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## Public Session Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Quanesha Fuller, Chair  
Richard Powers, Vice Chair  
Shaynah Barnes Munro, Secretary  
Carrie Kelley (left meeting at 1 p.m.)  
Scune Carrington  
Yvonne Ruiz  
Marie Andree Pierre-Victor

**STAFF:** Brian Bialas, Executive Director  
Kristina Gasson, Deputy General Counsel  
Seth Henderson, Board Counsel  
Doris Lugo, Investigator

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

### Board Business

- **Introduction of Shaynah Barnes Munro and Marie Andree Pierre-Victor:** Ms. Barnes Munro introduced herself to new board members, and Ms. Pierre-Victor introduced herself to the Board.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2022:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ruiz, seconded by Ms. Kelley, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of March 2, 2022:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ruiz, seconded by Ms. Barnes Munro, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 2, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Election of Chair and Secretary:** The Board considered the election of a Chair and Secretary to fill the vacant positions for the remainder of the fiscal year.



After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Barnes Munro, to elect Ms. Fuller as Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Ruiz, to elect Ms. Barnes Munro as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Application Reviews – Negative Reference**

- **Kristy Philistin, Applicant for LCSW:** The Board reviewed Ms. Philistin’s application, including her negative reference. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Powers, to allow Ms. Philistin to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Alberto Chang, Applicant for LICSW:** The Board reviewed Mr. Chang’s application, including his negative reference. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to invite Mr. Chang’s supervisor to a meeting for an interview.

### **Application Review – Prior Discipline**

- **Kerry Higgins, Applicant for LSWA:** The Board reviewed Ms. Higgins’ application, including her prior discipline with the Board. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to invite Ms. Higgins to a meeting for an interview.

**Executive Session** (Closed Session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), individual character rather than competence, and under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B, to review sensitive medical information)

At 9:56 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Carrington, seconded by Ms. Barnes Munro, to exit the public meeting and enter into a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), individual character rather than competence, to interview two applicants regarding their good moral character, and under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B, to review sensitive personal and medical information in an application review interview, a petition to terminate a conditional licensure agreement, a CE extension request, and an application review. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 9:56 a.m.

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

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:23 a.m.

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

### **Settlement**

2021-000419-IT-ENF (LL):

Gave direction for prosecutor

## Cases

2022-000185-IT-ENF (DE):	Dismiss
2022-000228-IT-ENF (JF):	Refer to Office of Investigations
2021-001167-IT-ENF (LA):	Dismiss
2021-000333-IT-ENF (DP):	Gave direction for prosecutor. Ms. Pierre- Victor recused herself and took no part in the consideration of the case.
2021-000593-IT-ENF (SC):	Dismiss
2021-000884-IT-ENF (NK):	Dismiss
2021-001024-IT-ENF (RA):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2021-000772-IT-ENF (SV):	Dismiss
2021-000998-IT-ENF (CF):	Dismiss
2021-001013-IT-ENF (AG):	Invite involved party to a meeting for an interview
2021-001010-IT-ENF (PB):	Invite respondent to a meeting for an interview

Ms. Kelley left the meeting at 1 p.m.

2021-001014-IT-ENF (NI):	Dismiss
2021-001165-IT-ENF (RB):	Dismiss
2022-000036-IT-ENF (CS):	Refer to Office of Investigations

## Adjournment

At 1:32 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Carrington, seconded by Mr. Powers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the public meeting held on April 26, 2022.



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Brian Bialas, Executive Director

## List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting:

- Agenda for Meeting of March 22, 2022
- Public Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2022
- Executive Session Minutes of March 2, 2022
- LCSW Application of Kristy Philistin

- LICSW Application of Alberto Chang
- LSWA Application of Kerry Higgins