

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions**  
**Public Meeting**  
October 16, 2020  
1000 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02118

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Ahearn, Acting Chair  
Susan Egan, Member  
Amy Vercillo, Member  
Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member  
Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member  
Heidi Creighton, Public Member  
Kristen Woodbury, Member  
Ashley Williams, Member  
Jennifer Paine, Member

**Staff Members Present:**

Brian P. Bialas, Executive Director  
Lynn Read, Board Counsel  
Doris Lugo, Investigator

Pursuant to Governor Charles D. Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, dated March 12, 2020, all board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Board Business**

- **Public Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Egan, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2020 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of September 18, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 18, 2020 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Ratification of Decisions by Board Staff to Approve Applications:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Vercillo, seconded by Ms. Paine, to approve the decisions made by staff on applications processed since the last Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Discussion**

- **Policy on Continuing Education Programs:** The Board discussed a draft policy that would combine all of the Board's existing CE policies into one policy and would add additional provisions. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to approve the draft policy with changes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Monitoring Reports**

- **Lynn Oski, 2019-000401-IT-ENF, 1st Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, to accept the report and direct staff to write a letter to the supervisor requesting examples and more detail in future reports. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, 7th Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Application Review – Discipline in Another Jurisdiction**

- **Laura Humpf, LMHC Applicant for Emergency Temporary License:** The Board reviewed documents from Washington State regarding Ms. Humpf's prior discipline for improperly advertising massage services at her yoga studio. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to approve Ms. Humpf's emergency temporary license application. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Midge Williams from MaMHCA asked questions about the Board's new CE policy and whether the Board has a global definition of "supervisor" for licensees who must be supervised as discipline.

Deb Spragg of Lesley University asked the Board to extend further its "Emergency Policy on Teletherapy for Applicant Experience and Supervision Hours" at the November meeting.

## **Adjourn Public Meeting, Enter Investigative Conference, and then Enter Executive Session**

(Closed Investigative Conference under G.L. c. 112, s. 65C and Closed Executive Session 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 10:58 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Paine, seconded by Ms. Vercillo, to: (1) adjourn the public meeting; (2) enter into a closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C to review a settlement offer and cases; and then (3) enter into a closed executive session 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 in NCMHC Examination accommodation requests, and after the executive session, the Board will not return to the public meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

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

**Settlement:**

2019-001041-IT-ENF (MO): Direction given to prosecutor

**Cases:**

2020-000324-IT-ENF (KH): Dismiss  
2020-000559-IT-ENF (CR): Dismiss. Open complaint for CE violation.

**Executive Session** (Closed 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)

The Board entered executive session at 11:49 a.m. See separate minutes.

**Adjournment**

A MOTION was made by Ms. Belhumeur, seconded by Ms. Paine, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on November 20, 2020.



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Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of October 16, 2020
- Draft Public Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2020
- Draft Executive Session Minutes of September 18, 2020
- Draft Policy on Continuing Education Programs
- Lynn Oski, 2019-000401-IT-ENF, 1st Quarterly Monitoring Report
- Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, 7th Quarterly Monitoring Report
- Laura Humpf, LMHC Application for Emergency Temporary License