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Board Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2015

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: 1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118

ATTENDANCE: Sally Kaitz, Chair
Frances Carpenter, Vice-Chair
Mark Gianino
Teresita Ramos

ABSENT: Sandra Kalkunte
Kathleen Palinski

STAFF: Erin LeBel, Executive Director
Erin Murphy, Program Coordinator
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Matthew Runge, Investigator

GUESTS: Jonas Goldenberg, NASW

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Board Chair, Sally Kaitz and James O'Connor reviewed the emergency exit procedures with Board members.

At 9:39 AM, the Public Listening Session Pursuant to Executive Order 562 commenced. J. Goldenberg of NASW noted that he does not know how the regulations can be simplified; however, he advocated for an alternate pathway to licensure for those who English is their second language and for this reason, are struggling to pass the exam. He proposed that candidates be allowed to submit a portfolio if they are unable to pass the exam.

Concerns related to lowering standards of licensure were raised, citing that other professionals such as physicians and lawyers do not allow applicants to bypass the exam in instances where language may be a factor in passing the exam. Moreover, it was highlighted that providing such provisions may affect the mobility of the license to other jurisdictions.



5. CE approvals: Tabled
6. EK request to end probation: Internal resolution, no board review required
7. Cancellation Protocol: Tabled

Sally Kaitz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 PM. This motion was seconded by Mark Gianino and unanimously accepted by the Board

Respectfully Submitted,


Erin Murphy, MSW, LICSW
For Sandra Kalkunte, Secretary

List of Documents:
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