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## Public Session Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

**PLACE:** Room 1D  
1000 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02118

**ATTENDANCE:** Melanie Robinson Findlay, Chair  
Jeffrey Trant  
Dana Zais (arrived at 10:10 a.m.)  
Shaynah Barnes  
Richard Powers

**STAFF:** Brian Bialas, Executive Director  
Bruce Hopper, Deputy General Counsel  
Erin Murphy, Associate Executive Director  
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 telephonically.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Ms. Robinson Findlay.

### **Public Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2020**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Trant, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2020. The motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Barnes abstaining.

### **Executive Session Minutes of March 24, 2020**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Mr. Powers, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 24, 2020. The motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Barnes abstaining.



## Discussion

- **4.17.20 Email from D. Ryczko of ASWB re: Examination Approval Extensions:** The Board tabled consideration of this email until next month.
- **Commissioner of Public Health Order Rescinding and Replacing the March 29, 2020 Order of the Commissioner of Public Health Maximizing Health Care Provider Availability:** Mr. Bialas updated the Board on a new Order from the Commissioner of Public Health that permits temporary licenses for certain out-of-state licensees and temporary reinstatements for certain licensees with expired licenses. These temporary licenses and reinstated licenses are valid during the state of emergency, and, in the case of reinstated licenses, for 90 days thereafter. All of the Board's license types are subject to this Order. Mr. Trant expressed concern that out-of-state licensees may have a different scope of practice than what is permitted in Massachusetts.
- **Regulation Review:** The Board discussed ASWB's policy mandating that the Board require a bachelor's degree in social work to get the LSW license or not use the national social work examination for all but the LSWA license. Mr. Hopper discussed that this would require a statutory change and so is not directly within the Board's control. The Board tabled further consideration of the issue until next month.

## Application Review

- **Mary Burke, for LICSW:** The Board tabled consideration of the application until staff obtains more information.

## Monitoring Reports

- **Elio Carretta, 2018-000455-IT-ENF, 4th Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Mr. Powers, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Wendy Forbush, 2018-001209-IT-ENF, 2nd Monthly Report:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Trant, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Beth Ross, 20160720SW001-IT-ENF, 6th Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Powers, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

At 10:05 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Trant, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to exit the public meeting and enter into a closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C to review a settlement offer and cases. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

### **Settlement:**

2019-001387-IT-ENF (JS):

Direction Given to Prosecutor

**New Case:**

2020-000036-IT-ENF (FC): Dismiss

**Recommend Discipline:**

2019-000666-IT-ENF (MF): Refer to Office of Prosecutions

**Review of Request for Interview:**

2019-000497-IT-ENF (PL): Invite Respondent to Teleconference Interview During the Next Meeting. Ms. Robinson Findlay recused herself from discussion of the matter.

At 10:56 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Trant, to exit investigative conference and return to open session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Zais, seconded by Mr. Trant, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on May 26, 2020.



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Brian Bialas, Executive Director

**List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting:**

- Public Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2020
- Executive Session Minutes of March 24, 2020
- 4.17.20 Email from D. Ryczko of ASWB re: Examination Approval Extensions
- Commissioner of Public Health Order Rescinding and Replacing the March 29, 2020 Order of the Commissioner of Public Health Maximizing Health Care Provider Availability
- Application of Mary Burke
- Elio Carretta, 2018-000455-IT-ENF, 4th Quarterly Monitoring Report
- Wendy Forbush, 2018-001209-IT-ENF, 2nd Monthly Report
- Beth Ross, 20160720SW001-IT-ENF, 6th Quarterly Monitoring Report