

FLORIDA BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK, MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY, AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2:00 P.M. EST

**DOUBLETREE TAMPA AIRPORT WESTSHORE
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Claudia Vicencio, Ph.D., Chair
Kimberly Marshall, Executive Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

(TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:01:28)

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 P.M. EST on Thursday, May 11, 2022, by Dr. Claudia Vicencio, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, Chair.

A. Roll Call

(TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:02:58)

Roll call was conducted by Janet Hartman, Chief of General Operations. Those present for all, or part of the meeting included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Claudia Vicencio, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, Chair
Denny Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, PhD, LMHC,
LMFT, NCC
Jamie Buller, LCSW
Tanya Kraus, LCSW, CCM
Angelita M. Salado, LMHC
William Day, PhD, LMHC, Vice-Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joaquin G. Molina, JD

BOARD COUNSEL

Marlene Stern, Esq., Assistant Attorney
General
Ed Tellechea, Esq. Chief Assistant Attorney
General

STAFF PRESENT

Kimberly Marshall, Executive Director
Ashleigh Irving, Program Operations
Administrator
Janet Hartman, Chief of General Operations

PROSECUTING COUNSEL

Christina Shideler, Esq., Assistant General
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B. Welcome

(TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:03:23)

Dr. Vicencio welcomed everyone to the meeting. She recognized all students in the audience.

C. Opening Remarks

(TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:04:24)

Ms. Marshall asked everyone to turn off all cell phones to reduce interruptions during the meeting. She also asked those present for an appearance to sign the attendance sheet. The audience was asked to refrain from speaking when the board members were speaking as a court reporter was present and documenting the discussion.



II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. February 10, 2022, General Board Meeting (TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:05:17)

The minutes of the February 10, 2022, General Business Meeting were reviewed, and the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the minutes for the February 10, 2022, meeting.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: passed unanimously.

III. RECOMMENDED ORDER

A. Drew Breznitsky (DOAH Case No. 21-0016)

(TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:05:47—00:18:10) Mr. Breznitsky nor counsel was present. Ms. Shideler represented the Board as counsel and presented the recommended order.

Ms. Shideler asked if any members had not read the complete case.
Action taken: No members responded.

Ms. Stern and Mr. Tellechea represented the respondent. Ms. Shideler explained that there were two exceptions presented in this matter. Mr. Tellechea then presented opening remarks noting that Mr. Breznitsky's application was denied by the Board on November 5th, 2020.

Upon issuance of the Notice of Intent to Deny, Mr. Breznitsky requested a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) at the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) wherein he contested the material facts upon which the Board made its determination. Mr. Breznitsky asked that the ALJ adjudicate the case and make a recommendation to the full Board.

The ALJ ultimately found that there was insufficient evidence in the record to find that Mr. Breznitsky continues to have an alcohol use and substance use disorder such that he would be an immediate, serious danger to the public health, safety and welfare, and provided the recommendation for issuance of a final order granting Mr. Breznitsky's application for registration as a mental health counselor intern, which may include conditions to ensure Mr. Breznitsky's continued sobriety. The following exceptions were then requested by Mr. Breznitsky.

Exception I:

A: The Condition Recommended by the ALJ is Contrary to Law.

B: The Determination Made in Paragraphs 104 and 105 of the Recommended Order are Findings of Fact, as opposed to Conclusions of Law, as stated in the Recommended Order.



Mr. Tellechea and Ms. Shideler each recommended that the first portion (A) of the first exception be granted.

(TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:18:10)

Motion: Dr. Day to accept the first portion (A) of Exception I.

Second: Ms. Salado.

Vote: passed unanimous.

(TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:19:00) Ms. Stern noted that the Board does not have the authority to rule on the matter of the second portion (B) of the first exception as it is a procedural matter. Ms. Stern recommended that the second portion (B) of the first exception be denied for this reason.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to deny the second portion of Exception 1 (B) that requests the board to relabel paragraph 104 and 105 to a Finding of Fact.

Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.

Vote: passed unanimously.

(TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:23:00) Exception II:

The Holding of the Motion in Limine and Findings Related to the Motion in Limine.

Ms. Stern presents the details of the second exception to the Board and recommended that the second exception be denied since the Board lacks authority to rule on an evidentiary issue.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to deny the second exception.

Second: by Dr. Day.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Ms. Shideler stated that there would need to be a motion to accept the Findings of Fact as modified by the Board's acceptance of Respondent's Exception I.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the Findings of Fact as modified by the Board's acceptance of Respondent's Exception I.

Second: by Dr. Vicencio.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Ms. Shideler then stated that there would also need to be a motion to accept the Conclusions of Law as written in the recommended order.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the Conclusions of Law as written in the recommended order.

Second: by Ms. Kraus.

Vote: passed unanimously.



Ms. Shideler noted that the Board would then need to motion to reject the ALJ's recommendation, and the alternate recommendation would be to grant the license with no conditions.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Day to grant the license with no conditions.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously with all hands raised.

IV. APPEARANCES (AUDIO 1 – TS 00:33:05)

A. Application for Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern

i. Betina Lindsay

Ms. Lindsay was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Lindsay's applications for Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern and Registered Marriage and Family Therapy Intern were previously reviewed by the Board at both the November 5, 2020, Board Meeting and the August 19, 2021, Board Meeting, and were subsequently approved contingent on receipt of a PRN evaluation within 3 months from date of the final order indicating she is safe to practice and compliant with the recommendations made by the PRN evaluator.

Ms. Lindsay opened by stating that she has complied with the requirements of the final order. Ms. Buller acknowledged that there was a PRN evaluation in the provided materials which indicates that Ms. Lindsay is safe to practice with a monitoring contract, and that Ms. Lindsay has signed that monitoring contract.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the applications for both Mental Health Counseling Intern and Marriage and Family Therapy Intern recognizing that she will be working with PRN and the monitoring program.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

B. Application for Licensed Mental Health Counselor

i. Wendy Laza (TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:37:00)

Ms. Laza was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Ms. Laza's application was before the Board for review of alternate verification of her supervised experience. Applicant's supervisor is deceased.



Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application contingent on receipt of documentation from Ms. Laza's employer that verifies her employment dates and confirms her receipt of clinical supervision by the supervisor who died, received within 30 days to be reviewed and approved by Dr. Day.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Applicant was willing to waive the 90-day timeclock in Section 120.60, Florida Statutes to obtain the requested information from her employer.

ii. **Joshua Katz** (TS – AUDIO 1 – 00:56:12)

Mr. Katz was present and sworn in by the court reporter. He was not represented by counsel. Mr. Katz's application was before the Board for review of alternate verification of his supervised experience. Applicant's supervisor is deceased.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the alternate verification of clinical experience provided and approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

C. Application for Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern

i. **Lauren Donovan** (TS – AUDIO 1 – 01:10:10)

Ms. Donovan was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Her application was before the Board due to an affirmative answer to the health history section of the application. Ms. Donovan provided an opening statement to the Board about her health history.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Kraus to approve the application.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

D. Application for Licensed Clinical Social Worker

i. **Jamie Born** (TS – AUDIO 1 – 01:14:10)

Ms. Born was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Born had legal representation present (Andrew Tapp). Her application was before the Board due to an affirmative answer to the health, employment, and criminal history sections of the application. Ms. Born provided a thorough opening statement to the Board regarding her health, employment, and criminal history.



Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Kraus to approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

ii. **Carrie Anne Nancy Milham** (TS – AUDIO 1 – 01:21:00)

Ms. Milham was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Her application was before the Board due to an affirmative answer to the health history section of the application. Ms. Milham provided an opening statement to the Board regarding her health history.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to table the application until a more comprehensive mental health evaluation from the mental health provider of Ms. Milham's choosing is received and reviewed by the full Board. This evaluation must state that Ms. Milham is safe to practice with reasonable skill and safety.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Applicant was willing to waive the 90-day timeclock in Section 120.60, Florida Statutes to obtain requested information from applicant's mental health provider.

iii. **Robert Basil** (TS – AUDIO 2 – 00:00:58)

Mr. Basil was present and sworn in by the court reporter. He was not represented by counsel. Mr. Basil's application was before the Board for review of his supervised experience. One of Mr. Basil's supervisors checked "no" to the Supervisory Statement on the verification form, and he was unable to obtain the appropriate signed form from one of his other supervisors (Mr. Rosenberg).

Mr. Basil explained that Mr. Torres, one of Mr. Basil's former supervisors, had written a letter attesting to the supervision that was provided by Mr. Rosenberg. The Board did not find this letter in the provided materials, so Mr. Basil forwarded this information to Ms. Irving via email at which point it was tabled for further discussion following the next break in the meeting.

iv. **Tamala Smith** (TS – AUDIO 2 – 00:23:25)

Ms. Smith was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Ms. Smith's application was before the Board for review of alternate verification of her supervised experience. Applicant's supervisor is deceased.



Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller that the documentation provided for review of alternate verification of supervision is insufficient, and to proceed with the application processing Ms. Smith will be required to provide documentation from an individual who can verify that she was supervised by the qualified supervisor as well as verifying the dates of supervision. This documentation will be reviewed by Ms. Buller.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

v. **Dianne Rich** (TS – AUDIO 2 – 00:55:49)

Ms. Rich was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Ms. Rich's application was before the Board for review of two relatively recent criminal pleas. Additionally, while Ms. Rich held her Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern license, she did not report these criminal pleas as required.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel to approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

vi. **Deborah Galvin** (TS – AUDIO 2 – 01:05:17)

Ms. Galvin was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Ms. Galvin's application was before the Board for review of her clinical experience. One of Ms. Galvin's supervisors checked "no" to the Supervisory Statement on the verification form.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller that the clinical and supervision hours are insufficient.
Second: by Dr. Vicencio.
Vote: passed unanimously.

vii. **Amanda (Rivera) Cummings** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:00:01)

Ms. Cummings was present and sworn in by the court reporter. She was not represented by counsel. Ms. Cummings's application was before the Board due to affirmative responses to the health history questions in the application.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.



viii. **Robert Basil** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:08:35)

Mr. Basil appeared again before the Board after sending the requested information to Ms. Irving. Mr. Basil submitted a signed log including the dates of supervision and client hour contact for review.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel to approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

E. Application for Licensed Mental Health Counselor

i. **Amanda Conroy** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:22:00)

Ms. Conroy was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Conroy's application was before the Board due to discipline against her Colorado license. Ms. Conroy has since completed all terms and conditions of the penalties against her as of July 6th, 2017.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

ii. **Juanda Croson** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:23:50)

Ms. Croson was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Croson's application was before the Board due to discipline against her Mississippi license. It was noted that Ms. Croson is currently in compliance.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel to approve the application.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. **Doris Murray** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:25:13)

Ms. Murray was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Murray's application was before the Board due to discipline against her Ohio license. Ms. Murray has completed the penalties which were imposed as of July 16th, 2013.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to require Ms. Murray's appearance at the August Board Meeting.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.



(TS–Audio 3—00:28:09) Ms. Stern then suggested that the previous motion be vacated, as Ms. Murray is already under an order to appear before the Board. Ms. Stern noted that Ms. Murray has one remaining opportunity to attend a Board meeting.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to vacate the previous motion.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iv. **Celeste McKinney** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:29:44)

Ms. McKinney was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. McKinney’s application was before the Board for review of alternate verification of supervision experience because it was completed in another state.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

v. **Morrisia Stewart** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:32:04)

Ms. Stewart was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Stewart’s application was before the Board for review of alternate verification of her supervised experience. Applicant’s supervisor is deceased.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel to deny the alternate verification of supervised experience because the supervisor was not approved to supervise Ms. Stewart.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

F. Application for Licensed Clinical Social Worker

i. **David Patrick** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:41:20)

Mr. Patrick was not present due to undergoing hip replacement surgery, and he was not represented by counsel. Mr. Stewart’s application was before the Board due to health history. A letter from Mr. Patrick’s treating LCSW was included in the materials presented to the Board which stated Mr. Patrick has undergone treatment and that he is deemed safe to practice.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel to approve the application.
Second: by Dr. Day.
Vote: passed unanimously.



ii. **Kelly Tucker** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:45:30)

Ms. Tucker was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Tucker's application was before the Board due to discipline against her Tennessee license.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
Second: by Dr. Cecil-Van Den Heuvel.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. **Melissa Jane Sheldon** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:46:14)

Ms. Sheldon was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Sheldon's application was before the Board due to failure to disclose discipline against her Virginia Registered Nurse license. Ms. Sheldon's application is also being reviewed for discipline against her California, Colorado, and Washington licenses, as well as health history and criminal history.

Ms. Irving stated that Ms. Sheldon's application for Endorsement was still incomplete due to pending a course in psychopathology, but was before the Board so Ms. Sheldon could receive guidance on how to proceed since she did not qualify for the VALOR Military application type she submitted due to her criminal history. Following discussion there was no action taken.

iv. **Kathleen Kelly** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:54:33)

Ms. Kelly was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Kelly's application was before the Board due to discipline against her Nevada license resulting from billing a patient's insurance after a missed appointment and leaving confidential information in an answering machine message.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to compel Ms. Kelly's appearance.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

G. Application for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

i. **Danielle Schult** (TS – AUDIO 3 – 00:56:15)

Ms. Schult was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Schult's application was before the Board due to discipline against her Florida intern license resulting from a social relationship with a patient, as well as for a review of her health history.



Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the application contingent on the notification from Ms. Schult of successful completion of the requirements of the final order which was issued against her Marriage and Family Therapist Intern License.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

V. RULES DISCUSSION (TS – AUDIO 3 – 01:08:29)

No rules discussion.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Ratification Lists (TS – AUDIO 3 – 01:08:50)

i. License Numbers Issued

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve license numbers issued.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

ii. Approved Continuing Education Provider (TS – AUDIO 3 – 01:09:27)

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve continuing education providers listed.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. Committee of One Actions (TS – AUDIO 3 – 01:09:45)

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the two Committee of One Actions presented.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iv. Exemption Applications (TS – AUDIO 3 – 01:09:53)

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the eight exemption applications provided.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.



B. 2023 Meeting Dates (TS – AUDIO 3 – 01:10:08)

2023 Proposed Meeting Dates

February 9th, 2023 | May 11th, 2023 | August 10th, 2023 | November 9th, 2023

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Day to approve 2023 Proposed Meeting Dates.

Second: by Dr. Vicencio.

Vote: passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Claudia Vicencio, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, Chair.

