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Public Session Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Richard Powers, Vice Chair
Jeffrey Trant, Secretary
Dana Zais
Shaynah Barnes Munro

STAFF: Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Kristina Gasson, Board Counsel
Matthew Runge, Investigator
Doris Lugo, Investigator

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Ms. Barnes Munro, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of November 16, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Barnes Munro, seconded by Mr. Powers, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 16, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Application Reviews – Negative Reference

- **Kristy Philistin, Applicant for LCSW:** The Board considered Ms. Philistin's application, including her negative reference. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Mr. Powers, to request Ms. Philistin's final field evaluation from her supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Lorena Curtis, Applicant for LCSW:** The Board considered Ms. Curtis's application, including her negative reference. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr.



Trant, seconded by Mr. Powers, to allow Ms. Curtis to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Maria Rosati, Applicant for LCSW:** The Board considered Ms. Rosati's application, including her negative reference. After a brief discussion, the Board directed staff to invite the supervisor who wrote the negative reference to a meeting for an interview.

Application Reviews – Prior Discipline

- **Rachel Hagen, Applicant for LICSW:** The Board considered Ms. Hagen's application, including her prior discipline with the Board. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Zais, seconded by Ms. Barnes Munro, to allow Ms. Hagen to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Jennifer Luke, Applicant for LICSW:** The Board considered Ms. Luke's application, including her prior discipline with the Board. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Zais, seconded by Mr. Trant, to allow Ms. Luke to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- **11.22.21 Email from ASWB re: Examination Data:** Read and reviewed.

Monitoring Reports

- **Aimee Monette, Conditional Licensure Agreement, 12.6.21 Email from K. Moriarty re: Conditional Licensure Agreement:** The Board considered a request from Ms. Monette's supervisor under her prior conditional licensure agreement that Ms. Monette be released from her latest conditional licensure agreement. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to respond that Ms. Monette is not released from her agreement and, under that agreement, cannot practice as an LICSW without the Board's approval of a supervisor.
- **Stephen Hoy, 20141015SW010-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Probation:** The Board considered Mr. Hoy's petition to terminate probation. After a brief discussion, the Board determined the following:
 - Mr. Hoy must complete all supervision sessions required under the consent agreement.
 - After completing those sessions, his supervisor must submit a final report.
 - Mr. Hoy must complete 2.75 continuing education credits under the consent agreement because the six-credit course he completed was not approved by an appropriate entity.
 - After those conditions are met, the Board will consider his petition to terminate probation.

Executive Session (Closed Session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1), individual character rather than competence, and 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 10:05 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Ms. Barnes Munro, to exit the public meeting and enter into a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1) to review the good moral character of an applicant, 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 in a continuing education extension request. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 10:05 a.m.

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

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:27 a.m.

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

Discussions of Orders to Show Cause

2020-001149-IT-ENF (AB):	Gave direction to prosecutor
2020-000033-IT-ENF (DP):	Gave direction to prosecutor

Cases

2021-000913-IT-ENF (JL):	Dismiss; open complaint for CE violation.
2021-000328-IT-ENF (KW):	Mr. Trant recused himself from consideration of the case. The Board will review the case next month when a quorum is available.
2021-000509-IT-ENF (CD):	Refer to the Office of Prosecutions
2021-000593-IT-ENF (SC):	Refer to the Office of Prosecutions
2021-000888-IT-ENF (JG):	Dismiss; open complaint for CE violation.
2021-000890-IT-ENF (AM):	Refer to the Office of Prosecutions

Executive Session (Closed 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 11:47 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Zais, seconded by Mr. Powers, to exit investigative conference and 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 application reviews. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 11:47 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the public meeting held on January 25, 2022.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting:

- Agenda for Meeting of December 21, 2021
- Public Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2021
- Executive Session Minutes of November 16, 2021
- LCSW Application of Kristy Philistin
- LCSW Application of Lorena Curtis
- LCSW Application of Maria Rosati
- Documents regarding Prior Discipline and LICSW Application of Rachel Hagen
- Documents regarding Prior Discipline and LICSW Application of Jennifer Luke
- Aimee Monette, Conditional Licensure Agreement, 12.6.21 Email from K. Moriarty re: Conditional Licensure Agreement
- Stephen Hoy, 20141015SW010-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Probation