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Public Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2021

Board Members Present:

Bill Ahearn, Acting Chair
Amy Vercillo, Member (arrived at 10:28 a.m.)
Ashley Williams, Member
Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member
Susan Egan, Member
Kristen Woodbury, Member
Heidi Creighton, Public Member

Staff Members Present:

Brian P. Bialas, Executive Director
Lynn Read, Board Counsel
Maryrose Anthes, Deputy General Counsel
Erin Dunham, Chief Investigator
Alan Van Tassel, 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 10:06 a.m.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2021 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Creighton, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2021 as drafted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.



- **Board Counsel Report:** Ms. Read stated she had nothing to report.
- **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. Belhumeur, 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 Under Application Review Policy:** Mr. Bialas reported that the Board's Application Review Policy approved at the last meeting is now in effect, and he discussed information regarding the staff's reviews under that policy. Dr. Ahearn asked that information regarding applicants who have not paid license fees be included in the information provided to the Board in the future.

Ms. Vercillo arrived at 10:28 a.m.

Discussion

- **Emergency Policy on Pre-Master's Degree Experience – Further Extension:** The Board considered whether to further extend the Emergency Policy on Pre-Master's Degree Experience to September 30, 2021 so that students graduating in September 2021 may make use of it. Joseph Mageary of Lesley University appeared at the meeting and supported the proposed extension because some students at Lesley graduate on September 15, 2021. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to approve the extension. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

LMHC Application Reviews

- **Daniela Tomer:** The Board reviewed Ms. Tomer's application for reciprocity based on her licenses in Belgium and Israel and her education received abroad. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to delegate authority to Ms. Woodbury and Ms. Paine to review and approve Ms. Tomer's application. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Kathleen Eckles:** The Board reviewed Ms. Eckles' application. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to deny Ms. Eckles' application because the post-master's degree experience she submitted took place before she met all educational requirements. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Ms. Belhumeur abstained.

LMHC Application Reviews – Request for Hearing on Denial of Application

- **Terence Waldron:** The Board directed staff to schedule a hearing. No vote was taken.
- **Kristy Waldron:** The Board directed staff to schedule a hearing. No vote was taken.

Monitoring

- **Bryan Frascati, 2019-001151-IT-ENF, Approval of Proposed Supervisor:** The Board reviewed Mr. Frascati's proposed supervisors. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Creighton, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to reject both proposed supervisors because they both work with Mr. Frascati. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Laura Schroeder, 2019-00864-IT-ENF, 1st Revised and 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Reports:** The Board reviewed Ms. Schroeder's reports. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve both reports and to direct staff to notify the supervisor that information about the cases they reviewed and her overall assessment of Ms. Schroeder should be included in future reports. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Maxine Orocofsky, 2019-001041-IT-ENF, Approval of Proposed Supervisor:** The Board reviewed Ms. Orocofsky's proposed supervisors. After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Belhumeur, seconded by Ms. Woodbury, to approve Evelyn Gladu as Ms. Orocofsky's supervisor. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, 6-Month Work Evaluation Letters:** After a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Woodbury, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to approve the letter from Joshua Lecker of the Center for Discovery and to direct staff to ask for clarification on the comment from Paul Doherty of Wilmington Family Counseling, Inc. that Ms. Goldstein "has not received any complaints since her date of hire here in November of 2013." The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

Sharon Schwartz-Vanderhoff asked about the status of her temporary license application. Mr. Bialas stated that he would look into it for her.

Midge Williams of MaMHCA asked about the posting of minutes and changes to the NCMHCE.

Ellen Disch asked about the status of her LMHC application. Mr. Bialas stated that he would investigate.

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

(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 NCMHCE accommodation requests, and Closed Investigative Conference under G.L. c. 112, s. 65C to review settlement offers, a reinstatement application for possible disciplinary action, and cases)

At 11:28 a.m., a MOTION was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to: (1) exit the public meeting; (2) 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 NCMHCE accommodation requests; (3) then enter into a closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C to review settlement offers, a reinstatement application for possible disciplinary action, and cases; and (4) then, after investigative conference, not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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 in NCMHCE accommodation requests)

The Board entered executive session at 11:28 a.m. See separate minutes.

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

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:40 a.m.

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

Settlements

2020-000503-IT-ENF (MM):	Gave direction to prosecutor
2020-001072-IT-ENF (AJ):	Gave direction to prosecutor

Application Review for Disciplinary Action

TC, Application for LMHC Reinstatement:	Allow the applicant to reinstate if the applicant meets requirements and open complaint for unlicensed practice
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Cases

2021-000161-IT-ENF (RV):	Dismiss
2021-000160-IT-ENF (RV):	Dismiss
2021-000132-IT-ENF (DF):	Dismiss with advisory letter
2021-000068-IT-ENF (TC):	Dismiss with advisory letter
2021-000043-IT-ENF (JJ):	Dismiss
2020-001628-IT-ENF (KB):	Dismiss

Adjournment

At 1:23 p.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Creighton, seconded by Ms. Belhumeur, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on May 21, 2021.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of April 16, 2021
- Draft Public Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2021
- Draft Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2021
- Applications Reviewed Under Application Review Policy: April 5, 2021 through April 14, 2021
- Emergency Policy on Pre-Master's Degree Experience
- Documents for LMHC Application of Daniela Tomer
- Documents for LMHC Application of Kathleen Eckles
- Bryan Frascati, 2019-001151-IT-ENF, Document for Approval of Proposed Supervisor
- Laura Schroeder, 2019-00864-IT-ENF, 1st Revised and 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Reports
- Maxine Orocofsky, 2019-001041-IT-ENF, Documents for Approval of Proposed Supervisor
- Jessica Goldstein, 2018-000635-IT-ENF, 6-Month Work Evaluation Letters