

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: 11:44 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**

March 11, 2025

State Board of Social Workers,  
Marriage and Family Therapists,  
and Professional Counselors  
March 11, 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  
Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS  
Kimberly Early, LSW  
Andy Gross, LCSW, MSS  
Ling Dinse, DSW, MSW, LSW  
Tiffany Welch, DSW, MSW, LSW

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Rebecca Vlam, Clinical Assistant Professor, Widener  
University  
Johanna Byrd, ACSW, IOM, CAE, Executive Director,  
National Association of Social Workers,  
Pennsylvania Chapter

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

Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC  
Ashley Lane, Association of Social Work Boards  
Jill M. Krahwinkel-Bower, Ph.D., LPC, CAADC, CCTP,  
CT/RTC, JSOCC  
Amy Sagen, Chief Operating Officer, National  
Association of Social Workers  
Jessica Bullick Plonsky, MA, LPC, NCC  
Alisa Bach, University of Kentucky  
Heather Brown, LMFT, The Center for Relational Change  
Susan Hadley, Ph.D., MT-BC, Slippery Rock University  
Christine Biearman, MSW, LCSW, Open Space Counseling,  
Consulting & Wellness  
Gene-Leigh Ziegler, LPC, Open Path Psychotherapy  
Collective  
Sara Kiley, Owner and Founder, Three Rivers Arts and  
Wellness  
Kathleen Lucas  
Anyelina Hernandez-DelaRosa, Open Path Psychotherapy  
Collective  
Ashley Young, Moravian University  
Lauren Levine  
Erica Rhoads  
Hayley  
Call-In 570-903-1229  
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Derek Richmond, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
Inc.

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

5 March 11, 2025

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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 Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
10 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial  
11 deliberations on a number of matters currently  
12 pending before the Board and to receive the advice of  
13 counsel. The Board entered into public session at  
14 11:40 a.m.]

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16 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
17 Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family  
18 Therapists, and Professional Counselors was held on  
19 Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Michelle Santiago, Psy.D.,  
20 NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair, called the meeting to order  
21 at 11:44 a.m.

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

1 consent to be recorded.

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

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

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13 Approval of minutes of the January 7, 2025 meeting  
14 MS. TULLY:

15 The next matter on the agenda would be  
16 approval of the draft minutes.

17 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

18 MS. TULLY:

19 I believe our Chairwoman would  
20 entertain a motion to accept the  
21 meeting minutes from the January 7,  
22 2025 meeting with those two  
23 corrections.

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 So moved.

1 MR. DECRISCIO:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Could we have the roll call vote,  
5 please?

6

7 Santiago, aye; Behun, aye; Boyer, aye;  
8 Dinse; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
9 aye; Claggett, aye.

10 [The motion carried. Eric DeCriscio's name was not  
11 called and did not vote on the motion. Ling Dinse's  
12 vote was inaudible.]

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14 Report of Prosecutorial Division

15 [Patrick M. Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
16 Liaison, on behalf of Adam Williams, Board  
17 Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case  
18 No. 24-69-014542.

19 Mr. Greene, on behalf of Courtney Restemayer,  
20 Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for  
21 23-69-017598.

22 Mr. Greene presented the Consent Agreements for  
23 Case No. 19-69-014591 and Case No. 25-69-000917.]

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25 [Adrianne Rachelle McClendon, Esquire, Board

1 Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case  
2 No. 22-69-009935.]

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4 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
5 presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 23-69-  
6 009824 and Case Nos. 23-69-014131 & 23-69-017966.]

7 MS. TULLY:

8 With regards to the Report of Counsel,  
9 I believe the Board, on items 3, 4, and  
10 5, will reenter Executive Session later  
11 on this morning to further discuss.

12 Are there any other matters that  
13 the prosecution has just presented that  
14 the Board wishes to further deliberate  
15 on? Seeing none.

16 I believe our Chairperson would  
17 entertain a motion to accept the  
18 Consent Agreements offered on item 2,  
19 Case No. 24-69-014542; item 6, Case No.  
20 23-69-014131; item 7, Case No. 19-69-  
21 014591; and item 8, Case No. 25-67-  
22 000917.

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

24 So moved.

25 MR. DECRISCIO:

1 Second.

2 MS. MANOHARAN:

3 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
4 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,  
5 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously. Ling Dinse's name  
7 was not called and did not vote on the motion. The  
8 Respondent's name at item 2, Case No. 24-69-014542 is  
9 Maureen E. Roth, LPC.; item 6, Case Nos. 23-69-014131  
10 & 23-69-017966, Toshia Maria Shearer; item 7, Case  
11 No. 19-69-014591, Ethel Dawn Capone, LPC; and item 8  
12 is a VRP Agreement.]

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14 Report of Board Counsel - Matters for Deliberation

15 MS. TULLY:

16 Item 9 on the agenda. Based upon  
17 Executive Session deliberations, I  
18 believe the Chair would entertain a  
19 motion to grant an Associate License to  
20 Anyelina Hernandez-DelaRosa as a  
21 Professional Counselor.

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 So moved.

24 MR. DECRISCIO:

25 Second.



1 MS. MANOHARAN:

2                   Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
3                   aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse;  
4                   Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

5 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
6 motion. Ling Dinse's vote was inaudible.]

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8 MS. TULLY:

9                   With regard to item 10 on the agenda, I  
10                   believe the Chair would entertain a  
11                   motion to grant the Application of  
12                   Christopher Heckman to be a Licensed  
13                   Social Worker.

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

15                   So moved.

16 MR. DECRISCIO:

17                   Second.

18 MS. MANOHARAN:

19                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
20                   aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,  
21                   aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

22 [The motion carried. Ling Dinse's name was not  
23 called and did not vote on the motion.]

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25 [A Formal Hearing was held from 12:08 p.m. until

1 12:33 p.m. in the Matter of a License by Endorsement  
2 to Practice as a Licensed Marriage and Family  
3 Therapist of Kevin Mancini, Case No. 24-69-016669.]

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5 Review of Applications

6 MS. TULLY:

7 Based upon Executive Session  
8 deliberations, I believe the  
9 Chairperson would entertain a motion to  
10 provisionally deny item 14, the  
11 Application of Leslie Swanson, Social  
12 Worker by Exam; item 16, the  
13 Application of Tilika Griffin to  
14 Practice as an Associate Professional  
15 Counselor; item 18, the Application of  
16 Joseph Ombrello to Practice as a  
17 Licensed Professional Counselor by  
18 Exam; item 19, the Application of  
19 Madhavi Parmar to Practice as a  
20 Licensed Professional Counselor by  
21 Exam; item 20, the Application of Maria  
22 Berger to Practice as a Licensed  
23 Professional Counselor by Exam; and  
24 item 21, the Application of Nicole  
25 Creveling to Practice as a Professional

1 Counselor by Exam.

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 The Board Chair will entertain a  
4 motion.

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 So moved.

7 MR. DECRISCIO:

8 Second.

9 MS. MANOHARAN:

10 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
11 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
12 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
13 aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. TULLY:

17 Relative to item 15 on the agenda, the  
18 Application of Candace Scheiblein to  
19 Practice as a Clinical Social Worker, I  
20 believe the Chair would entertain a  
21 motion to grant that Application.

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 So moved.

24 MR. DECRISCIO:

25 Second.

1 MS. MANOHARAN:

2 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
3 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
4 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
5 aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 MS. TULLY:

9 Relative to item 17 on the agenda,  
10 based upon Executive Session  
11 deliberations, I believe the Chairwoman  
12 would entertain a motion to rescind the  
13 provisional denial that was voted on in  
14 September 2024 and grant the License as  
15 an Associate Professional Counselor of  
16 Desiree Vanderlick.

17 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

18 Could I have a motion, please?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20 So moved.

21 MR. DECRISCIO:

22 Second.

23 MS. MANOHARAN:

24 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
25 abstain; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio,

1 abstain; Dinse, abstain; Early, aye;  
2 Gross, aye; Welch, nay.

3 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago and Tiffany  
4 Welch opposed the motion. Richard Joseph Behun, Eric  
5 DeCriscio, Farida Boyer, and Ling Dinse abstained  
6 from voting on the motion.]

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8 Review of Applications - Act 41 Review

9 MS. TULLY:

10 I believe the Board is going to table  
11 items 27 and 41.

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13 MS. TULLY:

14 I believe our Chairwoman would  
15 entertain a motion to grant the  
16 following licenses: Item 23, a  
17 Professional Counselor by Endorsement  
18 by Eve Meyer; item 34, the Application  
19 of Richard Rash to Practice as a  
20 Professional Counselor; item 35, the  
21 Application of Lauren Levine to  
22 Practice as a Professional Counselor;  
23 item 38, the Application of Wendy  
24 Quiara Durant to Practice as a  
25 Professional Counselor.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 I will entertain the motion.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 So moved.

5 MR. DECRISCIO:

6 Second.

7 MS. MANOHARAN:

8 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
9 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
10 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
11 aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Regulatory Report - March Regulatory Status Update  
15 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Senior Regulatory  
16 Counsel, provided a March Regulatory Status Report  
17 for the Board's review. She presented the annex and  
18 preamble in both the general revisions and the  
19 associate license regulations and informed Board  
20 members that she would be working on Act 41  
21 regulations after she moves those through to the next  
22 step.

23 Ms. Wolfgang addressed the Associate Marriage and  
24 Family Therapist and Professional Counselor  
25 regulation. She referred to the annex and noted

1 prior Board discussion concerning qualifications for  
2 supervisors, where it was decided to put it in both  
3 regulations. She noted placing it in Chapter 48 and  
4 Chapter 49 with respect to the associate licensure  
5 regulation but believed it also needed to be included  
6 for social workers because the Board would want the  
7 same standards. She suggested adding the same  
8 language that would be in the general revisions  
9 package for the supervisors for social work.

10 Dr. Welch referred to § 47.1, where the  
11 supervisor has to hold an active license as a  
12 clinical social worker in the state where the  
13 supervisor's experience is occurring. She asked  
14 whether it would need to be reviewed again when the  
15 compact passes or should it be considered at this  
16 time. She asked whether it could also say "or a  
17 state with equivocal."

18 Ms. Wolfgang mentioned the Board could give that  
19 consideration because it is between proposed and  
20 final.

21 Ms. Tully stated, once a compact goes into  
22 effect, there is time to catch up on regulations, and  
23 if a temporary regulation could be implemented, the  
24 person, if granted a license under the compact, would  
25 be licensed under the state under the compact.

1 Dr. Welch addressed her local area and access to  
2 an LCSW, noting it is much easier to find an out-of-  
3 state LCSW than it is in state and asked why it would  
4 not accept that supervision if it was a  
5 reciprocated license through Act 41.

6 Chair Santiago also noted prior Board discussion  
7 concerning supervisors licensed in the state based on  
8 many cases of supervisors that were not licensed in  
9 Pennsylvania and had no idea about Pennsylvania law,  
10 practice, and supervision.

11 Ms. Wolfgang referred to the definition of  
12 professional relationship and asked whether it is an  
13 appropriate definition with the associate  
14 professionals. She asked whether there was any  
15 distinction between an associate professional versus  
16 full licensure and received no response.

17 Ms. Wolfgang addressed the preamble, noting it  
18 describes the Board's intent in the proposed annex  
19 and requested a vote on the regulation to move it  
20 through the regulatory process as proposed.

21 Chair Santiago referred to a discussion  
22 concerning related fields and asked why the language  
23 was still there when people believed they did not  
24 belong in the related fields.

25 Ms. Wolfgang explained that a separate regulation



1 had been started, because it was decided to not  
2 include that amendment in this regulation. She noted  
3 the Board wanted to research other states and hone in  
4 on exactly what the Board wants to make sure that it  
5 is consistent with other states and other practices.

6 Ms. Wolfgang mentioned that the Board was not  
7 proposing any amendments to this regulation and would  
8 not be proposing that amendment to the general  
9 revisions but would be addressing that in that  
10 separate regulatory package.]

11 MS. WOLFGANG:

12 I believe the Chair would entertain a  
13 motion to approve the proposed  
14 regulation, the preamble and annex,  
15 which is 16A-6927 and direct regulatory  
16 counsel to move the proposed regulation  
17 through the regulatory process.

18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

19 I absolutely will entertain that  
20 motion.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 So moved.

23 MR. DECRISCIO:

24 Second.

25 MS. MANOHARAN:

1                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
2                   aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
3                   aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
4                   aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 [Ms. Wolfgang provided an overview of the time frame  
8 until publication and public comment period. She  
9 reported on working on the Regulatory Analysis Form  
10 for this regulation and the general revisions and  
11 hoped to submit it to the Office of General Counsel,  
12 Budget, and Policy by the end of this month or early  
13 April. She also hoped to have the regulation  
14 published as proposed at the end of June.]

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16 Regulatory Report - 16A-6923 General Revisions  
17 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Senior Regulatory  
18 Counsel, addressed the annex for 16A-6923 regarding  
19 the general revisions package. She mentioned adding  
20 preapproved providers of continuing education courses  
21 and programs for licensed social workers under §  
22 47.35a., noting most of them are currently in the  
23 regulations. She referred to (viii), the National  
24 Association for Drama Therapy and requested  
25 clarification that it is now the North American Drama

1 Therapy Association. Board members agreed.

2 Ms. Wolfgang stated Chapter 47 states that  
3 preapproved providers are permitted to approve and  
4 asked whether it was a drafting mistake because  
5 Chapter 48 and 49 does not allow the following  
6 entities and their state and local affiliates to  
7 approve.

8 Ms. Wolfgang noted that § 47.35a.(a)(3), the  
9 following entities in their regional, state, and  
10 local affiliates preapproved providers may sponsor  
11 and cosponsor continuing education programs. She  
12 wanted to make sure the entities are preapproved  
13 providers because it is worded differently than  
14 Chapter 48 and Chapter 49, and it is the intent of  
15 the Board.

16 Ms. Wolfgang believed it should be the same for  
17 all three chapters.

18 Mr. Gross asked whether there is a question about  
19 the specific entity highlighted in subsection (3),  
20 noting it does convey the same type of organization  
21 as the other ones, where it does not sound like there  
22 would be regional subchapters.

23 Ms. Wolfgang noted that she also questioned that  
24 one because the original entity listed in the current  
25 regulations is the Family Service Association of

1 America, where the current name for that organization  
2 is the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities.  
3 She noted that she did not find anything specific  
4 concerning how Wesley Family Services got in there.

5 Ms. Wolfgang found that the new name for the  
6 organization is the Alliance for Strong Families and  
7 Communities and recommended continuing with that  
8 organization unless there is some reason not to and  
9 just updated it with the Alliance for Strong Families  
10 and Communities. Board members agreed.

11 Ms. Wolfgang referred to Chapter 48 and noted the  
12 wording in Chapter 47 is that the following entities,  
13 regional, state, and local affiliates are preapproved  
14 providers and clearly says there that the entities  
15 and their regional, state affiliates are preapproved  
16 providers. She noted she would be following that  
17 format and making the revision in Chapter 47.

18 Dr. Dinse asked whether an organization or  
19 preapproved provider has to notify the Board of a  
20 name change.

21 Ms. Wolfgang did not believe there was anything  
22 specific in the regulations, noting it would be a  
23 good idea to notify the Board of that information if  
24 it occurred.

25 Ms. Tully was not aware of a specific provision

1 for continuing education (CE) providers but somebody  
2 operating under an LLC or some sort of formalized  
3 business model or fictitious name does require prior  
4 Board approval and so does changing the name.

5 Mr. DeCriscio provided information concerning the  
6 Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, noting  
7 the closest site that talks about it is called Social  
8 Current, which is the result of the merger with  
9 Alliance for Strong Families and Communities and  
10 Council on Accreditation to nonprofits that serve the  
11 social sector. He mentioned that Social Current  
12 offers accreditation, advocacy, learning, and other  
13 services to support and advance the work of human  
14 services and social services.

15 Ms. Wolfgang offered to verify the current name  
16 or replace it with the current name of the entity.

17 Ms. Wolfgang addressed the preamble, which is the  
18 story of the amendments the Board is making in the  
19 annex. She referred to page 9, where the Board is  
20 limiting credit for participation in clinical  
21 conferences, clinical rounds, teaching publication  
22 and articles, or training under preceptor. She noted  
23 the Board limited the number of hours to 15 clock  
24 hours and requested justification as to why that is  
25 necessary.

1           Chair Santiago explained the requirement for  
2 supervision CEs, where giving someone all 30 credits  
3 for writing a journal article would mean people would  
4 have to take more.

5           Ms. Wolfgang noted the Board has worked very hard  
6 and long on this regulation for over five years. She  
7 stated it is a proposed regulation and invite public  
8 comment. She noted the Board did not receive any  
9 comments on the exposure drafts and encouraged  
10 associations to write a comment indicating their  
11 support of the regulations.]

12 MS. WOLFGANG:

13                       I believe the Board would entertain a  
14 motion to approve the proposed  
15 regulation 16A-6923, the general  
16 revisions, and direct counsel to move  
17 the proposed rulemaking through the  
18 regulatory process.

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20                       So moved.

21 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

22                       Could we have a second, please?

23 MR. DECRISCIO:

24                       Second.

25 MS. MANOHARAN:



1 Counselor by Endorsement Application of  
2 Sarvenaz Asiedu; item 32, Professional  
3 Counselor by Endorsement Application of  
4 Olivia Delahunty; item 36, Professional  
5 Counselor by Endorsement Application of  
6 Abbey Juriga; item 37, Professional  
7 Counselor by Endorsement Application of  
8 Shawn L. Cammarota; item 39, Marriage  
9 and Family Therapist by Endorsement  
10 Application of Ashanti Palatnik.

11 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

12 I will entertain a motion.

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 So moved.

15 MR. DECRISCIO:

16 Second.

17 MS. MANOHARAN:

18 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
19 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
20 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
21 aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. TULLY:

25 I believe the Chair would entertain a



1 motion to provisionally grant licenses  
2 to items 24 and 26 on the agenda, both  
3 Professional Counselors by Endorsement.

4 Item 24 is the Application of  
5 Chasity Frymoyer. Item 26 is the  
6 Application of Keith Crosby.

7 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

8 I will entertain that motion.

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 So moved.

11 MR. DECRISCIO:

12 Second.

13 MS. MANOHARAN:

14 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
15 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
16 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
17 aye.

18 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
19 motion.]

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21 MS. TULLY:

22 I believe our Chairwoman would  
23 entertain a motion to provisionally  
24 deny items 25, 33, and 42. Item 25 is  
25 the Application of Jessica Lego; item

1                   33, the Application of Christopher  
2                   Khaleel; and item 42, the Application  
3                   of Rayelle Maucher.

4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5                   I will entertain that motion.

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7                   So moved.

8 MR. DECRISCIO:

9                   Second.

10 MS. MANOHARAN:

11                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
12                   aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
13                   aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
14                   aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. TULLY:

18                   Relative to item 40 on the agenda, I  
19                   believe the Chairwoman would entertain  
20                   a motion to rescind the provisional  
21                   denial initially issued and grant an  
22                   Unrestricted License to the Application  
23                   of Nicole Vogelsang as a Marriage and  
24                   Family Therapist by Endorsement.

25 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

1 I will entertain that motion.

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 So moved.

4 MR. DECRISCIO:

5 Second.

6 MS. MANOHARAN:

7 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
8 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
9 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
10 aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Review of Applications - Preapproved Provider of CE

14 MS. TULLY:

15 I believe the Board is seeking to table  
16 items 43 through 46.

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18 Miscellaneous

19 MS. TULLY:

20 Item 47 is the matter of Grazia  
21 DiMauro, Case No. 24-67-013286. I  
22 believe based upon Executive Session  
23 deliberations the Chair would entertain  
24 a motion to direct Board Counsel to  
25 draft an Adjudication and Order

1                   consistent with discussions in  
2                   Executive Session.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4                   I will entertain that motion.

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6                   So moved.

7 MR. DECRISCIO:

8                   Second.

9 MS. MANOHARAN:

10                   Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
11                   aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
12                   aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
13                   aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Regulatory Report (cont.)

17 [Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted Board  
18 members wanted to discuss the terminology utilized in  
19 Chapter 48 and Chapter 49 concerning field closely  
20 related versus a related field. She reviewed their  
21 statutes and surrounding states and requested  
22 clarification as to what the Board is attempting to  
23 accomplish. She mentioned that field closely related  
24 is referring to the applicant's education  
25 requirements and related field is rereferring to a

1 supervisor's educational background to qualify them  
2 as a supervisor.

3 Ms. Tully explained that there seems to be some  
4 disparities between the applicant's educational  
5 requirements and the supervisor's educational  
6 requirements. She noted it looks like the supervisor  
7 related field for marriage and family therapist more  
8 closely parallels the licensed professional counselor  
9 (LPC) requirements than it does the applicant's  
10 education requirements for a marriage and family  
11 therapist (MFT).

12 Ms. Tully asked whether there are any specific  
13 ones the Board would like to remove or add to be able  
14 to start researching sister states and if there is  
15 any guidance from the national organizations as to  
16 what they accept or what they do not accept.

17 Chair Santiago referred to the marriage and  
18 family therapists and noted being interested in the  
19 degree in theology and degree in sociology and  
20 whether other states are considering those closely  
21 related fields to marriage and family therapists.

22 Ms. Tully informed everyone that every listing in  
23 the statutes is starting with the word "includes," but  
24 "includes" does not mean that this is the only list,  
25 noting the Board still has discretion in what other

1 fields it wants to contemplate.

2 Mr. DeCriscio LPCs asked whether what other  
3 states are doing with psychiatric nurse practitioners  
4 as a supervisor can be researched.

5 Chair Santiago referred to the section, doctoral  
6 degree in a field closely related to the practice of  
7 professional counseling. She asked what is  
8 considered a doctorate degree in a field that is  
9 closely related to the practice of professional  
10 counseling under (i). She referred to (ii), another  
11 doctoral degree in any applied behavioral science and  
12 requested a definition. She also wanted to know what  
13 other states mean if it is being left as any applied  
14 behavioral science.

15 Mr. Gross commented that continuing education  
16 units (CEUs) in their field includes the Art Therapy  
17 Association and Dance Therapy Association and other  
18 associations and seems relevant with approved CEUs  
19 how that would relate to fields of related study that  
20 qualifies as related.

21 Ms. Early mentioned that some school entities  
22 call certain degrees anything and may not mean the  
23 same thing in other states. She suggested adding  
24 some sort of descriptor or defining it to make it  
25 clear and not necessarily what another school calls a

1 degree in psychology.

2 Mr. DeCriscio mentioned that some of the states  
3 are requiring the title of degree to contain the word  
4 counseling or counselor for LPCs.

5 Ms. Boyer also added that her degree is in  
6 education but did not prepare her to be a therapist.

7 Ms. Tully informed Board members that it could  
8 continue the discussion at the next meeting, and she  
9 would provide an update concerning the research on  
10 the specific categories.]

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12 Legislative Report - No Report

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14 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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16 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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18 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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20 New Business - Annual Elections

21 MS. TULLY:

22 I'll open up the position of  
23 Chairperson for this Board.

24 Are there any nominations?

25 MR. DECRISCIO:

1 I would nominate Kimberly.

2 MS. TULLY:

3 Kimberly, would you accept?

4 MS. EARLY:

5 Yes.

6 MS. EARLY:

7 I would like to nominate Michelle  
8 Santiago for the position of Chair.

9 MS. TULLY:

10 Are there any other nominations for the  
11 position of Chairperson?

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 Ms. Early, you nominated Dr. Santiago,  
14 does that mean you don't want to be  
15 Chair?

16 MS. EARLY:

17 I would rather not be Chair.

18 MS. TULLY:

19 Do you want to accept the nomination or  
20 no?

21 MS. EARLY:

22 I'll decline the nomination for Chair.

23 MS. TULLY:

24 The motion on the floor, I believe the  
25 Chairperson would entertain, is to have



1 Dr. Michelle Santiago in the position  
2 of Chairperson.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 I accept my motion, and could I get  
5 somebody to first and second?

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7 So moved.

8 MR. DECRISCIO:

9 Second.

10 MS. MANOHARAN:

11 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
12 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
13 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
14 aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. TULLY:

18 Moving on to the position of Vice  
19 Chairperson. The floor is now open for  
20 nominations.

21 MR. DECRISCIO:

22 I nominate Kimberly.

23 MS. TULLY:

24 Kimberly, do you accept?

25 MS. EARLY:

1 I accept.

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 Other folks, anybody interested, I'm  
4 happy to nominate you. I guess we have  
5 Kimberly.

6 MS. TULLY:

7 Seeing no other nominations, the floor  
8 is now closed for nominations.

9 Dr. Santiago, I believe you would  
10 entertain a motion to have Kimberly  
11 Early as your Vice Chairperson.

12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Indeed, I would entertain a motion to  
14 have Kimberly Early as the Vice Chair.

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

16 So moved.

17 MR. DECRISCIO:

18 Second.

19 MS. MANOHARAN:

20 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
21 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
22 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
23 aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
2 at 3:02 p.m., the Board entered into Executive  
3 Session with Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
4 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial  
5 deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel.  
6 The Board entered into public session at 3:46 p.m.]

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8 MS. TULLY:

9 Item 3 on the agenda. I believe the  
10 Chairwoman would entertain a motion to  
11 reject the Consent Agreement at Case  
12 No. 22-69-009935 as too lenient.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 I will entertain that motion.

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

16 So moved.

17 MR. DECRISCIO:

18 Second.

19 MS. MANOHARAN:

20 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
21 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
22 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
23 aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MS. TULLY:

2 Relative to item 4, Case No. 23-69-  
3 017598, I believe our Chairwoman would  
4 entertain a motion to accept this  
5 Consent Agreement.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 I will entertain that motion.

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 MR. DECRISCIO:

11 Second.

12 MS. MANOHARAN:

13 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
14 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
15 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
16 aye.

17 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the  
18 motion. The Respondent's name is Cara Lee Dececchis,  
19 LPC.]

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21 MS. TULLY:

22 Moving on to item 5, it's my  
23 understanding the Chairwoman would  
24 entertain a motion to reject as too  
25 lenient the Consent Agreement presented

1 on Case No. 23-69-009824 based upon  
2 Executive Session deliberations.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 I will entertain that motion.

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 So moved.

7 MR. DECRISCIO:

8 Second.

9 MS. MANOHARAN:

10 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
11 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;  
12 Dinse, aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye;  
13 Welch, aye.

14 [The motion carried. Richard Joseph Behun abstained  
15 from voting on the motion.]

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17 MS. TULLY:

18 Moving on to items 48 and 49. Item 48  
19 is the case of Kevin Mancini, Case No.  
20 24-69-016669. Item 49 on the agenda is  
21 Ashley Taylor, Case No. 24-69-015676.

22 I believe our Chairperson would  
23 entertain a motion to direct counsel to  
24 draft an Adjudication and Order  
25 consistent with Executive Session

1 deliberations on both matters.

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 I will entertain that motion to direct  
4 Board Counsel to draft a letter.

5 Could I have a motion, please?

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7 So moved.

8 MR. DECRISCIO:

9 Second.

10 MS. MANOHARAN:

11 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,  
12 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Dinse,  
13 aye; Early, aye; Gross, aye; Welch,  
14 aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Adjournment

18 MS. TULLY:

19 We need to get a motion to adjourn.  
20 Will our Chairperson entertain that  
21 motion to adjourn?

22 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

23 I will make my own motion to adjourn.

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 So moved.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 Thank you everyone for all your work.

3 See everybody next meeting.

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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 3:51 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.



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TIME

AGENDA

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11:40	Return to Open Session
11:44	Official Call to Order
11:47	Roll Call of Board Members
11:47	Introduction of Attendees
11:49	Approval of Minutes
11:49	Report of Prosecutorial Division
12:05	Report of Board Counsel
12:08	Appointment - Hearing - Kevin Mancini
12:33	
12:33	Review of Applications
12:41	Regulatory Report
1:20	Appointment - Hearing - Ashley Taylor
2:39	
2:39	Review of Applications (cont.)
2:43	Miscellaneous
2:44	Regulatory Report (cont.)
2:53	New Business
3:02	Executive Session
3:46	Return to Open Session
3:46	Motions
3:51	Adjournment