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Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: 1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118

ATTENDANCE: Sally Kaitz, Chair
Frances Carpenter, Vice-Chair
Melanie Robinson Findlay
Imari K. Paris Jeffries

ABSENT: Mark Gianino
Kathleen Palinski
Tere Ramos, Secretary

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Board Chair, Sally Kaitz.

Board Counsel, James O'Connor reviewed the emergency exit procedures with Board members.

Minutes:

Frances Carpenter motioned to accept the March 22, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Imari K. Paris Jeffries and approved by the Board.

Investigative Conference:

At 10:03 a.m., Frances Carpenter moved to suspend the open meeting and go to into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C, to discuss SA-SW-16-017 and to meet with Prosecutor Deborah Kravitz re: SW-15-001, Prosecutor Gerard Dolan re: SW-15-034 and SW-15-086 and Mary Pixley re: SW-14-040 & SW-15-016.



The motion was seconded by Melanie Robinson Findlay and approved by the Board.

The Chair anticipated that the Board's open meeting would resume in approximately 2 hours.

For the record, while in Investigative Conference, the Board took the following action:

SA-SW-16-017: Open complaint

SW-15-001: Feedback provided to prosecutor

SW-15-034: Feedback provided to prosecutor

SW-15-086: Feedback provided to prosecutor

SW-14-040: Feedback provided to prosecutor

SW-15-016: Tabled

11:46 AM Return to Open Session

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 11:51 AM by Frances to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30a, § 21 (a)(1) to meet with MV and RDT regarding their application for licensure and review LS' application. The motion was seconded by Melanie Robinson Findlay and a roll call vote was taken with the following result: Sally Kaitz, yes; Frances Carpenter, yes; Melanie Robinson-Findlay, yes; Imari K. Paris Jeffries, yes.

12:27 AM Return to Open Session

Investigative Conference:

At 12:27 p.m., Frances Carpenter moved to suspend the open meeting and go to into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C, to discuss SW-15-079, SW-16-021 and SW-16-022

The motion was seconded by Sally Kaitz and approved by the Board.

The Chair anticipated that the Board's open meeting would resume in approximately 30 minutes.

For the record, while in Investigative Conference, the Board took the following action:

SW-15-079: Forward to prosecutions

SW-16-021: Dismiss

SW-16-022: Dismiss with Advisory

12:40 p.m. Return to Open Session

Discussion:

1. CE approvals: tabled
2. The Board denied the request for LSW applicant to use Skype supervision as no prior approval was obtained and there is nothing that allows for this type of supervision in the regulations or via Board policy.
3. S. Kaitz motioned to delegate review of NY's request to Board member Mark Gianino. Frances Carpenter seconded this motion and all were in favor.

12:45 p.m. Frances Carpenter leaves meeting – quorum lost and meeting ended.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Erin Murphy, MSW, LICSW
Program Coordinator
for Teresita Ramos, Secretary

List of Documents:

March 22, 2016 minutes
DB request to use Skype supervision
NY experience appeal