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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: 11:00 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

July 11, 2023

1 State Board of Social Workers,
2 Marriage and Family Therapists,
3 and Professional Counselors
4 July 11, 2023
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7 BOARD MEMBERS:
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9 Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Chair
10 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs
12 Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS
13 Kimberly Early, LSW - Absent
14 Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT, Vice Chair
15 Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN
16 Cindy Moyer, LCSW
17 Mayte Redcay, LCSW, LCADC, SAP, CEAP - Absent
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20 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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22 Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel
23 Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board
24 Prosecutor
25 Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
26 Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
27 Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
28 Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
29 Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator
30 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
31 Department of State
32 Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
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35 ALSO PRESENT:
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37 Farida E. Boyer, CEO, LMFT, Boyer Counseling Group
38 Richard Joseph Behun, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS,
39 Millersville University
40 Ashley Goshert, Registered Nurse, Clinical
41 Supervisor, Parkview Health
42 Jonathan Toman
43 Matthew Ford
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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, July 11, 2023. Michelle Santiago, Psy.D.,
19 LPC, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

20 Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT, Vice Chair, was not
21 present at the commencement of the meeting.

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23 Introduction of Board Members

24 [Chair Santiago requested an introduction of Board
25 members.]

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2 Introduction of Attendees

3 [Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator, provided an
4 introduction of attendees.]

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6 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, advised
7 everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and
8 those who continued to participate were giving their
9 consent to be recorded.

10 Ms. Miley noted the virtual meeting was being
11 held by hybrid format and is permitted for boards and
12 licensing commissions in order to conduct business.

13 Ms. Miley also noted the Board met in Executive
14 Session to have attorney-client consultation and for
15 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
16 deliberations.]

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18 Approval of minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 I believe the Board will entertain a
21 motion to approve the draft minutes
22 with amendments.

23 MR. DECRISCIO:

24 So moved.

25 MS. MOYER:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 Is there any discussion? Hearing none.

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5 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

6 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,

7 aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Report of Prosecutorial Division

11 [Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution

12 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No.

13 21-69-019305.]

14 MS. MILEY:

15 I believe that the Board will entertain

16 a motion to approve the Consent

17 Agreement at item 2.

18 Could I have a motion, please?

19 MR. DECRISCIO:

20 So moved.

21 MS. MOYER:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Any discussion, members? Seeing none.

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Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

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DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,

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aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and

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Order

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MS. MILEY:

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Item 4 will be tabled until the next

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meeting on September 19, 2023.

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Regulatory Report

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[Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed

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16A-6923 regarding electronic supervision and general

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revisions. She informed Board members that the Bureau

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of Finance and Operations (BFO) would look at the

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numbers in the fall to determine if a separate fee

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package is required. She reported no fee changes at

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the current time considering the Board's current

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outlook but would be revisited in the fall.

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Ms. Miley noted the Board released the exposure

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annex for 16A-6925 regarding Act 41 on June 13,

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noting the comment period is open until July 26,

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2023.]

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2 Pennsylvania Legislation Update

3 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
4 House Bill 1356 regarding music therapists. She
5 noted the bill is seeking to have music therapists
6 governed by the Board and be licensed and regulated
7 by the Board.

8 Ms. Miley stated House Bill 1398 also seeks to
9 have professional art therapists be licensed and
10 regulated under the Board.

11 Chair Santiago referred to 16A-6925, noting
12 language in Act 41 states the language current
13 applicable law and asked what that means to people
14 who received a degree in 2009 when the law was
15 different.

16 Ms. Miley explained that individuals would still
17 fall under Act 41 because it is the current
18 legislative mandate.

19 Chair Santiago commented that the expectation of
20 music therapists and art therapists is to fall under
21 the Board and called registered and/or certified art
22 therapists.

23 Ms. Miley stated it is adding a licensure
24 category under the regulation of the Board and is
25 currently in the bill.

1 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
2 Department of State, informed Board members that the
3 Office of Policy is in the process of reviewing a
4 Sunrise Application for the art therapy license class
5 submitted by the Pennsylvania Art Therapy
6 Association.

7 Ms. Martin referred to House Bill 1356 Section
8 7(4), where the applicant remains actively certified
9 by the Certification Board for Music Therapists,
10 noting that none of the other professions on the
11 Board have the requirement to be certified by any
12 outside agencies and questioned why they would need
13 that in their act.

14 Ms. Martin commented that there is confusion in
15 both the acts regarding language and whether it is
16 being changed. She referred to House Bill 1398,
17 using language that "he or she" shall first have
18 obtained and holds "himself or herself" forth. She
19 mentioned that it should be consistent throughout the
20 revisions if changing it to "the person," which is
21 gender neutral.

22 Ms. Miley explained that the Board cannot revise
23 those because they are not regulations but could be
24 passed along to the legislature.]

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1 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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3 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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5 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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7 Review of Applications

8 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

9 At item 9, I believe that the Board
10 will entertain a motion to
11 provisionally deny the Application for
12 the applicant at number 9.

13 Do I hear a motion?

14 MR. DECRISCIO:

15 So moved.

16 MS. MOYER:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

19 Is there any discussion, Board members?

20 Seeing none.

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22 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

23 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,

24 aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's

1 name is Stephanie Minneci.]

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3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Moving on to item 10 on the agenda, I
5 believe the Board will entertain a
6 motion to approve the Application of
7 applicant number 10.

8 Could I have a motion, please?

9 MR. DECRISCIO:

10 So moved.

11 MS. MOYER:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Is there any discussion, Board members?
15 Hearing none.

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17 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye;
18 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
19 aye.

20 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
21 motion. The Applicant's name is Nicole Leeper.]

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23 Review of Applications - Act 41 Review

24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 We are moving on to item 11. I believe

1 the Board will entertain a motion to
2 provisionally deny the Application of
3 the Applicant at number 11.

4 Do I hear a motion?

5 MR. DECRISCIO:

6 So moved.

7 MS. MOYER:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

10 Is there any discussion, Board members?

11 Hearing none.

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13 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

14 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,

15 aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
17 name is Jonathan Toman.]

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19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 At item 12, I believe that the Board
21 will entertain a motion to issue an
22 Unrestricted License to the candidate
23 at number 12.

24 Do I hear a motion?

25 MR. DECRISCIO:

1 So moved.

2 MS. MOYER:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5 Is there any discussion, Board members?

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7 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

8 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,

9 aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
11 name is Timothy Heck.]

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13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Moving on to item 13, I believe the

15 Board will entertain a motion to

16 approve the Application for an

17 Unrestricted License for the Applicant

18 at number 13.

19 Could I have a motion, please?

20 MR. DECRISCIO:

21 So moved.

22 MS. MOYER:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 Is there any discussion, Board members?

1 Seeing none.

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3 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
4 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
5 aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
7 name is Amybeth Berner.]

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9 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

10 Item 14. I believe that the Board will
11 entertain a motion to approve the
12 Application of the Applicant at number
13 14.

14 May I have a motion, please?

15 MR. DECRISCIO:

16 So moved.

17 MS. MOYER:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Is there any discussion, Board members?

21 Seeing none.

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23 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
24 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
25 aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
2 name is David Liebert.]

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4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5 Item 15. I believe the Board will
6 entertain a motion to approve for a
7 full Unrestricted License for the
8 Applicant at number 15.

9 Could I have a motion, please?

10 MR. DECRISCIO:

11 So moved.

12 MS. MOYER:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

15 Is there any discussion, Board members?
16 Hearing none.

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18 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
19 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
20 aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
22 name is Grace Caputo.]

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24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 Item 16 on the agenda. I believe the

1 Board will entertain a motion to
2 provisionally deny the Application at
3 number 16.

4 Do I have a motion?

5 MR. DECRISCIO:

6 So moved.

7 MS. MOYER:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

10 Is there any discussion, Board members?

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12 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

13 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,

14 aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
16 name is Jenna Feuerstein.]

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18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

19 Moving on to item 17 on the agenda. I
20 believe the Board will entertain a
21 motion to grant an Unrestricted License
22 to the Applicant at number 17.

23 Could I have a motion?

24 MR. DECRISCIO:

25 So moved.

1 MS. MOYER:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Is there any discussion, Board members?

5 Seeing none.

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7 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

8 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,

9 aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
11 name is Katya Vallon.]

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13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Moving on to item 18 on the agenda. I
15 believe the Board will entertain a
16 motion to approve the Applicant at
17 number 18 for an Unrestricted License.

18 May I have a motion?

19 MR. DECRISCIO:

20 So moved.

21 MS. MOYER:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Any discussion, Board members? Seeing
25 none.

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Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
name is Thomas Nemetz.]

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

Item 19 on our agenda. I believe the
Board will entertain a motion to
approve the Application for item 19.
Could I have a motion, please?

MR. DECRISCIO:

So moved.

MS. MOYER:

Second.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

Any discussion, Board members? Seeing
none.

Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
name is Tresina Steger.]

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2 Miscellaneous

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 I believe the Board will entertain a
5 motion to approve the Accommodation
6 Request for the Applicant at number 20
7 on the agenda.

8 Could I have a motion, please?

9 MR. DECRISCIO:

10 So moved.

11 MS. MOYER:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Any discussion, Board members? There
15 is none.

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17 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
18 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
19 aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
21 name is Christine Dunham.]

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23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Item 21. I believe the Board will
25 entertain a motion to approve the

1 Accommodation Request for the Applicant
2 at number 21.

3 Could I have a motion?

4 MR. DECRISCIO:

5 So moved.

6 MS. MOYER:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

9 Any discussion, Board members? Thank
10 you.

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12 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
13 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,
14 aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
16 name is Jillian Ratliff.]

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18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

19 Item 22 on the agenda. I believe that
20 the Board will entertain a motion to
21 approve the Fictitious Name listed at
22 item 22 on the agenda.

23 Could I have a motion, please?

24 MR. DECRISCIO:

25 So moved.

1 MS. MOYER:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Any discussion, Board members? Seeing
5 none. The roll, Sarah.

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7 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

8 DeCriscio, aye; Martin, aye; Moyer,

9 aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously. The Applicant's
11 name is Stacy Triumph, CW019266 - Triumph
12 Therapeutics & Consulting Group.]

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14 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:30 a.m. until
15 1:20 p.m. in the Matter of the Application for a
16 License to Practice Clinical Social Work by
17 Examination of Melissa Ann Fisher, Case No. 23-69-
18 001374.]

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20 [The Board recessed from 1:20 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.]

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22 [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:30 p.m. until
23 4:15 p.m. in the Matter of the Application for a
24 License by Examination to Practice Marriage and
25 Family Therapy of Rebecca N. Levy, Case No. 22-69-

1 013905.]

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3 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
4 at 4:15 p.m., the Board entered into Executive
5 Session with Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel,
6 to have attorney-client consultations and for the
7 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations
8 regarding the
9 Board hearings. The Board entered into public
10 session at 4:17 p.m.]

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12 MOTIONS

13 MS. MILEY:

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The Board did enter into Executive
Session pursuant to Section 708(a)(5)
of the Sunshine Act, and we did have
attorney-client consultation for the
purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
deliberations.

20 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

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For agenda item 23, I believe the Board
will entertain a motion to direct Board
Counsel to draft an Adjudication and
Order consistent with discussions in
Executive Session in the matter of

1 Melissa Fisher, Case No. 23-69-001374.

2 MR. DECRISCIO:

3 So moved.

4 MS. MOYER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 Any discussion, Board members? Seeing
8 none.

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10 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;
11 DeCriscio, aye; Evans, aye; Martin,
12 aye; Moyer, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

16 Moving on to item 24 on the agenda, I
17 believe that the Board will entertain a
18 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft
19 an Adjudication and Order consistent
20 with discussions in Executive Session
21 in the matter of Rebecca Levy, Case No.
22 22-69-013905.

23 May I have a motion, please?

24 MR. DECRISCIO:

25 So moved.

1 MS. MOYER:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Is there any discussion, members?

5 There is not. Could we have the call,
6 please?

7 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye;

8 DeCriscio, aye; Evans, aye; Martin,
9 aye; Moyer, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Adjournment

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Somebody give me a motion to adjourn?

15 MS. EVANS:

16 Motion to adjourn.

17 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

18 Could I get a second, please?

19 MS. MOYER:

20 Second.

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22 [There being no further business, the State Board of
23 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
24 Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at
25 4:20 p.m.]

CERTIFICATE

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

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16 Matthew Ford,

17 Minute Clerk

18 Sargent's Court Reporting
19 Service, Inc.

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STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,
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