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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: 11:21 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
2601 North Third Street
One Penn Center, Board Room C
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

October 31, 2023

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State Board of Social Workers,
Marriage and Family Therapists,
and Professional Counselors
October 31, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Chair
- Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
- Richard Behun, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS
- Farida E. Boyer, MS, LMFT, AS
- Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS
- Kimberly Early, LSW - Absent
- Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT, Vice Chair
- Mayte Garcia, LCSW, LCADC, SAP, CEAP - Absent
- Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN
- Cindy Moyer, LCSW - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Matthew Fogal, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator
- Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

- Peter M. Good, Caldwell & Kearns, P.C.
- Daniel Walinsky, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Instruction, Temple University
- Eric Owens
- Tara Odom
- Kelly Sult, LPC, TF-CBT, Laurel Life
- Liz Santamaria
- Taihesia Lane
- Madeline Helmstetter

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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, October 31, 2023. Michelle Santiago,
19 Psy.D., LPC, Chair, called the meeting to order at
20 11:21 a.m.

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22 Introduction of Board Members
23 [Chair Santiago requested an introduction of Board
24 members.]

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1 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
2 meeting was being held virtually pursuant to Act 100
3 of 2021 to conduct business when in a public meeting.
4 She also noted a quorum was present.

5 Ms. Miley informed everyone that the meeting was
6 being recorded, and those who continued to
7 participate were giving their consent to be recorded.

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

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13 Introduction of Attendees

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

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17 Approval of minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting

18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

19 Agenda item 1 is the approval of Board
20 minutes. Are there any edits or
21 corrections, anything that people
22 noticed, Board members? All right,
23 hearing and seeing none.

24 Could I have a motion, please, to
25 approve the draft minutes?

1 MR. DECRISCIO:

2 So moved.

3 DR. EVANS:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 Any additional discussion, Board
7 members? There is not. Sarah, could
8 we have a roll call vote, please?

9

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

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

14

15 Report of Prosecutorial Division

16 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
17 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 19-69-
18 014375 and Case Nos. 19-69-008257 & 19-69-003861.]

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 In the matter of item 2, Case No. 19-
21 69-014375, I believe the Board will
22 entertain a motion to reject the
23 Consent Agreement as too lenient.

24 MR. DECRISCIO:

25 So moved.

1 DR. EVANS:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Any discussion, Board members? Seeing
5 none. Could we have a roll call vote,
6 please?

7

8 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
9 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
10 Evans, aye; Martin, nay.

11 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
12 voting on the motion. Linda Martin opposed the
13 motion.]

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15 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

16 At agenda item 3, Case Nos. 19-69-
17 008257 & 19-69-003861, I believe the
18 Board will entertain a motion to adopt
19 the Consent Agreement.

20 May I have a motion, please?

21 MR. DECRISCIO:

22 So moved.

23 MS. MARTIN:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

1 Any discussion, Board members? Seeing
2 none. Could we have a roll call vote,
3 please?

4
5 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,
6 nay; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
7 Evans, nay; Martin, aye.

8 [The motion failed. Michelle Santiago, Richard
9 Behun, and Erika Evans opposed the motion. Farida
10 Boyer abstained from voting on the motion.]

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12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 There is some confusion on our end on
14 how the vote was laid out. I'm not
15 sure we have the majority to move that
16 vote forward.

17 I would ask that we vote again, so
18 please frame the motion again and let's
19 revote.

20 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

21 The motion is to adopt the Consent
22 Agreement for agenda item 3.

23 Could I have the roll call vote
24 please?

25

1 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

2 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
3 motion. Farida Boyer abstained from voting on the
4 motion.]

5 ***

6 Review of Applications

7 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

8 Moving on to item 5 on the agenda,
9 Olivia Martin-Call. I believe the
10 Board will entertain a motion to
11 provisionally deny the Application of
12 Olivia Martin-Call.

13 May I have a motion, please?

14 MR. DECRISCIO:

15 So moved.

16 DR. EVANS:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

19 Any discussion? Seeing none. Could we
20 have the roll call, please?

21

22 Santiago, aye; Claggett, nay; Behun,
23 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
24 Evans, aye; Martin, nay.

25 [The motion carried. Arion Claggett and Linda Martin

1 opposed the motion. Farida Boyer abstained from
2 voting on the motion.]

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4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5 We are going to table item 6 to give
6 the Board a chance to review the
7 documentation.

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9 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

10 I believe the Board will entertain a
11 motion to provisionally deny the
12 Application of Brittany Campbell at
13 item 7.

14 May I have a motion, please?

15 MR. DECRISCIO:

16 So moved.

17 DR. EVANS:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

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

23

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

1 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

2 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
3 voting on the motion.]

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5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 I believe the Board will entertain a
7 motion to approve the Application for
8 Applicant, Patricia Lovelace at item 8.

9 May I have a motion?

10 MR. DECRISCIO:

11 So moved.

12 DR. EVANS:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

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

18

19 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
20 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
21 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

22 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
23 voting on the motion.]

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25 Review of Applications - Act 41 Review

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 I believe the Board will entertain a
3 motion to provisionally deny the
4 Application of Mary Houston at item 9.

5 May I have a motion, please?

6 MR. DECRISCIO:

7 So moved.

8 DR. EVANS:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

11 Any other discussion, Board members?
12 Could we have the roll call vote,
13 please?

14
15 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
16 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
17 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

18 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
19 voting on the motion.]

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21 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

22 Item 10, Theresa Callard-Moore; item
23 11, Patricia Dornelles; item 12,
24 Adriane Maier; item 13, Allyson Trull;
25 item 14, Alyssa Rimer.

1 I believe the Board will entertain
2 a motion to approve Unrestricted
3 Licenses for the Applicants at items
4 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

5 Could I have a motion, please?

6 MR. DECRISCIO:

7 So moved.

8 DR. EVANS:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

11 Any discussion, Board members, on items
12 10 through 14? Hearing none. Could we
13 have the roll call vote?

14
15 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
16 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
17 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

18 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
19 voting on the motion.]

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21 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

22 I believe the Board will entertain a
23 motion to approve a Provisional License
24 for Applicant, Brandon Tomlinson, at
25 item 15 on the agenda. Is there any

1 discussion, Board members? Seeing
2 none.

3 Could I have the roll call vote,
4 please?

5
6 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
7 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
8 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

9 [Farida Boyer abstained from voting on the motion.
10 The motion was not moved or seconded.]

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12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Item 16, Brunna Merrill; item 17,
14 Elizabeth Selle; item 18, Emily Suzuki;
15 item 19, Erika Salazar; item 20, Keisha
16 Sando.

17 I believe the Board will entertain
18 a motion for items 16 through 20 to
19 approve these applicants for
20 Unrestricted Licenses.

21 Could I have a motion, please?

22 MR. DECRISCIO:

23 So moved.

24 DR. EVANS:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 Any discussion? Seeing none. Could we
3 have the roll call, please?

4

5 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
6 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
7 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

8 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
9 voting on the motion.]

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11 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

12 Item 21, Taihesia Lane. I believe the
13 Board will entertain a motion to
14 approve a Provisional License.

15 May I have a motion, please?

16 MR. DECRISCIO:

17 So moved.

18 DR. EVANS:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

21 Any other discussion, Board members?
22 Hearing none. Could we have the roll
23 call, please?

24

25 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,

1 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

2 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
3 voting on the motion.]

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5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 Item 23 will be tabled due Board
7 discrepancy. We would like to review
8 documentation.

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10 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

11 Item 24, Douglas Green. I believe the
12 Board will entertain a motion to
13 approve an Unrestricted License for
14 Applicant, Douglas Green.

15 May I have a motion, please?

16 MR. DECRISCIO:

17 So moved.

18 DR. EVANS:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

21 Any discussion? Could we have the roll
22 call, please?

23

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

1 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

2 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
3 voting on the motion.]

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5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 Item 25, Kim Baughan Young. I believe
7 the Board will entertain a motion to
8 approve an Unrestricted License.

9 May I have a motion, please?

10 MR. DECRISCIO:

11 So moved.

12 DR. EVANS:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

15 Any other discussion, Board members?
16 Could we have the roll call vote,
17 please?

18

19 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
20 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
21 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

22 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
23 voting on the motion.]

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25 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

1 Miscellaneous

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 Item 28. As Board Chair, I request a
4 motion to form an Applications
5 Committee with authority to, by a
6 majority of members, grant applications
7 for licensure

8 May I have a motion, please?

9 MR. DECRISCIO:

10 So moved.

11 DR. EVANS:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Any other discussion, Board members?
15 Hearing none. Could we have the roll
16 call vote, please?

17

18 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
19 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
20 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

21 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
22 voting on the motion.]

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24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 Item 29. I will entertain a motion to

1 grant Board Counsel authority to review
2 NCE and NCMHCE Accommodation Requests.

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 MR. DECRISCIO:

5 So moved.

6 DR. EVANS:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

9 Any other discussion, Board members?

10 Hearing none. Could we have the roll,
11 please?

12

13 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
14 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;
15 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

16 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from
17 voting on the motion.]

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19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Items 30 and 31, NCE Accommodation
21 Requests. Item 30, Kaitlin Ryan; item
22 31, Rochelle Coles.

23

24 I believe the Board will entertain
25 a motion to approve the Accommodation
Requests for Applicants at 30 and 31.

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. DECRISCIO:

3 So moved.

4 DR. EVANS:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 Any further discussion, Board members?

8 Could we have the roll call vote,

9 please?

10

11 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,

12 aye; Boyer, abstain; DeCriscio, aye;

13 Evans, aye; Martin, aye.

14 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer abstained from

15 voting on the motion.]

16 ***

17 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:55 a.m. until

18 1:19 p.m. in the Matter of the Applicant for

19 Licensure by Examination to Practice as a

20 Professional Counselor of Jared Andrew Helman, Case

21 No. 23-69-008551.]

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23 Report of Regulatory Counsel

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

25 Board members that general revisions are being

1 updated, as well as Act 41 proposed regulations being
2 drafted. She noted a status report would be
3 provided, along with potentially seeking action from
4 the Board at the November 28 meeting.]

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6 Report of Board Chairperson

7 [Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Chair, provided
8 notes from a compact webinar that she attended for
9 the Board's review.]

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11 Report of Acting Commissioner

12 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
13 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board
14 members that the request for proposal (RFP) for the
15 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) replacement was
16 released on September 28, 2023, and he will follow up
17 when he receives additional information.]

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19 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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21 New Business

22 [Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN, requested an update
23 regarding the authorization of an Applications
24 Committee.

25 Chair Santiago informed Ms. Martin that she

1 appointed Ms. Boyer for marriage and family, Dr.
2 Behun for professional counseling, and Ms. Moyer for
3 social work. She noted Attorney Miley, Acting
4 Commissioner Claggett, and Ms. McNeill would be
5 explaining the rules and responsibilities to those
6 members, and the members would review applications
7 when they are received instead of the Board reviewing
8 everything.

9 Ms. Martin expressed concern with giving new
10 Board members the responsibility of making decisions
11 and asked whether the Board would still have an
12 opportunity to discuss anything that had been
13 approved or denied.

14 Ms. Miley explained that any recommendation from
15 the committee to deny would come before the Board for
16 review, and any matters the committee would grant by
17 majority vote would subsequently be ratified at the
18 next Board meeting.

19 Chair Santiago stated other Board members are
20 already on committees, and that is why she chose the
21 new Board members. She explained that the members
22 would be deciding where the courses fit when they
23 received applications, and the only other alternative
24 would be to take them off and put Ms. Martin on the
25 committee.

1 Ms. Martin said she had not been asked to be
2 included on the Applications Committee, nor had she
3 asked to be on it, and if given the choice, she would
4 have considered giving up membership on the Probable
5 Cause Committee if board members could only be on one
6 committee. She again expressed concern with new
7 members being on the committee, noting new committee
8 members receive guidance from more experienced
9 committee members.

10 Acting Commissioner Claggett commented that Chair
11 Santiago has the ability to appoint the members, and
12 the appointments she has made would stay.

13 Chair Santiago commented that new members could
14 confer with other Board members.

15 Ms. Miley mentioned that conferring with one or
16 two members would be fine but cautioned the Board
17 against conferring in groups of five and six to
18 create a quorum in offline discussion. She suggested
19 bringing this matter before the Board for further
20 discussion after they receive the transcript when
21 there is a full complement of the Board prior to
22 making any decision.]

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24 Adjournment

25 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

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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.



Madeline Helmstetter,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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