

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS
MEETING**

DRAFT MINUTES

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023
8:30 A.M. EST**

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Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director



To accommodate persons present at the meeting, agenda item sequence may have been adjusted.
The minutes will reflect the actual sequence of events rather than the original agenda order.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:30 A.M. EST on Monday, February 6, 2023, by Dr. Claudia Vicencio, Board Chair.

A. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Dr. Vicencio. Those present for all, or part of the meeting included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Claudia Vicencio, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, Chair
Tanya Kraus, LCSW, CCM, Vice-Chair
Jamie Buller, LCSW
Angelita M. Salado, LMHC
Joaquin G. Molina, JD

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Day, PhD, LMHC
Denny Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, PhD, LMHC,
LMFT, NCC

PROSECUTING COUNSEL

Christina Shideler, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel
Collie Nolen, Esq., Senior Attorney

STAFF PRESENT

Janet Hartman, Chief of General Operations
Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director
Sandra Williams, Program Operations
Administrator
Kieran Compagnone, Regulatory Specialist III

BOARD COUNSEL

Diane Guillemette, Esq., Assistant Attorney
General

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B. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were read by Dr. Vicencio.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. November 30, 2022, General Business Meeting

(TS 00:02:15 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion:** by Ms. Buller to approve the meeting minutes.
- Second:** by Ms. Kraus.
- Vote:** passed unanimously.



III. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

A. Settlement Agreement

i. Julie Goddard Martin, Licensed Mental Health Counselor Case Number, 2020-21476

(PCP: Gray, Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, and Vicencio)
Represented by Counsel

(TS 00:02:35 Minutes) Julie Goddard Martin was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Goddard Martin had legal representation present (Amanda Newlon, Esq.). Ms. Goddard Martin’s appearance was required at the February 6, 2023, Board meeting following her absence at the August 2022 meeting, as her required appearance was part of the proposed Settlement Agreement. Dr. Vicencio was recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel.

Ms. Shideler presented the case before the Board with the following allegations:

Count I—Violation of Section 491.009(1)(r), F.S., for failing to meet the minimum standards of performance in mental health counseling.

The Department recommended the following penalties:

- Issuance of a reprimand against Respondent’s license
- Fine in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid within three (3) years, with \$500.00 being paid per year
- Continuing Education: six (6) hours in ethics and boundaries, and eight (8) hours in laws and rules to be completed within 180 days
- May no longer supervise any registered interns or provisional licensees
- Costs in the amount of \$3,000.00, to be paid within three (3) years, with a minimum of \$1,000.00 being paid at the end of first two (2) years and any remainder paid in the third year

(TS 00:07:35 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the proposed settlement agreement.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

ii. Kim R. Smith, Licensed Mental Health Counselor Case Number, 2019-20669

(PCP: Gray, Shyers, and Kraus)
Represented by Counsel

(TS 00:08:12 Minutes) Kim R. Smith was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Smith had legal representation present (Liane Lebeuf, Esq.). Ms. Smith’s appearance was required at the February 6, 2023, Board meeting as part of the proposed Settlement Agreement. Ms. Kraus was recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel.

Ms. Nolen presented the case before the Board with the following allegations:

Count I—Section 456.072(1)(i), Florida Statutes (2018), which subjects a licensed mental health counselor to discipline for failing to report to the department any person who the licensee knows is in violation of this chapter, the chapter regulating the alleged violator, or the rules of the department or the board.



The Department recommended the following penalties:

- Issuance of a reprimand against Respondent's license
- Fine in the amount of \$500.00 to be paid within one (1) year
- Respondent shall complete ten (10) hours of Board approved continuing education in Ethics within one (1) year
- Costs in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be paid within two (2) years

(TS 00:13:18 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the proposed settlement agreement.

Second: by Dr. Molina.

Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. David Baker-Hargrove, Licensed Mental Health Counselor Case Number 2019-47550

(PCP: Gray, Cecil-Van Den Heuvel, and Vicencio)

Represented by Counsel

(TS 00:13:57 Minutes) David Baker-Hargrove was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Respondent had legal representation present (Kirk Davis). Mr. Baker-Hargrove's appearance was required at the February 6, 2023, Board meeting as part of the proposed Settlement Agreement. Dr. Vicencio was recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel. Ms. Nolen stated that the Complainant in this case was also present, and he was then sworn in by the court reporter.

Ms. Nolen presented the case before the Board with the following allegations:

Count I—Section 491.009(1)(r), Florida Statutes (2016-2017), which provides that failing to meet the minimum standards of performance in professional activities when measured against generally prevailing peer performance constitutes grounds for discipline.

The Department recommended the following penalties:

- Issuance of a letter of concern against Respondent's license
- Fine in the amount of \$250.00 to be paid within six (6) months from the date of the filing of the Final Order
- Continuing Education: four (4) hours of continuing education in Ethics and Boundaries and four (4) hours of continuing education in Laws and Rules within ninety (90) days of the date of the filing of the Final Order
- Costs in the amount of \$5,500.00 to be paid within two (2) years from the date of the filing of the Final Order

(TS 00:22:10 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the proposed settlement agreement.

Second: by Ms. Kraus.

Vote: passed unanimously.



B. Informal Hearing

**i. Capen S. Clark, Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern
Case Number 2019-47882**

(PCP: Day and Gray)
Pro Se

(TS 00:23:15 Minutes) Capen S. Clark was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Respondent did not have legal representation present.

Ms. Nolen presented the case before the Board with the following allegations:

Count I—Section 491.009(1)(r), Florida Statutes (2019), which provides that failing to meet the minimum standards of performance in professional activities when measured against generally prevailing peer performance constitutes grounds for discipline.

Ms. Nolen asked that the Board accept the investigative report into evidence, find that the Respondent was properly served and has requested this informal hearing, and adopt the findings of fact as set forth in the administrative complaint.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the investigative report into evidence, find that the Respondent was properly served and has requested this informal hearing, and adopt the findings of fact as set forth in the administrative complaint.

Second: by Ms. Kraus.

Vote: passed unanimously.

(TS 00:28:20 Minutes) Mr. Clark provided a statement before the Board and answered questions from the Board members.

(TS 00:52:11 Minutes) Ms. Nolen asked that the Board adopt the conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint and find that this constitutes a violation of the practice act.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to adopt the conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint and find that this constitutes a violation of the practice act.

Second: by Ms. Kraus.

Vote: passed unanimously.

The Department recommended the following penalties:

- Administrative fine of \$3,000.00
- Revocation
- Costs by separate motion

(TS 00:55:50 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Salado to accept the Department's recommendation.

There was no second to this motion; motion failed.

(TS 00:56:25 Minutes) Additional discussion took place among the Board regarding the consideration of possible suspension or probation, with the addition of required continuing education, in lieu of the Department's recommendation.



(TS 01:18:15 Minutes) After additional discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion:** by Ms. Buller that the Respondent’s license be placed under probation for a period of two years, which will consist of the terms outlined in Rule 64B4-5.008(3)(a-f), F.A.C., that Respondent must enter into supervision with a new supervisor to be reviewed and approved by a Committee of One (Jamie Buller), with the supervisor being submitted within 30 days of the Final Order, that Respondent must complete six hours of continuing education related to ethics and boundaries and working with children and families within six months from the date of the present meeting, that Respondent must pay an administrative fine of \$3,000.00 within one year, and costs to be considered under a separate motion.
- Second:** by Dr. Vicencio.
- Vote:** passed unanimously.

(TS 01:24:15 Minutes) The Department asked for costs for this case in the amount of \$4,330.17 to be paid in two years from the date of Final Order with \$2,500.00 being paid in the first year and the remainder in the second year.

- Motion:** by Ms. Kraus to accept costs.
- Second:** by Ms. Buller.
- Vote:** passed unanimously.

ii. Alexander C. Smith, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Case Number 2019-06287;
Alexander C. Smith, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist
Case Number 2019-06288
 (PCP: Day and Cecil-Van Den Huevel)
 Pro Se

(TS 01:25:55 Minutes) Alexander C. Smith was not present and did not have legal representation present.

Ms. Shideler presented these cases before the Board with the following allegations:

Count I—Section 456.072(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2021), for being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of, or the ability to practice, a licensee’s profession.

Ms. Nolen asked that the Board accept the investigative report into evidence, find that the Respondent was properly served and has requested this informal hearing, adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint, and find that this constitutes a violation of the practice act.

- Motion:** by Ms. Buller to accept the investigative report into evidence, find that the Respondent was properly served and has requested this informal hearing, adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint, and find that this constitutes a violation of the practice act.
- Second:** by Ms. Kraus.
- Vote:** passed unanimously.



The Department recommended the following penalties:

- Revocation

It was noted that this recommended penalty was outside of the disciplinary guidelines for these cases, and the aggravators cited were Rule 64B4-5.001(3)(a), F.A.C., the danger to the public, and Rule 64B4-5.001(3)(f), F.A.C., the deterrent effect of the penalty imposed.

(TS 01:28:47 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Kraus to accept the Department's recommendation.
Second: by Dr. Molina
Vote: passed unanimously.

(TS 01:29:00 Minutes) The Department asked for costs for these cases in the amount of \$417.67 and \$496.09 each to be paid within one year.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to waive costs for both cases.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

C. Determination of Waiver

- i. Jorge A. Lopez, Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern**
Case Number 2022-16468
(PCP: Day and Cecil-Van Den Huevel)
Pro Se

(TS 01:30:50 Minutes) Jorge A. Lopez was not present. Respondent did not have legal representation present.

Ms. Nolen presented the case before the Board with the following allegations:

Count I—Section 456.072(1)(q), F.S., for violating a lawful order of the department or the board, or failing to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena of the department.

(TS 01:32:10 Minutes) Ms. Nolen asked that the Board accept the investigative report into evidence, find that the Respondent was properly served and has waived his right to an informal hearing, and adopt the findings of fact as set forth in the administrative complaint.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept the investigative report into evidence, find that the Respondent was properly served and has requested this informal hearing, and adopt the findings of fact as set forth in the administrative complaint.
Second: by Ms. Kraus.
Vote: passed unanimously.



Ms. Nolen asked that the Board adopt the conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint and find that this constitutes a violation of the practice act.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to adopt the conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint and find that this constitutes a violation of the practice act.

Second: by Ms. Kraus.

Vote: passed unanimously.

The Department recommends the following penalties:

- Suspension until Professional Resources Network (PRN) evaluation
- Costs by separate motion

It was noted that this recommended penalty was outside of the disciplinary guidelines for this case, and the aggravator cited was Rule 64B4-5.001(3)(a), F.A.C., the danger to the public.

(TS 01:35:12 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Kraus to accept the Department's recommendation, specifying that Respondent would be required to contact PRN within 30 days from the date of filing of the Final Order, to be evaluated by PRN within 60 days from the date of filing of the Final Order, and to enter a contract with PRN, if it is recommended from the evaluation, within 90 days from the date of filing of the Final Order.

Second: by Ms. Salado.

Vote: passed unanimously.

(TS 01:39:20 Minutes) The Department asked for costs for this case in the amount of \$3,710.97 with \$1,500.00 due during the first year and the remainder due during the second year.

Motion: by Ms. Buller to accept costs.

Second: by Dr. Vicencio.

Vote: passed unanimously.

D. Voluntary Relinquishment

i. John W. Powell, Registered Marriage & Family Therapy Intern

Case Number 2022-39099

(PCP: Waived)

Represented by Counsel

(TS 01:39:54 Minutes) John W. Powell was not present and did not have legal representation present.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Kraus to accept the voluntary relinquishment.

Second: by Ms. Buller.

Vote: passed unanimously.



IV. PROSECUTOR’S REPORT

A. Christina Arzillo Shideler, Chief Legal Counsel

<u>Case Status</u>	<u>Report</u> Date: 7/29/22	<u>Report</u> Date: 10/25/22	<u>Report</u> Date: 1/23/23
Total cases open/active in Prosecution Services:	95	84	86
Cases in Emergency Action Unit:	3	3	3
Cases under legal review:	34	23	31
Cases awaiting supplemental investigation/expert opinion:	4	14	8
Cases with PCP recommendation:	25	19	16
Cases where probable cause has been found:	3	4	2
Cases where DOAH has been requested:	12	11	9
Cases pending before DOAH:	2	0	1
Cases on Board meeting agendas:	11	7	15
Cases on appeal:	1	1	0
Cases older than one year:*	20	19	19

* Does not include cases already agendaed for final action by the Board.

(TS 01:40:23 Minutes) Ms. Nolen presented the report to the Board. After discussion, the Department requested that the Board authorize the continued prosecution of the year and older cases.

(TS 01:41:00 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion:** by Ms. Buller to continue prosecution of cases one year and older.
- Second:** by Ms. Salado.
- Vote:** passed unanimously.

V. APPEARANCES

**A. Provisional Mental Health Counselor
 i. Maribel Solberg Lozada**

(TS 01:41:30 Minutes) Maribel Solberg Lozada was not present and did not have legal representation present. Ms. Solberg Lozada’s application was before the Board for review of disciplinary history against her registered mental health counselor intern.

Ms. Solberg Lozada had discipline presented to the Board at the August 11, 2022, general board meeting, at which time the Board voted to approve a Settlement Agreement which included a penalty of probation for a period of two years. Per the applicability of probationary terms outlined in the Settlement Agreement, Respondent’s probationary terms apply to any and all licenses or registrations she has received, or may receive, pursuant to Chapter 491, until Respondent fulfills the termination requirements located in the Settlement Agreement.

(TS 01:43:19 Minutes) Ms. Guillemette noted that if the Board voted to grant Ms. Solberg Lozada’s requested provisional mental health counselor license, the probation would need to be applied until the terms of probation were fulfilled, and the case number must be referenced.



(TS 01:45:10 Minutes) Per the Final Order that was entered following the November 30, 2022, general board meeting, Ms. Solberg Lozada's appearance was required at one of the next two regularly scheduled general board meetings, with this being the first of those two meetings. Due to Ms. Solberg Lozada's absence at this meeting, this item was pended until the May 2023 general board meeting.

VI. PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER

A. Melissa N. Hyacinthe

(TS 01:45:55 Minutes) Melissa N. Hyacinthe was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Hyacinthe did not have legal representation present. Ms. Hyacinthe has filed a Petition for Variance or Waiver on January 25, 2023, requesting the Board to accept two years of post-masters experience completed under a qualified supervisor who was not approved by the Florida Board to supervise Ms. Hyacinthe. Ms. Hyacinthe has stated that she has been unable to locate the supervisor who was approved to supervise her to sign off on the clinical experience hours.

(TS 01:52:40 Minutes) Ms. Hyacinthe stated that she did not have a copy, or any record of the experience logs she completed under her Board-approved supervisor. Ms. Guillemette acknowledged that the Petition for Variance or Waiver submitted by Ms. Hyacinthe did not state what rule she was requesting a variance or waiver from, which was one of the requirements for it to be a valid Petition for Variance or Waiver. Ms. Guillemette also noted that the petition did not cite the statute and how the statute was otherwise met, which is another requirement for it to be a valid Petition for Variance or Waiver.

(TS 01:58:58 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Vicencio to dismiss the Petition for Variance or Waiver due to it not being valid.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

B. Alexandra Louis

(TS 02:00:10 Minutes) Alexandra Louis was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Louis did not have legal representation present. Ms. Louis has filed a Petition for Variance or Waiver for Rule 64B4-3.0085, F.A.C, on November 30, 2022.

According to the petition, Ms. Louis was requesting an exception the expiration of the intern license registration which expired on March 31, 2022. Ms. Guillemette noted that this Petition for Variance or Waiver conflicted with Florida Statute, which could not be waived.

(TS 02:07:57 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Vicencio to deny the Petition for Variance or Waiver.
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.



VII. APPEARANCES (Cont.)

B. Application for Licensed Mental Health Counselor

i. Ross Diloreto

(TS 02:08:20 Minutes) Ross Diloreto was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Diloreto did not have legal representation present. Mr. Diloreto's application was before the Board for review of criminal and disciplinary history. Mr. Diloreto provided a statement before the Board.

(TS 02:18:25 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

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

ii. Hasan Razeq

(TS 02:19:25 Minutes) Hasan Razeq was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Razeq did not have legal representation present. Mr. Razeq application was before the Board for review of disciplinary history. Mr. Razeq provided a statement before the Board.

(TS 02:28:20 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

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

iii. Tabitha Sanchez

(TS 02:29:00 Minutes) Tabitha Sanchez was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Sanchez did not have legal representation present. Ms. Sanchez's application was before the Board for review of health history.

Ms. Sanchez's application was previously reviewed by the Board at the November 30, 2022, general board meeting, at which time the Board determined that there was insufficient information in the mental health status report provided by Ms. Sanchez's healthcare practitioner to determine that Ms. Sanchez was safe to practice with reasonable skill and safety. At the November 2022 meeting, the Board voted to approve a Final Order requiring Ms. Sanchez's appearance at one of the next two general board meetings, with this being the first of the next two regularly scheduled meetings.

Ms. Sanchez provided a statement before the Board.



(TS 02:38:40 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion:** by Ms. Buller to approve the application contingent on Ms. Sanchez obtaining an evaluation from Professional Resources Network (PRN) within 30 days from the date of filing of the Final Order, to be evaluated by PRN within 60 days from the date of filing of the Final Order, and to enter a contract with PRN, if it is recommended from the evaluation, within 90 days from the date of filing of the Final Order. Once completed, this will be reviewed by a Committee of One (Ms. Salado).
- Second:** by Ms. Kraus.
- Vote:** passed unanimously.

iv. William O’Heaney

(TS 2:40:50 Minutes) William O’Heaney was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. O’Heaney did not have legal representation present. Mr. O’Heaney’s application was before the Board for review of health history.

Mr. O’Heaney’s application was previously reviewed by the Board at the November 30, 2022, general board meeting, at which time the Board determined that there was insufficient information in the mental health status report provided by Mr. O’Heaney’s healthcare practitioner to determine that Mr. O’Heaney was safe to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Mr. O’Heaney agreed to waive the 90-day timeframe to obtain documentation that provided additional clarification on this matter as well as additional detail about his care and treatment plan.

Mr. O’Heaney provided a statement before the Board.

(TS 02:46:20 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion:** by Ms. Salado to approve the application.
- Second:** by Dr. Molina.
- Vote:** passed unanimously.

C. Application for Licensed Clinical Social Worker

i. Meredith Jill Welsch-Strauss

(TS 02:46:50 Minutes) Meredith Jill Welsch-Strauss was not present did not have legal representation present. Ms. Welsch-Strauss’s application was before the Board for review of disciplinary history which was a complaint that was dismissed.

(TS 02:47:50 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion:** by Ms. Buller to approve the application.
- Second:** by Ms. Salado.
- Vote:** passed unanimously.



ii. Melissa Sheldon

(TS 02:48:10 Minutes) Melissa Sheldon was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Sheldon did not have legal representation present. Ms. Sheldon's application was before the Board for review of criminal and disciplinary history. Ms. Sheldon provided a statement before the Board.

(TS 02:53:00 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

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

iii. Paul Gale

(TS 02:53:25 Minutes) Paul Gale was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Gale did not have legal representation present. Mr. Gale's application was before the Board for review of disciplinary history. Mr. Gale provided a statement before the Board. Mr. Gale stated that he wished to orally amend the criminal history section of his application to indicate an affirmative answer regarding his arrest from 2020.

(TS 03:00:15 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

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

D. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

i. Nicole Orueta

(TS 03:01:10 Minutes) Nicole Orueta was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Orueta did not have legal representation present. Ms. Orueta's application was before the Board for review of disciplinary history. Ms. Orueta provided a statement before the Board.

(TS 03:02:55 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

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

E. Application for Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern

i. Pamela Bass

(TS 03:03:20 Minutes) Ms. Bass's license has been issued as it was determined by Board staff that she met the requirements for intern registration.



ii. Roneisha Lee

(TS 03:04:15 Minutes) Roneisha Lee was present and sworn in by the court reporter, along with Ms. Lee's father. Ms. Lee did not have legal representation present. Ms. Lee's application was before the Board for review of health history. Ms. Lee as well as her father each provided a statement before the Board.

(TS 03:06:10 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Molina to approve the application.

Dr. Molina agreed to hold the motion so additional discussion could take place.

(TS 03:13:15 Minutes) After additional discussion, the Board took the following action:

Second: by Ms. Salado.

Vote: passed unanimously.

iii. Jenna Green

(TS 03:14:15 Minutes) Jenna Green was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Green did not have legal representation present. Ms. Green's application was before the Board for review of criminal history. Ms. Green provided a statement before the Board.

(TS 03:16:57 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Salado to approve the application.

Second: by Ms. Kraus.

Vote: passed unanimously.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Ratification Lists

i. License Numbers Issued

(TS 03:17: Minutes) The Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to ratify the license numbers issued for Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Provisional Clinical Social Worker, Provisional Marriage and Family Therapist, Provisional Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern, Registered Marriage and Family Therapist Intern, Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, and Certified Maser Social Worker.

Second: by Dr. Vicencio.

Vote: passed unanimously.



ii. Approved Continuing Education Providers

(TS 03:18:30 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

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

iii. Committee of One Actions

(TS 03:18:51 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the Committee of One action(s).
Second: by Ms. Salado.
Vote: passed unanimously.

iv. Exemption Applications

(TS 03:19:20 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Buller to approve the action taken on the exemption application listed.
Second: by Dr. Molina.
Vote: passed unanimously.

IX. REPORTS

A. Board Chair – Dr. Claudia Vicencio

Nothing to report.

B. Board Vice-Chair – Tanya Kraus

Nothing to report.

C. Board Members

i. Angelita Salado, MQA Long-Range Planning Meeting

(TS 03:19:49 Minutes) Ms. Salado described her experience of attending the MQA Long-Range Planning Meeting on January 13, 2023, in Tallahassee, FL. Ms. Salado noted some of the topics of discussion including licensure compacts, ELI—the Department’s artificial intelligence live-chat feature available on the board websites, presentations given by Prosecution Services Unit, and electronic licensing.

Ms. Irving provided additional information about electronic licensure, including that a QR code would be available on each license which would be linked to the Department website where current license status and disciplinary information would be accessible. Ms. Irving stated that this is projected to be available by July 1, 2023.



D. Chief of General Operations, Janet Hartman
ii. Compact Commission Meeting

(TS 03:24:00 Minutes) Ms. Hartman stated that she is the Florida Delegate to the Counseling Compact Commission and provided information about the recent Compact Commission Meeting. Ms. Hartman shared that there was an in-person meeting of the entire Compact Commission in October 2022 where she was elected to the Executive Board as the member-at-large, and that there have been monthly meetings held where discussion has taken place regarding rules development, the database system that would need to be put in place to implement the Compact, and more topics. Ms. Hartman stated that it was anticipated that the earliest the Compact would be implemented was a year in the future—more realistically, 14 months in the future.

(TS 03:28:00 Minutes) Ms. Hartman provided some of her history of working in state government, stating that she has been serving in state government for 33 years, with 20 years spent as a sworn law enforcement officer, and the last four years with the Florida Department of Health. Ms. Hartman stated that she has established an end date of August 3, 2023, at which time she will retire. Ms. Hartman stated that the Counseling Compact Commission allows for a primary appointee as well as an alternate. Ms. Hartman stated that if the Board wished for her to continue to serve on the Executive Board of the Counseling Compact Commission until August, she would ask that the Board recommends that Ms. Hartman stay as an alternate, but that they appoint a new full appointee to the Commission to allow for a seamless transition.

(TS 03:30:18 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Vicencio for Janet Hartman to stay on the Executive Board of the Counseling Compact Commission with an alternate status, and to appoint Ashleigh Irving to be the representative for the State of Florida.
Second: by Ms. Buller.
Vote: passed unanimously.

E. Executive Director
i. Financial Report

(TS 03:31:30 Minutes) Ms. Irving presented the financial report in the agenda materials for review, noting that the Board was currently in good standing.

ii. National Association of Social Workers - Florida Chapter and Florida Association of Deans and Directors Presentation on the Licensure Process

Ms. Irving shared that last fall she had the opportunity to work alongside the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and that Dawn Brown, the Executive Director for NASW - Florida and the Virgin Islands, was in attendance at the present meeting. Ms. Irving stated that Ms. Brown organized a virtual meeting where several Florida universities attended and both the Florida Board and NASW were able to share information about the licensure process with these schools. Ms. Brown spoke regarding this. Ms. Irving also shared that herself and Ms. Salado recently presented for Florida International University.



iii. Electronic Licensure

(TS 03:36:05 Minutes) Ms. Irving stated that the Department was moving forward with electronic licensing and that an example of the template for the electronic licenses was available to view at this meeting.

F. Board Counsel

- i. Rules Report
 - a. November
 - b. December
 - c. January

(TS 03:36:50 Minutes) Ms. Guillemette presented the Rules Reports for November, December, and January.

G. Committees

i. Unlicensed Activity, Jamie Buller

Nothing to report.

ii. Continuing Education, Claudia Vicencio

(TS 03:37:50 Minutes) Dr. Vicencio made an announcement that qualified supervisors now must complete the 4-hour recertification course every third biennium. It was noted that if a qualified supervisor no longer wished to retain qualified supervisor status, a request must be submitted to the Board office in writing for this designation to be removed from the license so that it would not prohibit them from renewing their license if they have not completed this specific continuing education course.

iii. Financial/Budget, Jamie Buller

Nothing to report.

iv. Probable Cause Panel, Joaquin Molina, Tanya Kraus, and Jamie Buller

Nothing to report.

Ms. Irving noted that more appointments would be needed for Probable Cause Panel, and that former Board members could be considered for this.

v. Legislative, Angelita Salado

(TS 03:41:55 Minutes) Ms. Salado provided a legislative update, stating that in Florida there were currently only two bills related to this Board going through the legislative process, including HB 343 (2022) and the fee bill for the Counseling Compact.



vi. Rules, Jamie Buller

Nothing to report.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

(TS 03:44:45 Minutes) Ms. Dawn Brown (NASW Florida) expressed her appreciation for Ms. Hartman and Ms. Salado bringing about thoughtful conversation regarding the Social Work Interstate Licensure Compact. Dr. Vicencio requested if Ms. Brown could share the position of NASW in relation to the Interstate Compact, to which Ms. Brown stated that there was a public statement made by NASW during the week prior related to the ASWB Examination, that there were other areas which NASW supported, but that they did not support the inclusion as the only passing venue being the ASWB Examination.

Ms. Brown noted that based on the report released in August, there were large discrepancies among testing rates along racial, age, and language lines. Ms. Brown stated that the NASW has taken the stance to say that they would like to see a consideration of other examinations prior to fully supporting the Interstate Compact. Ms. Irving inquired if Ms. Brown was aware of any other national examinations developed for social work, and Ms. Brown stated that there was not another national examination.

(TS 03:47:45 Minutes) Ms. Irving noted that the ASWB Examination was used by all 50 states. Ms. Hartman noted that herself and Ms. Buller attended the ASWB Delegate Assembly in fall 2022 where this topic was discussed in length, and that ASWB was trying to work collaboratively and to coordinate listening sessions to review possible options. Ms. Hartman also noted that Florida previously created a jurisprudence examination approximately 20 years ago, at which time the state of Florida administered Florida examinations, conducted the scoring, and had psychometricians in place, however, the law changed, citing that the resource commitment was too burdensome on the State.

(TS 03:52:10 Minutes) Ms. Irving stated that ASWB New Board Member Training has come around again, and extended an invitation for Dr. Molina and Ms. Kraus to attend. Ms. Irving also stated that Program Operations Administrator Sandra Williams would be attending in March 2023. Ms. Irving added that following the present meeting she would be traveling to New Orleans to attend the American Association of Counseling Boards (AASCB) Annual Conference taking place on February 7-9, 2023, where the Counseling Compact and overview and development of the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE).

**XI. Next Meeting Location – May 11-May 12, 2023 @ Hotel Indigo Jacksonville Deerwood Park
9840 Tapestry Park Circle
Jacksonville, FL 32246**

XII. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- A. AMFTRB Exam Report**
- B. ASWB Exam Report**
- C. NCMHCE Report**
- D. Unlicensed Activity Newsletter**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT @ approximately 1:30 P.M. EST by Dr. Vicencio.