

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions**

July 19, 2019  
1000 Washington Street, Room 1D  
Boston, MA 02118

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Ahearn, Chair  
Steven Woolf, Member  
Jennifer Paine, Member  
Steven Kaplan, Member  
Scott Cohen, Member  
Heidi Creighton, Public Member  
Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member  
Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member

**Board Members Not Present:**

Susan Egan, Member  
Karen Enegess, Member  
Mary Jenewin-Caplin, Public Member  
Amy Vercillo, Member

**Staff Members Present:**

James A. O'Connor, Board Legal Counsel  
Brian P. Bialas, Executive Director  
Erin Murphy, Program Coordinator

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Dr. Ahearn.

**Public Minutes of June 21, 2019**

The minutes for the public meeting of June 21, 2019 were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Dr. Woolf, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**New England Association for Family and Systemic Therapy (NEAFAST) Approval of Continuing Education Courses**

The Board discussed NEAFAST's approval of continuing education courses for licensed marriage and family therapists with Jeremiah Gibson, NEAFAST's President. The Board expressed concerns about higher fees for course reviews and approvals for non-NEAFAST members, and Mr. Gibson stated that NEAFAST would begin charging the same rate for members and non-members. Mr. Gibson also stated that he would send a report to the Board regarding course approvals by January 15, 2020.

**Investigative Conference: Review Cases** (Closed Session under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C)

A motion was made by Mr. Kaplan, seconded by Dr. Woolf, to enter into a closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C to review cases. The motion passed unanimously.

The board entered investigative conference at 10:46 a.m.

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

2019-000101-IT-ENF (RB)	Referred to Office of Prosecutions
2019-000401-IT-ENF (LO)	Referred to Office of Prosecutions
2019-000397-IT-ENF (MC)	Dismissed and open complaint for CEU violation

A motion was made by Mr. Paine, seconded by Dr. Woolf, to exit investigative conference and return to open session. The motion passed unanimously.

The board exited investigative conference at 11:30 a.m.

**Applications**

The Board approved certain applications for LMHC. A motion was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Mr. Cohen, to approve the applications. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on August 16, 2019.



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Brian Bialas, Executive Director

**List of Documents Used by the Board at the Open Meeting:**

- Draft Public Minutes of June 21, 2019
- LMHC Applications