 MS. MOYER:

20 So moved.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Any additional discussion, Board
25 members? Could we have the roll call

1 vote, please?

2

3 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
4 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
5 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
6 aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

8

9 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

10 Item 8. The Board having voted on
11 October 31, 2023, to grant a
12 provisional license hereby entertains a
13 motion to rescind the prior motion and
14 grant an Unrestricted License by
15 Endorsement for Applicant, Brandon
16 Tomlinson at item 8 on the agenda.

17 Could I have a motion, please?

18 MS. MOYER:

19 So moved.

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

23 Any discussion? Hearing none. Could
24 we have the roll call vote?

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1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Item 10, Taihesia Lane. The Board
5 having voted on October 31, 2023, to
6 grant a provisional license hereby
7 entertains a motion to rescind our
8 prior motion and instead grant an
9 Unrestricted License by Endorsement for
10 Applicant at item 10.

11 May I have a motion, please?

12 MS. MOYER:

13 So moved.

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

17 Any discussion, Board members? Seeing
18 none. Could we have the roll call
19 vote, please?

20
21 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
22 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
23 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
24 aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 Item 11. I believe that the Board will
4 entertain a motion to provisionally
5 deny the Application at item 11,
6 Nariesh Paltoo Jr.

7 May I have a motion, please?

8 MS. MOYER:

9 So moved.

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Any discussion? Seeing none. Could we
14 have the roll call vote, please?

15

16 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
17 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
18 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
19 aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21

22 Regulatory Report

23 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
24 Board members that the anticipatory date for review
25 and action on the general revisions would be at the

1 January 16, 2024 meeting. She noted all other
2 regulatory matters would be addressed at that time,
3 along with an update to the status report.]

4 ***

5 Report of Board Chairperson

6 [Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair,
7 requested funding to attend the 2024 American
8 Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) Annual
9 Conference January 6-10.]

10 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

11 I am asking for travel approval for the
12 AASCB 2024 Annual Conference from
13 January 6 until January 10.

14 May I have a motion, please?

15 MS. MOYER:

16 So moved.

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Any additional discussion, members?
21 Hearing none. Could we have the roll
22 call vote, Sarah, please?

23
24 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
25 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,

1 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
2 aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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7 Report of Board Administrator

8 [Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator, introduced
9 KaVaughn Webb as the new Board administrator.

10 Chair Santiago welcomed Mr. Webb.]

11 ***

12 Review of Applications

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 I believe that the Board will entertain
15 a motion to provisionally deny the
16 Applicant at item 12, Roslyn
17 Grossinger.

18 Could I have a motion, please?

19 MS. MOYER:

20 So moved.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Any additional discussion about the
25 Applicant? Seeing none. Could we have

1 the roll call vote, please?

2

3 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
4 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
5 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
6 aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

10 Item 13, Jose De Moya. I believe the
11 Board will entertain a motion to
12 provisionally deny the Application of
13 agenda item 13, Jose De Moya.

14 May I have a motion, please?

15 MS. MOYER:

16 So moved.

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Any additional discussion, Board
21 members? Hearing none. Could we have
22 the roll call vote, please?

23

24 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
25 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,

1 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
2 aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 Item 14 on our agenda, Paula Rusin. I
7 believe the Board will entertain a
8 motion to provisionally deny the
9 Application.

10 May I have a motion, please?

11 MS. MOYER:

12 So moved.

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

16 Any discussion, Board members? Hearing
17 none. Could we have the roll call
18 vote, please?

19
20 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
21 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
22 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
23 aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 Agenda item 15, Peter Thompson. I
3 believe the Board will entertain a
4 motion to provisionally deny the
5 Application for Peter Thompson at
6 agenda item 15.

7 Could I have a motion, please?

8 MS. MOYER:

9 So moved.

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Any discussion? Seeing none. Could we
14 have the roll call vote, please?

15

16 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
17 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
18 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
19 aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21

22 Review of Applications - Act 41 Review

23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Agenda item 16, Gina Aiello. I believe
25 the Board will entertain a motion to

1 grant an Unrestricted License to the
2 Applicant at item 16 on the agenda.

3 Could I have a motion, please?

4 MS. MOYER:

5 So moved.

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

9 Any discussion? Seeing none. Could we
10 have the roll call vote?

11

12 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
13 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
14 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
15 aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

17 ***

18 Miscellaneous

19 [Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair,
20 noted the Board already discussed travel approval for
21 the 2024 American Association of State Counseling
22 Boards Annual Conference.]

23 ***

24 Amendment to the Agenda

25 MS. MILEY:

1 I would ask that the Chair entertain a
2 motion to amend the agenda to move the
3 hearing to a new time of 12 p.m.

4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5 I believe that the Board will entertain
6 a motion to amend our agenda and to
7 move our 2 p.m. hearing to noon.

8 Could I have a motion, please?

9 MS. MOYER:

10 So moved.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Any discussion, folks? May I have the
15 roll call vote, please?

16

17 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
18 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
19 aye; Evans, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
20 aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

22

23 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
24 everyone that there would be no additional business
25 conducted by the Board except for adjournment after

1 the conclusion of the hearing for those who do not
2 wish to further participate.]

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4 [The Board recessed from 11:36 a.m. until 12:01 p.m.]

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6 Appointment

7 [A Formal Hearing was held from 12:01 p.m. until
8 12:56 p.m. in the Matter of the Application for a
9 License by Endorsement to Practice Professional
10 Counseling of Kimberly C. Warne, Case No. 23-69-
11 003904.]

12 ***

13 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
14 at 12:56 p.m., the Board entered into Executive
15 Session with Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel,
16 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
17 deliberations and to have attorney-client
18 consultation. The Board entered into public session
19 at 1:17 p.m.]

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21 Adjournment

22 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

23 I will move to conclude the meeting.

24 Could I have a second, please?

25 DR. EVANS:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 We will see everybody on January 16.

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5 [There being no further business, the State Board of
6 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
7 Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at
8 1:20 p.m.]

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11 CERTIFICATE

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13 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
14 minutes of the State Board of Social Workers,
15 Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional
16 Counselors meeting, was reduced to writing by me or
17 under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately
18 summarize the substance of the State Board of Social
19 Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and
20 Professional Counselors meeting.

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22 Sophia Mahoney,

23 Minute Clerk

24 Sargent's Court Reporting
25 Service, Inc.
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