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Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions
Public Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2025

Board Members Present:

William Ahearn, Acting Chair (arrived at 11:04 a.m., left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.)
Amy Vercillo, Member
Ashley Williams, Member (left the meeting at 12:38 p.m.)
Josephine Kim, Member
Kristen Woodbury, Member (left the meeting at 11:25 a.m., returned to the meeting at 11:43 a.m., left the meeting at 12:20 p.m., returned to the meeting at 12:30 p.m.)
Kathryn Stevens, Member
Susan Egan, Member
Kathleen Tucker, Public Member
Frank Gomez, Member

Staff Members Present:

Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel
Doris Lugo, Investigator
Ellen D'Agostino, Investigator

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call for Attendance

Mr. Bialas called the roll of board members. Amy Vercillo, Ashley Williams, Alayna McGarty, Josephine Kim, Kristen Woodbury, Kathryn Stevens, Susan Egan, and Kathleen Tucker all present by videoconference.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2025:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Vercillo, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2025 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Executive Session Minutes of November 21, 2025:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Egan, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 21, 2025 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Ratification of Decisions by Board Staff to Approve Applications:** The Board considered whether to approve the decisions made by staff on applications processed since the last meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Vercillo, to approve the decisions made by staff on applications processed since the last Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Application Processing:** Mr. Bialas reported that application reviews have been going well.
- **Behavior Analyst Certification Board 2026 Regulators Conference**
 - **Appointment of Board Representatives:** The Board considered appointing representatives to the conference. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Egan, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to appoint Dr. Williams and Dr. Ahearn as representatives to the conference. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Discussion

- **Review of Comments from Public Hearing on Proposed Revisions to 262 CMR 2.00, 262 CMR 3.00, 262 CMR 8.00, and 801 CMR 4.00:** The Board reviewed comments submitted for the public hearing held on September 19, 2025.

Dr. Ahearn arrived at 11:04 a.m.

After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas and Ms. York to add changes to the definition of Approved Supervisor in 262 CMR 2.00 and 262 CMR 3.00 and place consideration of the proposed regulations on the Board's next agenda.

Monitoring Interview

Ms. Woodbury recused herself from the following matter and left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

- **Alyson Marcell, Conditional Licensure Agreement, Revised 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report and 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report from Employer**
 - **Interview of Alyson Marcell and Employer Representative Michelle Clarke:** Ms. Marcell and Ms. Clarke appeared to discuss Ms. Marcell's reports. Ms. Marcell explained that a patient with trauma history involving women touched her hand after learning that he would not be discharged as expected. The Human Resources Department discussed the incident with her. Ms. Marcell has a better understanding of boundaries now. Ms. Clarke explained that she has observed Ms. Marcell with patients and discussed the incident with Ms. Marcell – overall, she is doing well.

Ms. Woodbury returned to the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Dr. Ahearn left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

LMHC Application Reviews

- **Maria Gonzalez:** The Board reviewed Ms. Gonzalez's application, specifically documentation of her education. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Kim, to approve Ms. Gonzalez's education once she completes a qualifying course in Professional Orientation. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Agustina Spiguel:** The Board reviewed Ms. Spiguel's application, specifically documentation of her education. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Ms. Spiguel that she must complete a qualifying course in Group Work.
- **Lisa House:** The Board reviewed Ms. House's application, including documentation of her experience hours and education. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to (1) inform Ms. House that her pre-master's degree experience does not count for licensure under the current regulations; (2) ask Ms. House what "non-licensure" means on her transcript, and (3) ask Ms. House to provide a chart matching her coursework to the areas required in the regulations.
- **Marianne Katavolos:** The Board reviewed Ms. Katavolos's application, including documentation of her master's degree in Expressive Therapies. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Ms. Katavolos and staff that Ms. Katavolos's degree in Expressive Therapies is in a Related Field under the regulations.

LMFT Application Review

- **Nicholas Whooley:** The Board reviewed Mr. Whooley's application, including documentation of his education. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Mr. Whooley that he must complete three qualifying courses in Marital and Family Studies and three qualifying courses in Marital and Family Therapy.

NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Requests

- **NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Requests:** The Board reviewed requests. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Tucker, seconded by Dr. Egan, to allow the following applicants 50% extra time and the use of a word-for-word translation dictionary:
 - Nubia Goulart
 - Maria Dias
 - Euclides Gibau

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Monitoring

- **Ruth Greenfield Rone, 2021-001025-IT-ENF, Approval of Proposed Supervisor:** The Board reviewed Ms. Greenfield Rone's submission of a proposed supervisor for her probation. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to reject the proposed supervisor because Ms. Greenfield Rone and the proposed supervisor are former colleagues. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Comments from Professional Associations

Joe Weeks from MaMHCA commented on the Board's consideration of the proposed regulations.

Ms. Woodbury left the meeting at 12:20 p.m. and returned at 12:30 p.m.

Midge Williams from MaMHCA commented on the Board's consideration of the proposed regulations.

Martha Baez requested the chart that includes the comments on the proposed regulations that the Board reviewed. Mr. Bialas told Ms. Baez to submit a formal public records request.

Rachel Blum Cantone from NEAFAST discussed the pending regulation changes and asked the Board to add the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy as a Board-approved entity for LMFT continuing education courses in its Continuing Education Policy.

Executive Session (closed under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B; specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate continuing education extension requests and examination accommodation requests that involve medical records and information of patients)

At 12:38 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Gomez, seconded by Ms. Tucker, to exit the public meeting and (1) enter into a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B; specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate continuing education extension requests and examination accommodation requests that involve medical records and information of patients; then (2) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to conduct case interviews and review new cases; and then, after the conclusion of the investigative conference, (3) not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 12:38 p.m.

Dr. Williams left the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

Board maintains separate minutes of executive session.

Investigative Conference (closed session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

The Board entered investigative conference at 1:16 p.m.

During the investigative conference, the Board took the following actions:

Case Interviews

AMH-2025-0012 (DR):	Interviewed respondent; refer to the Office of Prosecutions
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AMH-2025-0022 (SL):	Interviewed respondent; refer to the Office of Investigations
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Case

AMH-2025-0042 (SD):	Dismiss
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Adjournment

At 2:37 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Approval

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on January 16, 2026.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used by the Board at the Public Meeting:

- Agenda for Meeting of December 19, 2025
- Public Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2025
- Executive Session Minutes of November 21, 2025
- Applications Reviewed Under Application Review Policy: January 1, 2025 through December 18, 2025, October 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025, and November 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025
- 11.25.25 Email from Behavior Analyst Certification Board re: 2026 Regulators Conference
- Drafts of Proposed Revisions to 262 CMR 2.00, 262 CMR 3.00, 262 CMR 8.00, and 801 CMR 4.00 and Chart of Comments on Proposed Revisions
- Alyson Marcell, Conditional Licensure Agreement, Revised 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report and 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report from Employer
- Documents from LMHC Application of Maria Gonzalez
- Documents from LMHC Application of Agustina Spiguel
- Documents from LMHC Application of Lisa House
- Documents from LMHC Application of Marianne Katavolos
- Documents from LMFT Application of Nicholas Whooley
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Nubia Goulart
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Maria Dias
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Euclides Gibau
- Ruth Greenfield Rone, 2021-001025-IT-ENF, Submission of Proposed Supervisor