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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

**9:00 a.m.**

Room 1D

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** 1000 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02118

**ATTENDANCE:** Melanie Robinson Findlay, Chair  
Carla Saccone, Vice Chair  
Dana Zais  
Lauren Gablinske  
Jeffrey Trant  
Shaynah Barnes

**STAFF:** Bruce Hopper, Chief Legal Counsel  
James O'Connor, Board Counsel  
Esther Laine, Deputy Commissioner of Boards  
Erin Murphy, Program Coordinator  
Anita Singh, Board Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ms. Robinson Findlay. Ms. Zais reviewed the emergency exit procedures with Board members.

The Board reviewed the minutes of February 19, 2019, March 26, 2019 and April 23, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Ms. Saccone, to approve the minutes and Executive Session minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:10 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Zais, seconded by Ms. Robinson Findlay, to suspend the open meeting and go into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C. The motion passed unanimously.

During the investigative conference the Board took the following actions:

2019-0055-IT-ENF                      Forwarded to prosecutions



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| 2019-0089-IT-ENF   | Dismiss with prejudice           |
| 2019-0138-IT-ENF   | Dismiss with advisory            |
| 2019-0152-IT-ENF   | Dismiss with prejudice           |
| 2018-001211-IT-ENF | Feedback provided to prosecution |
| 2018-001084-IT-ENF | Feedback provided to prosecution |

At 10:45 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Zais, seconded by Ms. Robinson Findlay, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30a, § 21 (a)(1) to review the good moral character of an applicant. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board returned to open session at 11:25 a.m.

At 11:25 a.m., Ms. Zais made a motion to suspend the executive session and go into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C, seconded by Ms. Gablinske. The motion passed unanimously.

During the investigative conference the Board took the following actions:

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| 2019-0157-IT-ENF | Tabled |
| 2019-0254-IT-ENF | Tabled |
| 2019-0259-IT-ENF | Tabled |
| 2019-0354-IT-ENF | Tabled |
| 2019-0354-IT-ENF | Tabled |
| 2019-0356-IT-ENF | Tabled |
| 2019-0426-IT-ENF | Tabled |

GMC meetings with KV, SL, WH, EM were tabled for the next board meeting.

At 11:35 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Saccone, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30a, § 21(a)(1) to review the good moral character of an applicant. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board returned to open session at 11:45 a.m.

The Board discussed Andrew DeVellis's supervision hours. A motion was made by Ms. Saccone, seconded by Ms. Zais, to make the applicant complete another year of supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board interviewed Alyssa Kitchen to discuss the denial of her application for licensure. She was denied as she did not have the requisite experience in clinical social work. During this meeting, the applicant described her duties and the Board determined that she provided "non-clinical" social work services. The applicant declared that she was prohibited by DCF from making any diagnoses. A motion was made by Ms. Zais, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to deny her request for a hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

At 12:45 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Gablinske, seconded by Ms. Robinson Findlay, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30a, § 21 (a)(1). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board returned to open session at 1:25 p.m.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Gablinske, seconded by Ms. Robinson Findlay, to terminate Daniel Sherman's suspension and place him on probation. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

At 1:26 p.m., a Motion was made by Ms. Gablinske, seconded by Mr. Trant, to suspend the open meeting and go into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C.

During the investigative conference the Board took the following action:

2018-001272-IT-ENF            Dismiss without prejudice

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on February 25, 2020.



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Brian Bialas, Executive Director

**List of Documents:**

- Agenda for Meeting of June 25, 2019
- Public and Executive Session Minutes of February 19, 2019, March 26, 2019 and April 23, 2019
- Experience Documents for Andrew DeVellis
- Application of Alyssa Kitchen