

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: 11:53 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**

November 25, 2025

State Board of Social Workers,  
Marriage and Family Therapists,  
and Professional Counselors  
November 25, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Patrick M. Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
Adrianne R. McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Jason Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Nichole Wray Maloney, Division Chief, Health  
Licensing Division  
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Department of State  
Thomas Miller, Board Administrator  
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State  
CJ Restemayer, Esquire, Office of General Counsel  
Nicholas Kahler, Law Clerk, Department of State Legal  
Office  
Ronald Rouse, Esquire, PA Office of General Counsel  
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Office  
of Policy  
Thomas Leech II, Esquire, Administrative Officer  
Michelle Lee, Licensing and Certification Evaluator,

ALSO PRESENT:

Lisa Hughes Gabler, Senior Advisor, Government  
Relations, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney  
Erica Rhoads, Ph.D., LPC, Assistant Professor,  
Indiana Wesleyan University  
Edward J. Murphy, Esquire, Goldberg Segalla

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ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

Jessica Seelinger, Government Affairs Specialist,  
American Association for Marriage and Family  
Therapy

Matt DeCarlo, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor,  
Educational Leadership and Counseling Program  
Director, Master of Social Work Program Director,  
Saint Joseph's University

James A Waiters, MPA, LSW

Rebecca Seletzky, Mobile Therapist, Pennsylvania  
Counseling Services Inc.

Tara Douglas-Burnett, Applicant

Padmini Kunnathully

James W.

Call-In # 1-551-228-3397

Call-In # 1-215-200-2928

Call-In # 1-717-524-8703

Jacob Hill, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
Inc.

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[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
at 8:45 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  
11:53 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, November 25, 2025. Kimberly Early, LSW,  
Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:53 a.m.  
It was noted Ms. Early would act as Chair for the  
meeting.

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[Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed  
everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and

1 those who continued to participate were giving their  
2 consent to be recorded. She stated any AI programs  
3 that are disruptive to the meeting would be removed.

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

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

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14 Approval of Minutes

15 MS. TULLY:

16 I believe our Chairwoman would  
17 entertain a motion to accept the  
18 Minutes from the meeting held on  
19 October 14, 2025.

20 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

21 I will entertain that motion unless  
22 there are any corrections.

23 MR. DECRISCIO:

24 DeCriscio, so moved.

25 MR. GROSS:

1 Second, Gross

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3 Early, aye; Claggett, abstain; Behun,  
4 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;  
5 Geathers, abstain; Gross, aye; Welch,  
6 abstain.

7 [The motion carried. Acting Commissioner Claggett,  
8 Dr. Behun, Mr. Geathers and Ms. Welch abstained from  
9 voting on the motion.]

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11 Report of the Prosecutorial Division

12 [Adrianne R. McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
13 presented the Consent Agreement for Item No. 2, Case  
14 No. 20-69-009867.]

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16 [Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
17 presented the Consent Agreement for Item No. 3, Case  
18 No. 21-69-004494.]

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20 [Patrick M. Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
21 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Item No.  
22 4, Case No. 22-69-002229; and the VRP Consent  
23 Agreement for Item No. 5, Case No. 25-69-016251.]

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25 [Nicholas Kahler, Law Clerk, Department of State

1 Legal Office, on behalf of Todd Kriner, Esquire,  
2 presented the Consent Agreements for Item No. 6, Case  
3 No. 23-69-008517; Item No. 7, Case No. 25-69-001447;  
4 and Item No. 8, Case No. 25-69-003924.]

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6 [Jason Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
7 the Consent Agreements for Item No. 9, Case No. 22-69-  
8 013654; Item No. 10, Case No. 25-69-007948 and Case  
9 No. 25-69-007797; and Item No. 11, Case No. 25-69-  
10 007721.]

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12 MS. TULLY:

13 Prior to framing the motions, is there  
14 any member of the Board that wishes to  
15 reenter Executive Session for further  
16 deliberations on Items 2 through 11?

17 Then seeing none, I believe, based  
18 upon Executive Session deliberations,  
19 our Chair would entertain a motion to  
20 adopt the Consent Agreements at Items 2  
21 through 10. That would be Case No. 20-  
22 69-009867; Case No. 21-69-004494; Case  
23 No. 22-69-002229; Case No. 25-69-  
24 016251; Case No. 23-69-008517; Case No.  
25 25-69-001447; Case No. 25-69-003924;

1 Case No. 22-69-013654; Case No. 25-69-  
2 007948; and Case No. 25-69-007797.

3 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

4 I will entertain a motion.

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 Claggett, so moved.

7 MR. GROSS:

8 Second, Gross.

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10 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
11 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
12 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondents are  
14 Item No. 2, Case No. 20-69-009867, Thomas Franklin  
15 Starr, LPC; Item No. 3, Case No. 21-69-004494, Nikki  
16 Lyn Roinick, LSW; Item No. 4, Case No. 22-69-002229,  
17 Omar B. Zook, Jr., LCSW; Item No. 6, Case No. 23-69-  
18 008517, Tracey Ann Durkin, LPC; Item No. 7, Case No.  
19 25-69-001447, Tracey Ann Durkin, LPC; Item No. 8,  
20 Case No. 25-69-003924, Jessica Lenore Meier, L.S.W.;  
21 Item No. 9, Case No. 22-69-013654, Peter Phoenix  
22 Chinnici, LCSW; Item No. 10, Case No. 25-69-007948  
23 and Case No. 25-69-007797, Joseph A. Laquidara, LPC.]

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25 MS. TULLY:



1 Moving onto Item No. 11, based upon the  
2 Executive Session deliberations, I  
3 believe our Chair would entertain a  
4 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement  
5 at 25-69-007721, for which Board  
6 Members Behun and Welch are recused.

7 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

8 I will entertain a motion.

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 Claggett, so moved.

11 MR. GROSS:

12 Second, Gross.

13

14 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Boyer, aye;  
15 DeCriscio, aye; Geathers, aye; Gross,  
16 aye.

17 [The motion carried. Dr. Behun and Ms. Welch recused  
18 themselves from deliberations and voting on the  
19 motion. The Respondent for Item No. 11, Case No. 25-  
20 69-007721 is Mary-Elizabeth Redmond Hall, LSCW.]

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22 Report of Board Counsel - Draft Adjudications and  
23 Orders

24 MS. TULLY:

25 We can start at Item 12.

1                   Based upon the Executive Session  
2                   deliberations, I believe our Chairwoman  
3                   would entertain a motion to enter the  
4                   Drafted Adjudication and Order as the  
5                   final decision of the Board in the  
6                   matter of Renee Leech, Case No. 24-69-  
7                   017517.

8   ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

9                   I will entertain a motion.

10   ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11                   Claggett, so moved.

12   MR. GROSS:

13                   Second, Gross.

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15                   Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
16                   Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
17                   aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

18   [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20   MS. TULLY:

21                   Moving on to Item 13, based upon the  
22                   Executive Session deliberations, I  
23                   believe our Chairwoman would entertain  
24                   a motion to authorize Counsel to draft  
25                   a Memorandum Adjudication and Order in

1 the matter of Ashley Taylor, Case No.  
2 24-69-015676.

3 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

4 I will entertain that motion.

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 Claggett, so moved.

7 MR. GROSS:

8 Second, Gross.

9

10 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
11 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
12 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Report of Board Counsel - Motions to Enter Default  
16 and Deem Facts Admitted

17 MS. TULLY:

18 Moving onto Item 14, our Acting Chair  
19 is recused, so I believe Commissioner  
20 Claggett is going to stand in for Chair  
21 for this motion. He would entertain a  
22 motion to grant the Motion to Deem the  
23 Facts Admitted and authorize Counsel to  
24 draft an Adjudication and Order  
25 consistent with Executive Session

1 Deliberations on Matthew Widman, Case  
2 No. 24-69-011472.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 Do I have a motion?

5 DR. BEHUN:

6 So moved, Behun.

7 MR. GROSS:

8 Second, Gross.

9

10 Claggett, aye; Behun, aye; Boyer, aye;  
11 DeCriscio, aye; Geathers, aye; Gross,  
12 aye; Welch, aye.

13 [The motion carried. Ms. Early recused herself from  
14 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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16 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudications and  
17 Orders

18 MS. TULLY:

19 Item 15, based upon the Executive  
20 Session deliberations, I believe our  
21 Chair, which is going to swing back to  
22 Ms. Early, would entertain a motion to  
23 adopt the Hearing Examiner's Proposed  
24 Adjudication and Order in the matter of  
25 ShaEureka Davis, Case No. 25-69-005784.

1 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

2 I will entertain a motion.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 Claggett, so moved.

5 MR. GROSS:

6 Second, Gross.

7

8 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;

9 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,

10 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, abstain.

11 [The motion carried. Dr. Welch abstained from  
12 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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14 MS. TULLY:

15 Moving on to Item 16, based upon the  
16 Executive Session deliberations, I  
17 believe our Chair would entertain a  
18 motion to adopt the Proposed Memorandum  
19 Order in the matter of Rayelle Maucher,  
20 Case No. 25-69-003412.

21 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

22 I will entertain a motion.

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

24 Claggett, so moved.

25 MR. GROSS:

1 Second, Gross.

2

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

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 MS. TULLY:

9 Item 17, based upon the Executive  
10 Session Deliberations, I believe our  
11 Chair would entertain a motion to adopt  
12 the Proposed Adjudication and Order in  
13 the matter of Madhavi Parmer, Case No.  
14 25-69-003375.

15 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

16 I will entertain a motion.

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18 Claggett, so moved.

19 MR. GROSS:

20 Second, Gross.

21

22 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
23 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
24 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. TULLY:

Item 18, based upon the Executive Session deliberations, I believe our Chairwoman would entertain a motion to adopt the Proposed Memorandum Order in the matter of Tara Patrick Taylor, Case No. 25-69-007878.

ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

I will entertain a motion.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. GROSS:

Second, Gross.

Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers, aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Counsel - Commonwealth Court Updates

MS. TULLY:

Item 19, based upon the Executive Session deliberations, I believe our Chairwoman would entertain a motion to

1 authorize Counsel to formalize a  
2 settlement agreement consistent with  
3 the Executive Session Deliberations in  
4 the matter docketed to 17 CD 2025,  
5 James Monahan.

6 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

7 I will entertain a motion.

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 Claggett, so moved.

10 MR. GROSS:

11 Second, Gross.

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13 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
14 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
15 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Regulatory Report

19 [Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted  
20 Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, had  
21 provided the Board with a Regulatory Status Report.  
22 She stated the only update pertained to Regulation  
23 16A-6923, General Revisions, which was approved by  
24 the Policy Office to move to the Office of Attorney  
25 General.]



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Regulatory Report- 16A-6928 - "Related Field" for  
Supervisors

[Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained  
based on Board discussions from the last meeting and  
based on her recent research, she had prepared a  
proposed Annex for Regulation 16A-6928. She noted  
Pennsylvania is unique in two different  
circumstances.

The first is that Pennsylvania does not have a  
specific license for fields such as art therapy or  
music therapy but does have a pathway for them for  
licensure as a professional counselor while other  
state provide a separate license class.

Secondly, Pennsylvania requires 3,000 hours of  
supervised clinical experience for each licensed  
class, half of which is required to be with someone  
with the exact license. She added the Board was  
concerned with who would supervise the other 1,500  
hours of clinical experience.

Ms. Tully proposed the Board add a competency  
requirement in the regulations under supervisory  
qualifications. The definition for competency would  
be the application of knowledge, skills and  
professional judgement consistent with the generally

1 accepted standards for clinical social work, marriage  
2 and family therapists (MFTs), and licensed  
3 professional counselors (LPCs).

4 Ms. Tully referred to the prepared Annex,  
5 Chapters 47, 48 and 49. She noted where the  
6 competency definition would be located. She included  
7 references to what related fields would be accepted  
8 for each licensed class. Regarding how one would  
9 establish competency, she noted used education and  
10 experience. She proposed the definition should be  
11 broad to allow for many ways to qualify, which would  
12 also give the Board more discretion in approving or  
13 disapproving.

14 Acting Chair Early approved of the new language  
15 including education and experience. She questioned  
16 how the experience could be documented or quantified.

17 Mr. DeCriscio noted the definition stated five  
18 years of experience in the last ten years. He asked  
19 if the experience included supervision, teaching and  
20 research.

21 Ms. Tully replied the five years had to be  
22 specific to the license held, which would relate to  
23 their underlying master's degree. She stated the  
24 concern was, if someone from another state with an  
25 art therapist license came into Pennsylvania, current

1 regulations would allow them to supervise a clinical  
2 social worker, MFT or LPC. The revised regulation  
3 would require the person to have the competency  
4 requirement for the license class they are  
5 supervising. She confirmed teaching and supervising  
6 students even while not actively practicing has  
7 historically counted as experience.

8 Mr. DeCriscio suggested adding specific language  
9 regarding what counts as experience.

10 Mr. Gross supported the language proposed by Ms.  
11 Tully. He added the language is very subjective and  
12 fairly vague, which will allow room for argument. He  
13 added the Board will need to be mindful of precedent  
14 being set as cases come before the Board. He did not  
15 suggest more specifically defining education and  
16 experience.

17 Dr. Welch stated, if experience is defined, it  
18 will make it more difficult to make any exceptions in  
19 the future.

20 Ms. Tully agreed that a narrow definition of  
21 experience may exclude people from even presenting  
22 their case to be qualified.

23 Acting Chair Early noted being more comfortable  
24 with focusing on the definition of competency as  
25 opposed to what defines education and experience.

1        Ms. Tully stated the proposed definition of  
2 competency would be "the application of knowledge,  
3 skills and professional judgment consistent with  
4 general accepted standards of" clinical social work,  
5 MFT or LPC.

6        Acting Chair Early asked how the competency would  
7 be documented.

8        Ms. Tully stated competency would be shown  
9 through education and experience. She noted, as  
10 written, the Board could consider either education or  
11 experience or both of them.

12        Acting Chair Early suggesting adding "and/or"  
13 language to the definition.

14        Ms. Tully stated she could adjust the language  
15 based on her suggestion in each of the license class  
16 sections.

17        Ms. Tully also worked on language specific to  
18 professional counseling based on concerns raised by  
19 the Board. The concerns surrounded doctorate degrees  
20 in related fields and meeting educational  
21 requirements of section 49.2. The new language will  
22 make the definitions consistent with the Board's  
23 practice and intent. She proposed section 49.13(iv)  
24 states, "Holds a doctoral degree in a field closely  
25 related to the practice of professional counseling as

1 defined in §49.1 from an accredited education  
2 institution and meets the education requirements of  
3 §49.2 at either the master's or doctoral level."

4 Acting Chair Early agreed with Ms. Tully's  
5 suggestion.]

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7 MS. TULLY:

8 Based upon discussions today, I believe  
9 our Chair is going to entertain a  
10 motion to release an Exposure Draft of  
11 the Proposed Annex at 16A-6928 with the  
12 one correction being made for the  
13 wording to be either education or  
14 experience. And we would be releasing  
15 this Exposure Draft to the interested  
16 parties and stakeholders for comment.

17 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

18 I will entertain that motion.

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20 Claggett, so moved.

21 MR. GROSS:

22 Second, Gross.

23

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

1                   Geathers, aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.  
2 [The motion carried. Mr. DeCriscio abstained from  
3 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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5 Legislative Report - No report.

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7 Report of Board Chair - No report.

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9 Report of Commissioner - No report.

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11 Report of Board Administrator - No report.

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13 Report of Committees - No report.

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15 Applications

16 MS. TULLY:

17                               All right, moving on to Applications,  
18                               there are several that are going to be  
19                               tabled to get additional information.  
20                               I'll do those first. So this would be  
21                               Item 22, the Application of Gabriel  
22                               Kotsch; Item 29, the Application of  
23                               Lori Carpenter; Item 37, the  
24                               Application of Todd Buckwalter; Item  
25                               39, the Application of Ruth Lopez de

1           Mora; and the Individual CE Application  
2           of Grace Lee, Item 45. So  
3           discrepancies will be sent requesting  
4           additional information.

5                     We can go back up to Items 23  
6                     through 27.

7                     Based upon the Executive Session  
8                     deliberations, I believe our Chairwoman  
9                     would entertain motions to deny the  
10                    Applications of Alexandra Sharf,  
11                    Territa Poole, Jamie Faraone, Saresa  
12                    Rideout, and Lori Johnson-Negron to  
13                    practice as an Associate Professional  
14                    Counselor.

15 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

16                    I will entertain that motion.

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18                    Claggett, so moved.

19 MR. GROSS:

20                    Second, Gross.

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22                    Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
23                    Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
24                    aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. TULLY:

Item 28 on the Agenda, based upon the Executive Session deliberations, I believe our Chairwoman would entertain a motion to grant the Application of Kerri Ahner to practice as an Associate Professional Counselor.

ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

I will entertain a motion.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. GROSS:

Second, Gross.

Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, abstain; Geathers, aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

[The motion carried. Mr. DeCriscio abstained from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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MS. TULLY:

Item 30, based upon the Executive Session deliberations, I believe our Chairwoman would entertain a motion to



1 grant the Application of Gordon Bolig  
2 to practice as a Clinical Social  
3 Worker.

4 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

5 I will entertain a motion.

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7 Claggett, so moved.

8 MR. GROSS:

9 Second, Gross.

10

11 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
12 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
13 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. TULLY:

17 Item 31, based upon the Executive  
18 Session Deliberations, I believe our  
19 Chairwoman would entertain a motion to  
20 grant the Reconsideration of the  
21 Application of Krystyn Wartleft to  
22 practice as a Professional Counselor.  
23 This would also rescind the provisional  
24 denial at Case No. 25-69-014185.

25 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

1 I will entertain a motion.

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 Claggett, so moved.

4 MR. GROSS:

5 Second, Gross.

6

7 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
8 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
9 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 MS. TULLY:

13 Based upon the Executive Session  
14 deliberations, I believe our Chairwoman  
15 would entertain a motion to  
16 provisionally deny the following  
17 Applications to practice as a  
18 Professional Counselor. Item 32,  
19 Natalia Alvarez-Figueroa; Item 33 Aaron  
20 Gage; Item 34, Joshua Curry; Item 35,  
21 Vanessa Stepler; Item 36, Tara Douglas-  
22 Burnett; and Item 38, Simon Borger.

23 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

24 I will entertain a motion.

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 Claggett, so moved.

2 MR. GROSS:

3 Second, Gross.

4

5 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
6 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
7 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. TULLY:

11 Item 40, based upon the Executive  
12 Session deliberations, I believe our  
13 Chairwoman would entertain a motion to  
14 provisionally deny the Application of  
15 Ann Marie Stevens to practice as a  
16 Social Worker.

17 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

18 I will entertain a motion.

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20 Claggett, so moved.

21 MR. GROSS:

22 Second, Gross.

23

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

1                   aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. TULLY:

5                   Item 41, based upon Executive Session  
6                   deliberations, I believe our Chairwoman  
7                   would entertain a motion to make  
8                   Carrissa Griffing eligible for  
9                   examination to be a Social Worker.

10 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

11                   I will entertain a motion.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13                   Claggett, so moved.

14 MR. GROSS:

15                   Second, Gross.

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17                   Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
18                   Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
19                   aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MS. TULLY:

23                   Item 42, based upon the Executive  
24                   Session deliberations, I believe our  
25                   Chairwoman would entertain a motion to

1 grant the Application of Tyler Andolina  
2 under Act 41 to practice as a  
3 Professional Counselor.

4 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

5 I will entertain a motion.

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7 Claggett, so moved.

8 MR. GROSS:

9 Second, Gross.

10

11 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
12 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
13 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. TULLY:

17 Item 43, based upon the Executive  
18 Session deliberations, I believe our  
19 Chairwoman would entertain a motion to  
20 grant the Application of Lancaster-  
21 Lebanon to be a provider of Continuing  
22 Education.

23 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

24 I will entertain a motion.

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 Claggett, so moved.

2 MR. GROSS:

3 Second, Gross.

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5 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
6 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
7 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. TULLY:

11 Item 44, based upon the Executive  
12 Session deliberations, I believe our  
13 Chair would entertain a motion to grant  
14 a portion of the Application of  
15 Pennsylvania Homecare Association to be  
16 a provider of CE credits, approving  
17 them to provide credits for social  
18 workers and licensed professional  
19 counselors. The Board will be tabling  
20 the portion to MFT to obtain further  
21 information.

22 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

23 I will entertain a motion.

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 Claggett, so moved.

1 MR. GROSS:

2 Second, Gross.

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4 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
5 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
6 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 MS. TULLY:

10 Item 46, based upon the Executive  
11 Session Deliberations, I believe our  
12 Chairwoman would entertain a motion to  
13 grant the Application of Erin Hunger  
14 for approval of an individual CE  
15 course.

16 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

17 I will entertain a motion.

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19 Claggett, so moved.

20 MR. GROSS:

21 Second, Gross.

22

23 Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;  
24 Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,  
25 aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Ratifications - No ratifications.

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5 Miscellaneous - No miscellaneous.

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7 Old Business - No old business.

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9 New Business - ASWB Discussion

10 [Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained  
11 due to unforeseen circumstances, the elected  
12 delegates were unable to attend the ASWB conference.  
13 She noted one of the outstanding concerns related to  
14 the changes to the social work exam. She asked if  
15 the Board would want staff to reach out to ASWB to  
16 see if someone could attend an upcoming meeting.

17 Acting Chair Early confirmed the Board would like  
18 to speak with an ASWB representative.]

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20 New Business - CE Committee Discussion

21 [Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained,  
22 due to the loss of a CE Committee member, there may  
23 be some interest in shuffling the committee members.  
24 She noted the Probable Cause Committee and CE  
25 Committee have two positions and the Applications



1 Committee has three positions. She asked for  
2 volunteers for the committees.

3 Ms. Maloney provided some data on the committees'  
4 work for a perspective.

5 After discussion, it was noted the Probable Cause  
6 Committee would be Dr. Welch and Dr. Behun; the  
7 Applications Committee would be Ms. Boyer, Mr. Gross  
8 and Mr. DeCriscio; and the CE Committee would be Ms.  
9 Early and Mr. Geathers. It was noted the Committees  
10 would need readjusted in February as Mr. DeCriscio's  
11 term and Mr. Gross' term would be ending.]

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13 New Business - Meeting Dates for 2027

14 MS. TULLY:

15 I believe our Chairwoman would  
16 entertain a motion to adopt the  
17 proposed Board meeting dates for 2027  
18 and to do the required publication of  
19 said dates.

20 ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

21 I will entertain a motion.

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 Claggett, so moved.

24 MR. GROSS:

25 Second, Gross.

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Early, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye;

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Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Geathers,

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aye; Gross, aye; Welch, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Public Comment - No public comment.

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Adjournment

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ACTING CHAIR EARLY:

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I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

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ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

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Claggett, so moved.

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MR. GROSS:

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Second, Gross.

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ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

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And we don't need a vote, so we are

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adjourned.

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[There being no further business, the State Board of

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Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and

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Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at 1:04

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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.



Erin Badstuebner,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
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STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,  
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
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November 25, 2025

TIME

AGENDA

8:45	Executive Session
11:40	Return to Open Session
11:53	Official Call to Order
11:55	Roll Call of Board Members/Introduction of Attendees
11:56	Approval of Minutes
11:58	Report of Prosecutorial Division
12:15	Report of Board Counsel
12:23	Regulatory Report
12:41	Applications
12:53	New Business
1:04	Adjournment