



Pennsylvania
Department of State

**Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists
and Professional Counselors**

October 6, 2026, Agenda

Time

Executive Session 8:45 a.m.
Public Session 10:30 a.m.

Location

In Person

2525 N. 7th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Online via Microsoft Teams (Public Session)

[Public Session - Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors
Board Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Call in (audio only)

1-267-332-8737
Access code: 807 858 900#

Board Members

Dr. Joe Behun, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS, Chair
Kimberly Early, LSW, Vice Chair
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Professional and Occupational Affairs
Farida E. Boyer, MS, LMFT, AS
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Johnnie Geathers, MSW, LSW
Shante Talley, LCSW, MH
Claire Malfaro, MA, LPC
Dr. Erika Evans-Weaver, PhD, LMFT
Vacant (Public Member)
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Vacant (LPC Member)

Board Counsel

Thomas Davis, Esquire

Board Prosecution Liaison

Patrick Greene, Esquire

Board Administrator

Thomas Miller

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Meeting of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – *Dr. Joe Behun, Ph.D., LPC, Chair*
ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

1. September 8, 2026, Draft Minutes

APPOINTMENTS

2. Presentation by Harshal Dear, Pennsylvania Chapter Lead, Kayden's Korner and National Safe Parents Organization

REPORT OF PROSECUTORIAL DIVISION

Patrick Greene, Esquire

3. VRP Case No. 26-69-010208

Jason T. Anderson, Esquire

4. Case No. 25-69-006571

REPORT OF BOARD COUNSEL – *Thomas Davis, Esquire*

MOTION TO DEEM FACTS ADMITTED

5. Case No. 23-69-018113 – Shavona Wilson LSW

REGULATORY REPORT –*Marc Farrell, Esquire*

6. Regulatory Status Report

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON – *Dr. Joe Behun, Ph.D., LPC, Chair*

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER – *Arion R. Claggett*

REPORT OF BOARD ADMINISTRATOR – *Thomas Miller*

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

APPLICATIONS

HEARING EXAMINER REPORTS AND PROPOSED ORDER

7. Associate Professional Counselor – Christie Edwards
8. Associate Professional Counselor – Lori Johnson-Negron
9. Professional Counselor – Jacqueline Concepcion
10. Professional Counselor – Joshua Curry

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APPLICATIONS BY EXAM

- 11. Associate Professional Counselor – Patty Im
- 12. Professional Counselor – Melissa Lee
- 13. Professional Counselor – Ive Ortiz (*Reconsideration*)
- 14. Professional Counselor – Thomas Johnson
- 15. Professional Counselor - Tessa Swider

APPLICATIONS BY ACT 41

- 16. Clinical Social Worker – Charissa Bates
- 17. Clinical Social Worker – Michele Koenes
- 18. Marriage and Family Therapist – Allison Batty-Capps

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting Date: November 17, 2026

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2026 Board Meeting Dates
January 6, 2026
March 3, 2026
April 7, 2026
May 26, 2026
July 21, 2026
September 8, 2026
October 6, 2026
November 17, 2026

2027 Board Meeting Dates
January 5, 2027
March 2, 2027
April 13, 2027
June 1, 2027
July 13, 2027
September 7, 2027
October 12, 2027
November 23, 2027