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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: 11:08 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

September 20, 2024

1 State Board of Social Workers,
2 Marriage and Family Therapists,
3 and Professional Counselors
4 September 20, 2024

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6 BOARD MEMBERS:

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8 Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair
9 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs
11 Richard Joseph Behun, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS
12 Farida E. Boyer, MS, LMFT, AS
13 Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS
14 Kimberly Early, LSW
15 Erika Evans-Weaver, Ph.D., LMFT, Vice Chair - Absent
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18 BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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20 Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
21 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
22 Michael Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel
23 Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel
24 Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
25 Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
26 Patrick M. Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
27 Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
28 Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
29 Adrienne Rachelle McClendon, Esquire, Board
30 Prosecutor
31 Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
32 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
33 Department of State
34 Sarah E. McNeill, Interim Board Administrator
35 Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
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37 ALSO PRESENT:

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39 Jennifer Jones, LCSW, International Obsessive
40 Compulsive Disorder Foundation
41 Edgar Doerr, Consultant, Lifespan Family Services
42 Jo Lin, Regional Director, Health Career Connection
43 Ashley Taylor, MMT, MT-BC, Open Space Counseling,
44 Consulting & Wellness
45 Kelli Kuzmanko
46 Graziella Sanga
47 Joelle Brida
48 Max Schimmel
49 Madeline Helmstetter, Sargent's Court Reporting
50 Service, Inc.

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

5 September 20, 2024

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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 Sean C. Barrett, 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 11:00 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 Friday, September 20, 2024. Michelle Santiago,
20 Psy.D., NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair, called the meeting to
21 order at 11:08 a.m.

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23 [Sean C. Barrett, 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 Mr. Barrett also noted the Board entered into
3 Executive Session for the purpose of conducting
4 quasi-judicial deliberations on a number of matters
5 that are currently pending before the Board and to
6 receive the advice of counsel.]

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

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14 Approval of minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting

15 MR. BARRETT:

16 The first item is approval of the draft
17 minutes. For the first item, the June
18 11, 2024 draft minutes, are there any
19 corrections or comments? Hearing none.

20 I believe the Board Chair would
21 entertain a motion to approve the June
22 11, 2024 draft minutes.

23 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

24 Could I have a motion?

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 So moved.

2 MS. EARLY:

3 Second.

4 MS. MCNEILL:

5 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
6 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
7 aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Approval of minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting

11 MR. BARRETT:

12 Item 2 on the agenda is the July 16,
13 2024 draft minutes. Does anyone have
14 any comments, revisions, or changes?
15 Hearing none.

16 I believe the Board Chair would
17 entertain a motion to approve the July
18 16, 2024 draft minutes.

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20 So moved.

21 MR. DECRISCIO:

22 Second.

23 MS. MCNEILL:

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

1 aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Report of Prosecutorial Division

5 [Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board

6 Prosecutor and Board Prosecution Liaison, presented

7 the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-69-017598.]

8 MR. BARRETT:

9 Based on the presentation of
10 prosecution in this matter, does any
11 Board member wish to reenter Executive
12 Session for further deliberations?
13 Hearing none.

14 Based upon Executive Session
15 discussions, I believe the Board Chair
16 would entertain a motion to reject the
17 Consent Agreement at Case No. 23-69-
18 017598 as too lenient.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Could I have a motion?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 So moved.

23 MR. DECRISCIO:

24 Second.

25 MS. MCNEILL:

1 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
2 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
3 aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
7 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-69-
8 005255.]

9 MR. BARRETT:

10 Based on the report of prosecution,
11 does any Board member wish to reenter
12 Executive Session for further
13 deliberations? Hearing none.

14 Based upon Executive Session
15 discussions, I believe the Board Chair
16 would entertain a motion to approve the
17 Consent Agreement at Case No. 23-69-
18 005255.

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20 So moved.

21 MR. DECRISCIO:

22 Second.

23 MS. MCNEILL:

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

1 aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
3 name is Nicole Krupa, LPC.]

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5 Report of Board Counsel - Motion to Deem Facts

6 Admitted

7 MR. BARRETT:

8 Item 5 is Lisa Renee Fleissner, Case
9 No. 23-69-010733 & 23-69-010742. Chair
10 Santiago recused herself from any
11 deliberation and discussions in this
12 matter and did not take part. Erika
13 Evans, who is also a member of the
14 Probable Cause Screening Committee, is
15 absent today and did not participate in
16 any deliberations on this matter as
17 well.

18 Based on Executive Session
19 deliberations, I believe the Board
20 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
21 the Motion to Deem Facts Admitted and
22 to direct Board Counsel to draft an
23 Adjudication and Order consistent with
24 discussions in Executive Session.

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 So moved.

2 MR. DECRISCIO:

3 Second.

4 MS. MCNEILL:

5 Santiago, recuse; Claggett, aye; Behun,
6 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
7 aye.

8 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago recused
9 herself from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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11 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudication and
12 Order

13 MR. BARRETT:

14 Based on Executive Session
15 deliberations, I believe the Board
16 Chair would entertain a motion to adopt
17 the Proposed Adjudication and Order at
18 item 6, James Paul Monahan, Case No.
19 22-69-019009.

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 So moved.

22 MR. DECRISCIO:

23 Second.

24 MS. MCNEILL:

25 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,

1 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
2 aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and
6 Order

7 MR. BARRETT:

8 Based on Executive Session
9 deliberations, I believe the Board
10 Chair would entertain a motion to adopt
11 the Final Adjudication and Order at
12 item 7, Michael Bruckner, Case No. 22-
13 69-013836.

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

15 So moved.

16 MR. DECRISCIO:

17 Second.

18 MS. MCNEILL:

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

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 Report of Board Counsel - Matter for Deliberation

25 MR. BARRETT:

1 Item 8 is Ethel Dawn Capone, Case No.
2 19-69-014591. Based on Executive
3 Session deliberations, I believe the
4 Board Chair would entertain a motion to
5 remand this matter to a hearing
6 examiner for a hearing as well as a
7 Proposed Adjudication and Order.

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 MR. DECRISCIO:

11 Second.

12 MS. MCNEILL:

13 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
14 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
15 aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Review of Applications

19 MR. BARRETT:

20 Based on Executive Session
21 deliberations, I believe the Board
22 Chair would entertain a motion to
23 provisionally deny the Application at
24 item 12, Peter Dunford for a Clinical
25 Social Worker by Examination.

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 So moved.

3 MR. DECRISCIO:

4 Second.

5 MS. MCNEILL:

6 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
7 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
8 aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MR. BARRETT:

12 Based on Executive Session
13 deliberations, I believe the Board
14 Chair would entertain a motion to
15 provisionally deny the Application for
16 an Associate Professional Counselor by
17 Examination of Monique Stevenson.

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19 So moved.

20 MR. DECRISCIO:

21 Second.

22 MS. MCNEILL:

23 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
24 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
25 aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MR. BARRETT:

4 Based on Executive Session
5 deliberations, I believe the Board
6 Chair would entertain a motion to
7 provisionally deny the Application of
8 Desiree Vanderlick for An Associate
9 Professional Counselor by Examination.

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 So moved.

12 MR. DECRISCIO:

13 Second.

14 MS. MCNEILL:

15 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
16 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
17 aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MR. BARRETT:

21 Item 15. Based on Executive Session
22 deliberations, I believe the Board
23 Chair would approve a motion to
24 provisionally deny the Application for
25 an Associate Marriage & Family

1 Therapist by Examination of Ashley
2 Taylor.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Could I have a motion?

5 DR. BEHUN:

6 So moved.

7 MR. DECRISCIO:

8 Second.

9 MS. MCNEILL:

10 Santiago, aye; Claggett, nay; Behun,
11 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
12 aye.

13 [The motion carried. Arion Claggett opposed the
14 motion.]

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16 MR. BARRETT:

17 Item 16. Based on Executive Session
18 deliberations, I believe the Board
19 Chair would entertain a motion to
20 provisionally deny the Professional
21 Counselor by Exam of Adrienne Lopez
22 Tiley.

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

24 So moved.

25 MR. DECRISCIO:

1 Second.

2 MS. MCNEILL:

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

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 MR. BARRETT:

9 Item 17. Based on Executive Session
10 deliberations, I believe the Board
11 Chair would entertain a motion to
12 provisionally deny the Application of
13 Graziella Sanga for a Professional
14 Counselor by Exam.

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

16 So moved.

17 MR. DECRISCIO:

18 Second.

19 MS. MCNEILL:

20 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
21 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
22 aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MR. BARRETT:

1 Item 18. Based on Executive Session
2 deliberations, I believe the Board
3 Chair would entertain a motion to
4 provisionally deny the Application of
5 Kelli Kuzmanko for a Professional
6 Counselor by Exam.

7 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

8 Could I have someone make the motion,
9 please?

10 DR. BEHUN:

11 So moved.

12 MR. DECRISCIO:

13 Second.

14 MS. MCNEILL:

15 Santiago, aye; Claggett, nay; Behun,
16 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
17 aye.

18 [The motion carried. Arion Claggett opposed the
19 motion.]

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21 MR. BARRETT:

22 Item 19. Based on Executive Session
23 deliberations, I believe the Board
24 Chair would entertain a motion to
25 approve the Application for a

1 Professional Counselor by Exam of Kerry
2 Welch.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 So moved.

5 MR. DECRISCIO:

6 Second.

7 MS. MCNEILL:

8 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
9 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
10 aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MR. BARRETT:

14 Item 20. Based on Executive Session
15 deliberations, I believe the Board
16 Chair would entertain a motion to
17 provisionally deny the Application for
18 Licensure of a Professional Counselor
19 by Exam of Matt Schimmel.

20 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

21 Could we have someone make a motion,
22 please?

23 DR. BEHUN:

24 So moved.

25 MR. DECRISCIO:

1 Second.

2 MS. MCNEILL:

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

6 [The motion carried. Arion Claggett opposed the
7 motion.]

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9 MR. BARRETT:

10 Item 21. Based on Executive Session
11 deliberations, I believe the Board
12 Chair would entertain a motion to
13 provisionally deny the Application of
14 Robert Florian for a Professional
15 Counselor by Examination.

16 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

17 So moved.

18 MR. DECRISCIO:

19 Second.

20 MS. MCNEILL:

21 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
22 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
23 aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MR. BARRETT:

2 Item 22. Based on Executive Session
3 deliberations, I believe the Board
4 Chair would entertain a motion to
5 provisionally deny the Application of
6 Vanay Frederick-Ellis for a
7 Professional Counselor by Examination.

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 MR. DECRISCIO:

11 Second.

12 MS. MCNEILL:

13 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
14 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
15 aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MR. BARRETT:

19 Item 23. Based on Executive Session
20 deliberations, I believe the Board
21 Chair would entertain a motion to
22 provisionally deny the Application of
23 Larissa Evans for a Marriage & Family
24 Therapist by Examination.

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 So moved.

2 MR. DECRISCIO:

3 Second.

4 MS. MCNEILL:

5 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
6 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
7 aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MR. BARRETT:

11 Item 24. Based on Executive Session
12 deliberations, I believe the Board
13 Chair would entertain a motion to
14 provisionally deny the Application of
15 Patricia Cilenti for a Marriage &
16 Family Therapist by Examination.

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18 So moved.

19 MR. DECRISCIO:

20 Second.

21 MS. MCNEILL:

22 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
23 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
24 aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. BARRETT:

Item 25. Based on Executive Session deliberations, I believe the Board Chair would entertain a motion to approve the Application of Roberto Cedano Cedano for a Marriage & Family Therapist by Examination.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

Could I have a motion, please?

DR. BEHUN:

So moved.

MR. DECRISCIO:

Second.

MS. MCNEILL:

Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun, aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

Review of Applications - Act 41 Review

MR. BARRETT:

Based on Executive Session deliberations, I believe the Board Chair would entertain a motion to grant

1 the Application of Lori Hollander at
2 item 26 for a Clinical Social Worker by
3 Endorsement.

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 So moved.

6 MR. DECRISCIO:

7 Second.

8 MS. MCNEILL:

9 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
10 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
11 aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 MR. BARRETT:

15 Item 27. Based on Executive Session
16 deliberations, I believe the Board
17 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
18 a Provisional Endorsement License to
19 Angelina Armstrong to Practice
20 Professional Counseling by Endorsement.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 So moved.

23 MR. DECRISCIO:

24 Second.

25 MS. MCNEILL:

1 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
2 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
3 aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MR. BARRETT:

7 Item 28. Based on Executive Session
8 deliberations, I believe the Board
9 Chair would entertain a motion to
10 approve the Application of Elisabeth
11 Maichin for a Professional Counselor by
12 Endorsement.

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 So moved.

15 MR. DECRISCIO:

16 Second.

17 MS. MCNEILL:

18 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
19 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
20 aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MR. BARRETT:

24 Item 29. Based on Executive Session
25 deliberations, I believe the Board

1 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
2 a Provisional Endorsement License to
3 Practice as a Professional Counselor to
4 Lenia Queen.

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 So moved.

7 MR. DECRISCIO:

8 Second.

9 MS. MCNEILL:

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

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 MR. BARRETT:

16 Item 30. Based on Executive Session
17 deliberations, I believe the Board
18 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
19 a Provisional Endorsement License to
20 Monicka Fosnocht to Practice as a
21 Professional Counselor by Endorsement.

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 So moved.

24 MR. DECRISCIO:

25 Second.

1 MS. MCNEILL:

2 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
3 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
4 aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MR. BARRETT:

8 Item 31. Based on Executive Session
9 deliberations, I believe the Board
10 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
11 the Application of Tiffany Jones for
12 Licensure as a Professional Counselor
13 by Endorsement.

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

15 So moved.

16 MR. DECRISCIO:

17 Second.

18 MS. MCNEILL:

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

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MR. BARRETT:

25 Item 32. Based on Executive Session

1 deliberations, I believe the Board
2 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
3 a Provisional Endorsement License to
4 William Summay to Practice Professional
5 Counselor Professional Counselor by
6 Endorsement.

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 So moved.

9 MR. DECRISCIO:

10 Second.

11 MS. MCNEILL:

12 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
13 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
14 aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MR. BARRETT:

18 Item 33. I believe there should be a
19 motion to table this matter.

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 So moved.

22 MR. DECRISCIO:

23 Second.

24 MS. MCNEILL:

25 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,

1 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
2 aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 MR. BARRETT:

6 Item 34. Based on Executive Session
7 deliberations, I believe the Board
8 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
9 a Provisional Endorsement License to
10 Joseph Gilson to Practice Marriage &
11 Family Therapist by Endorsement.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 So moved.

14 MR. DECRISCIO:

15 Second.

16 MS. MCNEILL:

17 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
18 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
19 aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MR. BARRETT:

23 Item 35. Based on Executive Session
24 deliberations, I believe the Board
25 Chair would entertain a motion to grant

1 the Application of Latori Griffin for a
2 License as a Marriage & Family
3 Therapist by Endorsement.

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 So moved.

6 MR. DECRISCIO:

7 Second.

8 MS. MCNEILL:

9 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
10 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
11 aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Review of Applications - CE Application Review

15 MR. BARRETT:

16 Based on Executive Session
17 deliberations, I believe the Board
18 Chair would entertain a motion to
19 provisionally deny the Preapproved
20 Provider Applications at items 36, 37,
21 38, and 39 relating to Folium, Inc.,
22 Laurel Life; Joni Michelle Sturgill;
23 Lakeside; and The Inner Canvas
24 Collective.

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 So moved.

2 MR. DECRISCIO:

3 Second.

4 MS. MCNEILL:

5 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
6 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
7 aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Regulatory Report

11 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
12 referred to the Act 4 Annex regarding associate
13 licensure and noted prior Board discussion regarding
14 including it with the general revisions or having two
15 separate regulations.

16 Ms. Wolfgang recommended including the section on
17 qualifications for supervisors in the Act 4
18 regulation. She explained that depending on what
19 regulation moves forward first, if the general
20 revision regulation is ahead of this regulation and
21 this gets published, then this will be taken out,
22 because it would be the same.

23 Ms. Wolfgang mentioned that the only glitch to
24 that is what the Board had planned to do in its
25 general revision package and referred to § 48.3, where

1 the board decided to make subsection (a)(2) that
2 reads, to qualify as a supervisor, an individual
3 shall meet one of the following criteria.

4 Ms. Wolfgang noted the second criteria is to hold
5 a current and active license in the state where the
6 supervisees experience is occurring and have at least
7 a master's degree in a "related field." She
8 mentioned the Board was contemplating removing the
9 term "related field" and changing it to "closely
10 related practice of marriage and family therapy."

11 Ms. Wolfgang explained that there is a problem
12 with changing that term, because the language is very
13 specific in the law and does say related under Act 4.
14 She noted the Board decided that the standard should
15 be the same whether they are getting experience to
16 move forward to apply for a license and decide not to
17 get an associate license or whether they have an
18 associate license.

19 Ms. Wolfgang noted the issue needed to be
20 resolved and was not sure that having a separate
21 standard for these, the unlicensed classification,
22 the individuals who are pursuing experience and
23 ultimately will apply for the actual license for a
24 marriage and family therapist (MFT) should be
25 different than the associate.

1 Mr. Barrett referred to the definition section
2 for the licensed professional counselor (LPC), where
3 related field and closely related are two different
4 definitions and are a completely different subset of
5 fields. He mentioned that the related field applies
6 just to the supervisors and the closely related
7 generally is language for the degrees that are
8 closely related with that in the regulations.

9 Ms. Wolfgang mentioned that she was not involved
10 in the drafting stage of the regulation for the
11 general revisions when the Board decided to use the
12 term "closely" because "closely related field" is in
13 the law and related to the educational piece. She
14 noted they could look at that, but the problem is the
15 Board does not have the authority to do that because
16 the associate license language is very specific and
17 does say "related field."

18 Mr. Barrett commented that the change from
19 related to closely related would be a complete
20 seismic change in what degrees the supervisors can
21 have because it is completely different. He
22 expressed concern with people who have been doing
23 supervision under a supervisor not qualifying
24 anymore.

25 Chair Santiago referred to some of the related

1 fields listed in their original act, where education
2 has changed, degrees have changed, and what each
3 degree does has changed and asked whether it is the
4 correct time to bring it into focus.

5 Mr. Barrett clarified that there are some issues
6 with the degrees that an applicant might have when
7 discussing particular applicants. He provided an
8 example, where one of the fields for closely related
9 for education is an education degree, which is a
10 pretty broad degree.

11 Mr. Barrett noted there is also secondary
12 education that is not particularly limited to
13 counseling education, where many times a person might
14 have a degree in education, but the coursework
15 probably would not meet the requirements.

16 Mr. Barrett reported seeing an increase of people
17 with education degrees applying for a license because
18 it says education in the regulations and believe
19 their degree should be qualifying, which is not
20 incorrect when looking at the regulations because it
21 does just say education. He explained that Chair
22 Santiago asked whether education should be narrowed
23 with this general revisions package.

24 Ms. Wolfgang offered to look at that for the next
25 meeting but did not feel it would be necessary to do

1 another exposure draft if they do add it.

2 Ms. Wolfgang asked whether everyone agreed with
3 going back to the related language instead of closely
4 related language for the qualifications of
5 supervisors.

6 Chair Santiago commented that the reason people
7 were leaning toward closely related was because what
8 is in the related fields is not closely related as
9 far as some of the degrees they accept.

10 Mr. Barrett believed Chair Santiago was saying
11 the language probably should be related, but they
12 wanted to pare down the definition of related.

13 Ms. Wolfgang informed Board members that she
14 would go back to the general revision package and
15 work with Board Counsel to pare that language down.
16 She explained, if it is not changed in Act 4, the
17 Board would have two different standards for the
18 unlicensed class versus the licensed class.

19 Ms. Wolfgang clarified that the Board does not
20 regulate unlicensed individuals and is referring to
21 individuals trying to get experience to be able to
22 meet the qualifications for licensure. She further
23 explained that the Board is not regulating them but
24 directs standards for their supervision.

25 Ms. Wolfgang referred to recommended revisions

1 for § 48.13(3), where she set forth some standards for
2 the supervision plan for it to read, has submitted a
3 written supervision plan. She will carry that
4 written language over to the general revisions when
5 referring to the supervisor standards and put that
6 written supervision plan as a requirement for the
7 supervisor to ensure that is done.

8 Ms. Wolfgang referred to (3)(v), frequency of
9 supervision plan, and asked whether that made sense
10 from the Board's standpoint as something to include
11 in the standard.

12 Chair Santiago referred to (iv), identification
13 of each location where client contact and supervision
14 will occur. She mentioned that the language should
15 reflect that client contact could happen at one site
16 and supervision occur at another address for people
17 who are sometimes independent supervisors because not
18 everybody has a supervisor on site.

19 Chair Santiago suggested breaking it into two
20 questions to include the identification of each
21 location where client contact occurs and then the
22 location of where supervision will occur.

23 Ms. Wolfgang informed Board members that she is
24 only working on MFTs right now and will then do the
25 same for professional counselors. She offered to

1 provide a draft of Act 4 regulations and work with
2 Mr. Barret on the general revisions' language
3 regarding "closely" versus the "related field."

4 She provided a Status of Regulations Report for
5 the Board's review and information.

6 She informed Board members that she would
7 formally make a regulation number and assign it to
8 the Act 4 regulation to make it a separate package.]

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10 Miscellaneous - Probable Cause Screening Committee
11 Update

12 [Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel, asked Board
13 members if anyone is interested in being on the
14 Probable Cause Screening Committee, and Chair
15 Santiago appointed Ms. Early to that committee after
16 she agreed to join.]

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18 [The Board recessed from 11:58 a.m. until 12:06 p.m.]

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20 Miscellaneous - Appointment

21 [A Formal Hearing was held from 12:06 p.m. until
22 1:01 p.m. in the Matter of the Application
23 for a License by Examination to Practice as a Social
24 Worker of Valerie A. Albro, Case No. 24-69-009056.]

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1 Miscellaneous - Appointment

2 [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:06 p.m. until
3 1:35 p.m. in the Matter of Michelle Genese Thompson,
4 Ph.D., Case No. 24-69-008557.]

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6 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
7 at 1:35 p.m., the Board entered into Executive
8 Session with Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel,
9 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
10 deliberations on a number of matters currently
11 pending before the Board and to receive the advice of
12 counsel. The Board entered into public session at
13 2:07 p.m.]

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15 MOTIONS

16 MR. BARRETT:

17 Item 41 on the agenda is a hearing in
18 the Matter of Valerie A. Albro, Case
19 No. 24-69-009056.

20 Based on discussions in Executive
21 Session, I believe the Board Chair
22 would entertain a motion to approve the
23 Application of Valerie A. Albro to Sit
24 for the Examination.

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 So moved.

2 MR. DECRISCIO:

3 Second.

4 MS. MCNEILL:

5 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
6 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
7 aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MR. BARRETT:

11 Item 42 is a hearing in the Matter of
12 Michelle Genese Thompson, Ph.D., Case
13 No. 23-69-008557.

14 Based on Executive Session
15 deliberations, I believe the Board
16 Chair would entertain a motion to
17 approve Dr. Thompson for Licensure by
18 Endorsement to Practice as a
19 Professional Counselor.

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 So moved.

22 MR. DECRISCIO:

23 Second.

24 MS. MCNEILL:

25 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,

1 abstain; Boyer, nay; DeCriscio, aye;
2 Early, aye.

3 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago and Farida
4 Boyer opposed the motion. Richard Behun abstained
5 from voting on the motion.]

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7 Legislative Report - No Report

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9 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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11 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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13 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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15 Public Comment

16 [Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred to
17 a question in chat concerning correspondence from Jo
18 Lin informing her that he will work on that next week
19 and respond via a letter or email.

20 Valerie Albro requested confirmation that she is
21 allowed to sit for the exam. She also asked whether
22 she would have to do everything all over again if she
23 decided to seek her nursing license.

24 Mr. Barrett informed Ms. Albro that she was
25 approved to sit for the exam. He explained that she

1 would have to submit a written request to the State
2 Board of Nursing and may be required to take the exam
3 or there may be other conditions for reinstatement.

4 Ashley Taylor requested information regarding her
5 next steps if she were to go through the hearing
6 process.

7 Mr. Barrett informed Ms. Taylor that he would be
8 drafting a letter that details the Board's
9 determination and the next steps she can take to
10 respond. He invited her to reach out to him via
11 email with any questions she may have regarding the
12 process.

13 Graziella Sanga also requested information
14 concerning her provisional denial.

15 Mr. Barrett informed Ms. Sanga that she would
16 also receive a letter detailing any deficiencies with
17 her application. He noted that she can present any
18 additional information and ultimately appeal that to
19 the Board and have a hearing. He also invited Ms.
20 Sanga to email him with any questions concerning the
21 process.

22 Ms. Albro asked whether she could sign up to take
23 the exam now or wait for their letter.

24 Ms. McNeill explained that they have to confirm
25 that everything is up to date administratively and

1 that she would receive an email with instructions on
2 how to update that information if needed or that she
3 would be given eligibility.

4 Ms. Taylor asked whether there had been any Board
5 discussion concerning music therapy, art therapy, or
6 other creative art therapies being considered as
7 closely related fields for marriage and family
8 therapy and how to initiate that if there has not
9 been any discussion.

10 Mr. Barrett believed it had been talked about in
11 the past and explained that all Board discussions on
12 regulations are done in public session. He informed
13 Ms. Taylor that any discussion would be in the
14 minutes but did not think the Board currently has a
15 concrete opinion or any changes to that outside of
16 what is in the proposed general revisions package.

17 Mr. Barrett stated it is something the Board
18 could possibly discuss at the next meeting when they
19 discuss the general revisions. He mentioned that Ms.
20 Wolfgang will provide draft language for the Board's
21 review, but they have not yet settled on any certain
22 language. He informed Ms. Taylor that she could
23 request language to be considered for the revision by
24 showing up at the meeting or sending an email to the
25 Board's resource account.]

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Adjournment

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

I need a motion to adjourn, please.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

MR. DECRISCIO:

Second.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

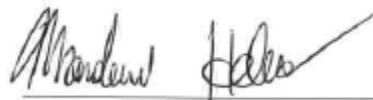
Thank you, Board members, for all of
your work today. We will see everyone
at the next meeting.

[There being no further business, the State Board of
Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at
2:19 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.



Madeline Helmstetter,

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