

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: 11:27 A.M.

Held at

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

April 22, 2025

State Board of Social Workers,  
Marriage and Family Therapists,  
and Professional Counselors  
April 22, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair  
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
Professional and Occupational Affairs  
Richard Joseph Behun, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS  
Farida E. Boyer, MS, LMFT, AS - Absent  
Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS - Absent  
Ling Dinse, DSW, MSW, LSW - Absent  
Kimberly Early, LSW - Absent  
Andy Gross, LCSW, MSS  
Tiffany Welch, DSW, MSW, LSW

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Patrick M. Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
Aarthi Manoharan, Board Administrator  
Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Senior Regulatory  
Counsel  
Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Shana Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel  
Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Adrianne Rachelle McClendon, Esquire, Board  
Prosecutor  
William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Thomas Leech II, Administrative Officer 2  
Nichole Maloney, Administrative Officer 3  
Kathleen Mullen, Deputy Chief Counsel  
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,  
Department of State  
Piri Pantoja, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs  
Brooke Jones, Legal Extern, Department of State  
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State  
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide

ALSO PRESENT:

Johanna Byrd, ACSW, IOM, CAE, Executive Director,  
National Association of Social Workers,  
Pennsylvania Chapter

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

Kari L. Orchard, Executive Director, House  
Professional Licensure  
Jill M. Krahwinkel-Bower, Ph.D., LPC, CAADC, CCTP,  
CT/RTC, JSOCC  
Wesley Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC  
Shannon Taylor, NCC, LPC  
Mary Harris  
Nicole Sidle  
Tim Chambers  
Autumn Rafine  
Lili Baldwin  
Jamie Rose  
Dr. Cynthia Lindner  
Michele Southworth  
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Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
Inc.

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[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
at 9:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive  
Session with Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial  
deliberations on a number of matters currently  
pending before the Board and to receive the advice of  
counsel. The Board entered into public session at  
11:00 a.m.]

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family  
Therapists, and Professional Counselors was held on  
Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Michelle Santiago, Psy.D.,  
NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair, called the meeting to order  
at 11:27 a.m.

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[Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed  
everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and  
those who continued to participate were giving their

1 consent to be recorded.

2 Ms. Tully noted the Board entered into Executive  
3 Session for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial  
4 deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel on  
5 the matters upon which the Board will later vote.]

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7 Roll Call of Board Members/Introduction of Attendees  
8 [Aarthi Manoharan, Board Administrator, provided a  
9 roll call of Board members and introduction of  
10 attendees. A quorum of Board members was present.]

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12 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of,  
13 Professional and Occupational Affairs, noted changes  
14 in schedule due to Board attendance.]

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16 Approval of minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting

17 MS. TULLY:

18 Yes, let's start with the approval of  
19 the minutes from the March 11, 2025  
20 meeting. I believe the Chair would  
21 entertain a motion to adopt the minutes  
22 from the April 22, 2025 meeting as  
23 drafted.

24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 I will entertain that motion.

1 DR. BEHUN:

2 So moved.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

4 Second.

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6 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
7 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Report of Prosecutorial Division

11 [Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
12 presented the Consent Agreement for Item 2, Case No.  
13 24-69-008630; and Item 3, Case No. 24-69-013001.]

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15 [Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor, on  
16 behalf of Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, presented  
17 the Consent Agreement for Item 4, Case No. 24-69-  
18 07307.

19 Mr. Kriner presented the Consent Agreement for  
20 Item 7, Case No. 25-69-004318.]

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22 [Patrick M. Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
23 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Item 5,  
24 Case No. 24-69-019243; and Item 6, Case No. 25-69-  
25 019243.]

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MS. TULLY:

Before we move on for voting, would any of the Board members see a reason to reenter Executive Session deliberations in order to discuss any of these Consent Agreements that have just been presented?

Then I believe our Chairperson would entertain a motion for Item No. 2 on the Agenda, Case No. 24-69-008630, To reject as too lenient.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

I will entertain that motion.

DR. BEHUN:

So moved.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

Second.

Santiago, aye; Claggett, nay; Behun, aye; Gross, nay; Welch, aye.

[The motion carried. Acting Commissioner Claggett and Mr. Gross opposed the motion.]

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MS. TULLY:

1 I believe our Chairperson would  
2 entertain a motion to accept the  
3 Consent Agreements at Item No. 3, Case  
4 No. 24-69-013001; Item No. 4 on the  
5 Agenda, Case No. 24-69-007307; Item No.  
6 5 on the Agenda, the VRP case at 24-69-  
7 019243; Item No. 6, which is Case No.  
8 25-69-003090; and Item No. 7, which is  
9 Case No. 25-69-004318.

10 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

11 I will entertain that motion.

12 DR. BEHUN:

13 So moved.

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

15 Second.

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17 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
18 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously. Item 3, Case No.  
20 24-69-013001, is Suzanne Marie Burkley, LPC; Item 4,  
21 Case No. 24-69-007307, is David Stewart Henrich,  
22 LCSW; Item 5, Case No. 24-69-019243, VRP Case; Item  
23 6, Case No. 25-69-003090, is Jonathan E. Moyer, LPC;  
24 and Item 7, Case No. 25-69-004318, is Gennifer E.  
25 Washington, LCSW.]



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2 Report of Board Counsel

3 MS. TULLY:

4 I believe our Chair would entertain a  
5 motion to accept the drafted  
6 Adjudication and Orders in the matters  
7 of Cindy Bello at Case No. 23-69-013572  
8 and Nicole Bialecki at Case No. 24-69-  
9 013287.

10 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

11 I will entertain those motions.

12 DR. BEHUN:

13 So moved.

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

15 Second.

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17 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
18 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. TULLY:

22 With respect to Item 10, I believe  
23 based upon the Executive Session  
24 deliberations, our Chair would  
25 entertain a motion to adopt the

1 Proposed Adjudication and Order that  
2 has been before the Board on the case  
3 of Mary Susan Schott at Case Nos. 18-  
4 69-011945 and 20-69-012549.

5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 I will entertain that motion.

7 DR. BEHUN:

8 So moved.

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

10 Second.

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12 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
13 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Review of Applications - Associate Professional  
17 Counselor

18 MS. TULLY:

19 I believe, based upon Executive Session  
20 deliberations, our Chair would  
21 entertain a motion to deny the  
22 Associate Professional Counselor  
23 applications of Items 12 through 17 of  
24 the Agenda. That would be the  
25 applications of Ashley Wrigley, Autumn

1 Ebert, Daniel Rozovsky, Elise Larocca-  
2 Thompson, Kimberly Scholz, and Sarah  
3 Fasulka.

4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5 I will entertain that motion.

6 DR. BEHUN:

7 So moved.

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

9 Second.

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11 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
12 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 MS. TULLY:

16 I believe our Chair would entertain a  
17 motion based upon Executive Session  
18 deliberations to provisionally deny the  
19 following applications to be licensed  
20 by Professional Counselor by Exam.  
21 These would be Items 18 through 23 of  
22 the Agenda. These are the applications  
23 of Dylan Penna-Powell, Jamie L. Lillis,  
24 Koury Ann Parker, Ronald Spotts, Tiona  
25 Boddy, and Toinetta Rodriguez.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 I will entertain that motion.

3 DR. BEHUN:

4 So moved.

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

6 Second.

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8 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,

9 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Review of Applications - Act 41 Review

13 MS. TULLY:

14 Moving on to Item 24, I believe our  
15 Chair would entertain a motion to  
16 provisionally deny the Application of  
17 Serena Buday to practice Bachelor of  
18 Social Work by Exam.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 I will entertain that motion.

21 DR. BEHUN:

22 So moved.

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

24 Second.

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1                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
2                   aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 MS. TULLY:

6                   Moving on to Item 25. I believe, based  
7                   upon the Executive Session  
8                   deliberations, our Chair would  
9                   entertain a motion to provisionally  
10                  deny the application of Shaeureka Davis  
11                  to practice as a Social Worker by  
12                  Examination.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14                   I will entertain that motion.

15 DR. BEHUN:

16                   So moved.

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

18                   Second.

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20                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
21                   aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. TULLY:

25                   Moving on to Item 26. Based upon the

1 Executive Session deliberations, I  
2 believe our Chair would entertain a  
3 motion to provisionally deny the  
4 application of Hugo Perales to practice  
5 as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
6 through Endorsement.

7 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

8 I will entertain that motion.

9 DR. BEHUN:

10 So moved.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Second.

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14 Santiago, aye; Claggett, nay; Behun,  
15 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

16 [The motion carried. Acting Commissioner Claggett  
17 opposed the motion.]

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19 MS. TULLY:

20 Moving on to Items 27 and 28, I believe  
21 based on Executive Session  
22 deliberations, our Chair would  
23 entertain a motion to grant licensure  
24 as a Professional Counselor through  
25 Endorsement of Amy Mock and Alexis

1                   Rosen.

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3                   I will entertain that motion.

4 DR. BEHUN:

5                   So moved.

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

7                   Second.

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9                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,

10                  aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MS. TULLY:

14                  Moving on to Item number 29. I believe

15                  based upon Executive Session

16                  deliberations, our Chair would

17                  entertain a motion to rescind the

18                  Provisional Denial that was voted upon

19                  at the March 11, 2025 meeting on the

20                  application of Christopher Lee Khaleel

21                  and now move to grant by Examination

22                  the application of this individual to

23                  practice as a Professional Counselor.

24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25                  I will entertain that motion.

1 DR. BEHUN:

2 So moved.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

4 Second.

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6 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
7 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. TULLY:

11 Moving on Items 30 through 32. Based  
12 upon the Executive Session  
13 deliberations, I believe our Chair  
14 would entertain a motion to  
15 provisionally deny the Applications to  
16 Practice as a Professional Counselor by  
17 Endorsement of Jeanette Blucher, Kelly  
18 Dunbar Davison and Laura Sarsony.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 I will entertain that motion.

21 DR. BEHUN:

22 So moved.

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGET:

24 Second.

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1                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
2                   aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 [Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted Items  
6 33 through 42 were tabled.]

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8 Miscellaneous

9 MS. TULLY:

10                   Moving on to Item number 43. Based  
11                   upon Executive Session deliberations, I  
12                   believe our Chair would entertain a  
13                   motion to grant licensure as an  
14                   Associate Professional Counselor of  
15                   this applicant B.K., conditioned upon  
16                   participation in the VRP program.

17 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

18                   I will entertain that motion.

19 DR. BEHUN:

20                   So moved.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22                   Second.

23                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, nay; Behun,  
24                   aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

25 [The motion carried. Acting Commissioner Claggett

1 opposed the motion.]

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3 Report of Regulatory Counsel

4 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Senior Regulatory  
5 Counsel, provided an update to Regulation 16A-6923.  
6 She followed up on a previous Board discussion  
7 regarding a pre-approved provider, explaining that  
8 the Family Service Association of America, currently  
9 on the Board's pre-approved provider list, merged  
10 with the Alliance for Strong Families and  
11 Communities. After confirming with Social Current—  
12 the organization formed from the merger—she learned  
13 they no longer offer a continuing education program.  
14 As a result, she will be removing the Family Service  
15 Association of America from the regulations without  
16 replacing it and stated that no vote is needed.

17 Ms. Wolfgang added that she had been speaking  
18 with Board Counsel about the Board's pre-approved  
19 providers. She observed that while the Board can  
20 approve pre-approved or course providers, it lacks  
21 the authority to approve interim Board-approved  
22 providers, a step many other Boards use. She  
23 explained this would allow providers to apply for  
24 temporary approval to offer courses during a two-year  
25 period, with renewal or reapplication required at the

1 end of that cycle.

2 Ms. Wolfgang inquired about adding a new interim  
3 provider approval mechanism to its regulations. She  
4 recommended that instead of including it in the  
5 general revisions package, which is nearly ready for  
6 submission, it be added to the supervisory standards  
7 regulation (16A-6928). She opened the floor for  
8 discussion.

9 Dr. Welch asked if the approval cycle must be two  
10 years or if it could be extended to three, four, or  
11 five years.

12 Ms. Wolfgang responded that most Boards use a  
13 two-year cycle, or biennium, which she believes would  
14 be easier to manage. While three years could be  
15 considered, it might not align well with renewals.  
16 She recommended sticking with two years and suggested  
17 the application fee match the current pre-approved  
18 provider fee of \$65. She explained that while the  
19 Board's current pre-approved providers are typically  
20 large, long-term organizations, some are smaller and  
21 more local, making a flexible interim approval  
22 process beneficial.

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24 Legislative Report

25 [Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, provided

1 updates regarding House Bills 554 and 668. As House  
2 Bill 554 is later discussed, Ms. Tully informed the  
3 Board that House Bill 668 was introduced. This Bill  
4 aims to add Pennsylvania to the National Social Work  
5 Licensure Compact.

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7 New Business - Election of Officers to Committees  
8 [Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair,  
9 appointed Andy Gross, Eric DeCriscio, and Farida  
10 Boyer as members of the Application Committee.

11 Chair Santiago appointed Kimberly Early and Dr.  
12 Ling Dinse to the Continuing Education Committee.

13 Chair Santiago appointed Dr. Joe Behun and Dr.  
14 Tiffany Welch to the Probable Cause Hearing  
15 Committee.]

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17 Appointment

18 [A Formal Hearing was held from 12:01 p.m. until  
19 2:07 p.m. in the Matter of Lili Baldwin, Case No.  
20 25-69-000490.]

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22 [Richard Joseph Behun, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS, exited  
23 the meeting.]

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25 Tiffany Welch, DSW, MSW, LSW, exited the meeting.]

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[The Board recessed from 2:08 p.m. until 2:13 p.m.]

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Appointment - Social Work Compact (HB 554)

[Johanna Byrd, ACSW, IOM, CAE, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers, Pennsylvania Chapter, shared that an update is anticipated regarding legislation by the June meeting. She noted that part of the motivation for presenting was to address questions reportedly raised by the Licensing Board. She explained that the presentation would focus on the Board's perspective, particularly regarding disciplinary processes within the context of an interstate compact.

Ms. Byrd explained that the Social Work Compact was created a few years ago, in part by the Department of Defense, to help military spouses avoid repeating the licensing process when moving between states. She highlighted the compact's rapid adoption due to the growing need for mental health professionals. She noted that Pennsylvania currently has two Bills—House Bill 554 and Senate Bill 583—supporting the compact, and 27 states have already adopted it, with Arkansas recently joining and New Jersey still pending.

1 Ms. Byrd described how the compact allows social  
2 workers with an active, unencumbered license in their  
3 home state to apply for a multi-state license. This  
4 license is optional and only necessary for those  
5 practicing across state lines or via telehealth.  
6 Once eligibility is verified, the license grants  
7 authority to practice in all participating states.

8 Ms. Byrd further explained that to join the  
9 compact, states must meet certain regulatory  
10 standards, such as licensing Social Work at the  
11 clinical, master's, or bachelor's level, requiring  
12 graduation from a CSWE-accredited program, completing  
13 supervised practice, and passing a national exam.  
14 Some states, like Colorado, have eliminated the  
15 entry-level exam requirement but still require it for  
16 the multi-state license. She noted that criminal  
17 history background checks are mandatory for compact  
18 participation, an issue that Pennsylvania resolved  
19 last year.

20 Ms. Byrd explained that Pennsylvania is now  
21 positioned to join the Social Work Compact, which  
22 allows licensed social workers to apply for a multi-  
23 state license while keeping their home state license.  
24 She emphasized that licensees must comply with the  
25 laws and rules of any state where they practice,

1 which can vary significantly, such as with Texas's  
2 restrictions on abortion-related services.

3 Ms. Byrd clarified that Social Workers must  
4 follow the regulations of the Client's location at  
5 the time services are provided. She noted that while  
6 she previously covered basic rules, licensees also  
7 need to meet home state renewal requirements. The  
8 compact benefits states by expanding access to care,  
9 improving public safety, enabling information sharing  
10 among states, and preserving state sovereignty.

11 Ms. Byrd added that every licensee must designate  
12 a home state, typically based on domicile, and  
13 maintain a license there to apply for a multi-state  
14 license. If a licensee moves, they must update their  
15 home state status, but do not need to repeat the full  
16 application process. Pennsylvania's participation  
17 means social workers licensed in other compact states  
18 can serve Pennsylvania clients, and vice versa, while  
19 still being subject to state oversight.

20 Ms. Byrd explained that only the licensee's home  
21 state can act against the multi-state license itself,  
22 while remote states can restrict practice within  
23 their borders. Any disciplinary actions are reported  
24 to the interstate compact Board, allowing other  
25 states to decide independently whether to respond.

1 Ms. Byrd stated that this creates a system of shared  
2 accountability while respecting each state's  
3 authority.

4 Ms. Byrd added that if Pennsylvania passes its  
5 bill soon, the State could still be part of the  
6 initial group to issue multi-state licenses.  
7 However, she acknowledged that legislation in  
8 Pennsylvania often moves slowly.

9 Ms. Byrd concluded by outlining the timeline for  
10 the Social Work Compact. She explained that while  
11 the initiative has progressed quickly, the language  
12 was only released in 2022. The compact reached the  
13 required threshold of seven states last year,  
14 prompting its enactment. The inaugural meeting of  
15 the Social Work Compact Commission took place in fall  
16 2024, and they are currently setting up systems to  
17 operationalize the compact, including a data system.  
18 Multi-state licenses are not yet being issued, but  
19 they are expected to begin in fall 2025.

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21 [Andy Gross, LCSW, MSS, exited the meeting at 2:30  
22 p.m.]

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24 [Chair Santiago inquired about the expected  
25 population of Veterans expected to participate in the



1 program.

2 Ms. Byrd explained that no one is currently  
3 participating in the Social Work Compact because,  
4 even in states that have passed the legislation, the  
5 system is not yet operational. She noted that the  
6 compact was partly created to address challenges  
7 faced by military spouses who frequently relocate and  
8 must repeatedly go through licensing processes. She  
9 mentioned that the Veterans Administration has  
10 historically been one of the largest employers of  
11 social workers, serving a significant veteran  
12 population, though she does not have specific data on  
13 that. She emphasized that veterans continue to have  
14 a strong need for care.

15 Acting Commissioner Claggett asked if individuals  
16 entering the Compact will need to renew their Compact  
17 License.

18 Ms. Byrd responded that individuals will need to  
19 renew their license as it is akin to a regular state  
20 license.

21 Acting Commissioner Claggett requested an  
22 approximate cost for the Compact License.

23 Ms. Byrd responded that the fee has not been  
24 finalized but is expected to be a small additional  
25 amount—likely under \$50—on top of the regular license

1 renewal fee. She explained that since it's optional,  
2 those not practicing in other states can choose to  
3 save the cost, while it could benefit those offering  
4 telehealth or private practice across state lines.

5 Acting Commissioner Claggett shared that they  
6 recently received final approval to accept FBI  
7 fingerprint background checks and plan to implement  
8 the nurse and medical compacts in June. However, he  
9 noted that even if the Social Work Compact  
10 legislation passes soon, it could not be implemented  
11 until 2026.

12 Ms. Byrd agreed and mentioned that their bill  
13 sponsor had already requested an amendment delaying  
14 implementation by six months to allow for the  
15 transition from the PALS system to the new PAT  
16 system. She added that this timeline seems  
17 reasonable, as the original target of fall 2025 for  
18 issuing compact licenses might be too optimistic.

19 Ms. Byrd added that she and her team are  
20 available to answer any further questions from Board  
21 members and hope the written materials they submitted  
22 will be helpful. She expressed her willingness to  
23 return if requested and noted their goal is to get a  
24 committee vote on the compact legislation by early  
25 summer, which is why she stayed through the meeting.

1       Ms. Tully asked for clarification about  
2 continuing education requirements, wondering if  
3 licensees must comply with each state's rules or just  
4 their home states.

5       Ms. Byrd confirmed that continuing education  
6 requirements only apply to the licensee's home state.

7       For example, if one state requires ethics and  
8 another anti-racism training, the licensee must  
9 follow only their home state's rules. The only  
10 obligation in other states is to be familiar with  
11 their laws and practice standards.]

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13 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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15 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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17 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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19 Adjournment

20 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

21                       Hearing nothing from the Board  
22                       Administrator. Do I just adjourn the  
23                       meeting by myself?

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25                       Yeah.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 The meeting is adjourned. It is 2:37  
3 p.m.

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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 2:37 p.m.]

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## CERTIFICATE

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Allison Walker', is written over a horizontal line.

Allison Walker,

Minute Clerk

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STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,  
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TIME

AGENDA

9:00	Executive Session
11:00	Return to Open Session
11:27	Official Call to Order
11:28	Roll Call of Board Members
11:30	Introduction of Attendees
11:31	Approval of Minutes
11:43	Report of Prosecutorial Division
11:44	Report of Board Counsel
11:50	Review of Applications
11:51	Miscellaneous
11:57	Regulatory Report
11:57	Legislative Report
2:07	Appointment - Hearing - Lili Baldwin
2:13	Recess
2:36	Appointment - Social Work Compact (HB 554) Presentation - Johanna Byrd, National Association of Social Workers Pennsylvania Chapter
2:37	Adjournment