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Public Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2022

Board Members Present:

William Ahearn, Acting Chair
Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member
Amy Vercillo, Member
Ashley Williams, Member (left meeting at 1:21 p.m.)
Kristen Woodbury, Member (left meeting at 10:55 a.m., returned at 11:19 a.m.)
Jennifer Paine, Member (left meeting at 12:20 p.m.)
Frank Gomez, Member (arrived at 10:07 a.m.)
Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member (left meeting at 1:04 p.m.)
Susan Egan, Member (arrived at 10:08 a.m.)

Staff Members Present:

Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2022:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2022 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Executive Session Minutes of August 19, 2022:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 19, 2022 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Gomez arrived at 10:07 a.m.

- **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 Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to approve the decisions made by staff on applications processed since the last Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Dr. Egan arrived at 10:08 a.m.

- **Application Processing Under Application Review Policy:** Mr. Bialas reported that application reviews and processing have been going well, and that staff has been involved in configuring a new licensing system for the upcoming move to the Department of Public Health. Dr. Ahearn requested that a discussion of the transition to DPH be put on the next agenda.

Monitoring Interview

- **Virginia Childs, 2018-000909-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Stayed Suspension**
 - **Interview of Virginia Childs and Supervisor Barbara Schwartz:** Ms. Childs and Ms. Schwartz appeared to discuss Ms. Childs' petition. Ms. Childs explained that her professional growth has been tremendous during supervision, and that she has learned to "hold the distress" that a client may have when necessary to maintain a boundary. Ms. Schwartz stated that Ms. Childs initially tried to justify the actions that led to her discipline, but Ms. Schwartz told her to stop. Ms. Childs then learned to hold boundaries even when the client is angry when it is best for the client, and always to be professional with clients and not casual. Ms. Childs is open to new ideas now and will ask if she has questions.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Dr. Egan, to allow Ms. Childs' petition to terminate stayed suspension. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Hearings on Denials of Applications

- **Kristin Guyette, Applicant for LMHC:** Ms. Guyette appeared for a hearing on the Board's denial of her application because she did not complete a practicum and internship. Mr. Bialas announced the hearing will be recorded.

Ms. Guyette explained that she believes she did complete a practicum and internship, but she cannot provide any documentation of that at this time.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Paine, to deny Ms. Guyette's application because she did not complete a practicum and internship as required under 262 CMR 2.04(3)(c) and (d). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

LMHC Application Reviews

- **Katherine Arno:** The Board reviewed Ms. Arno's application.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Paine, to deny Ms. Arno's application because she did not complete coursework in Professional Orientation under 262 CMR 2.04(3)(a)(10). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Ms. Woodbury left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

- **Juli Kennedy-Killion:** The Board reviewed Ms. Kennedy-Killion's application.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Paine, to deny Ms. Kennedy-Killion's application because she did not complete a practicum and internship as required under 262 CMR 2.04(3)(c) and (d). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- **Suzanne Muldoon:** The Board reviewed Ms. Muldoon's application.

After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to deny Ms. Muldoon's application because she did not complete 60 credits under 262 CMR 2.04(1). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Requests

The Board considered four NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Requests. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Egan, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to allow the following applicants 50% extra time and the use of a translation dictionary:

- Xiaoyuan Yuan
- Seungeun Lee
- Deniss Gonzalez
- Mirande Sidaros

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Monitoring

- **Kathleen Brennan, 2021-000311-IT-ENF, Approval of Proposed Supervisor:** The Board reviewed Ms. Brennan's submission of proposed supervisors. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Ms. Brennan that Nikolas Protasenia is not accepted because he is her work supervisor, and Laura Pelton Sweet must provide the conflict form before her application to be Ms. Brennan's supervisor will be considered by the Board.
- **Anna Cardoso, 2021-000360-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report:** The Board reviewed Ms. Cardoso's report. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Ms. Cardoso's supervisor that she should provide more detail in her reports about specific cases they review in supervision and any significant issues in Ms. Cardoso's performance that are relevant to her discipline.

A MOTION was made by Dr. Vercillo, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to accept the report and to provide direction to Ms. Cardoso's supervisor as described above. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- **Maxine Orocofsky, 2019-001041-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Stayed Suspension:** The Board reviewed Dr. Orocofsky's petition. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to invite Dr. Orocofsky and her supervisor, Evelyn Gladu, to a meeting for an interview.

Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Midge Williams from MaMHCA asked for an update on implementing statutory changes to the Board's composition and to add a new license type, and on the Board's regulation changes. Ms. York stated that staff are working on all three issues but that work likely will be completed when the Board is part of DPH.

Executive Session (Closed Session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), Individual Character Rather Than Competence, and under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B, to review sensitive medical information)

At 11:19 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Dr. Williams, to exit the public meeting and (1) enter into a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), Individual Character Rather Than Competence, and under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B, to review sensitive medical information in NCMHCE accommodation requests; then (2) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 § 65C to review new cases; and then (3) after the conclusion of the investigative conference, not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Board maintains separate minutes of Executive Session.

Ms. Woodbury returned to the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Ms. Paine left the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Investigative Conference (Closed Session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

The Board entered investigative conference at 12:24 p.m.

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

Cases

2021-001105-IT-ENF (CS):	Dismiss; open CE complaint
2022-000377-IT-ENF (MS):	Dismiss; open CE complaint
2022-000480-IT-ENF (ES):	Refer to Office of Investigations

2022-000304-IT-ENF (JL):	Dismiss
2022-000454-IT-ENF (LA):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2022-000621-IT-ENF (LK):	Dismiss
2022-000622-IT-ENF (JL):	Dismiss

Ms. Gagliardi left the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

2022-000450-IT-ENF (GP):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2022-000449-IT-ENF (SS):	Dismiss with advisory letter

2022-000175-IT-ENF (BD):	Dr. Williams recused herself from the discussion of, and vote on, the case and left the meeting at 1:21 p.m.
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Dismiss

Adjournment

At 1:30 p.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Belhumeur, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on October 21, 2022.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of September 16, 2022
- Public Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2022
- Executive Session Minutes of August 19, 2022
- Applications Reviewed Under Application Review Policy: January 1, 2022 through September 15, 2022, August 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022
- Virginia Childs, 2018-000909-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Stayed Suspension
- Documents from LMHC Application of Kristin Guyette
- Documents from LMHC Application of Katherine Arno
- Documents from LMHC Application of Juli Kennedy-Killion

- Documents from LMHC Application of Suzanne Muldoon
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Xiaoyuan Yuan
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Seungeun Lee
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Deniss Gonzalez
- NCMHCE ESL Accommodation Request of Mirande Sidaros
- Kathleen Brennan, 2021-000311-IT-ENF, Documentation for Proposed Supervisors
- Anna Cardoso, 2021-000360-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report
- Maxine Orocofsky, 2019-001041-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Stayed Suspension