



Board of Behavioral Sciences



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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DATE October 8, 2020

MEETING PLATFORM Zoom Video/Phone Conference

Pursuant to the provisions of Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20, dated March 12, 2020, neither a public location nor teleconference locations are provided.

TIME 8:30 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Members Present: Max Disposti, Chair, Public Member
Christina Wong, Vice Chair, LCSW Member
Crystal Anthony, LCSW Member
Deborah Brown, Public Member (*left at 6:00 p.m.*)
Ross Erlich, Public Member (*left at 5:22 p.m.*)
Susan Friedman, Public Member
Christopher Jones, LEP Member
Jonathan Maddox, LMFT Member (*left at 3:51 p.m.*)
Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member
Wendy Strack, Public Member

Members Absent: John Sovec, LMFT Member

Staff Present: Kim Madsen, Executive Officer
Steve Sodergren, Assistant Executive Officer
Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel
Christina Kitamura, Administrative Analyst

Other Attendees: Wim van Rooyen, Administrative Law Judge
Brent Jex, Deputy Attorney General
Public participation via Zoom video conference and phone conference

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Max Disposti, Chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.

II. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

Kimberly Miller: Pearson Vue and testing issues surrounding COVID-19; online proctor testing. Fee increases during pandemic is a major concern.

Kyle Jackson: Filing complaints against counselors is an uphill battle; is having a difficult time trying to get answers from BBS investigators. Feels that he has not been taken seriously. He is asking the Board to look at the complaint process and make it more “consumer-centered.”

Sarah: What is being done to address the backlog in processing LCSW applications?

III. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

None

Administrative Law Judge Wim van Rooyen presided over the following petition hearings. Deputy Attorney General Brent Jex presented the facts of each case on behalf of the People of the State of California.

IV. William Bumiller, Petition for Early Termination of Probation, LMFT 53735

The hearing was opened at 8:45 a.m. William Bumiller was present and represented himself. Mr. Jex presented the background of Mr. Bumiller’s probation.

Mr. Bumiller was sworn in. He presented his request for early termination of probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by Mr. Jex and Board members. The record was closed at 9:49 a.m.

V. Wendy Thomas, Petition for Early Termination of Probation, ACSW 82368

The hearing was opened at 10:02 a.m. Wendy Thomas was present and represented herself. Mr. Jex presented the background of Ms. Thomas' probation.

Ms. Thomas was sworn in. She presented her request for early termination of probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by Mr. Jex and Board members. The record was closed at 10:50 a.m.

VI. Janelle Martin, Petition for Early Termination of Probation, AMFT 106829

The hearing was opened at 11:07 a.m. Janelle Martin was present and represented herself. Mr. Jex presented the background of Ms. Martin's probation.

Ms. Martin was sworn in. She presented her request for early termination of probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by Mr. Jex and Board members. The record was closed at 11:58 p.m.

VII. Alyssa Bradley, Petition for Early Termination of Probation, LMFT 106426

The hearing was opened at 12:33 p.m. Alyssa Bradley was present and represented herself. Mr. Jex presented the background of Ms. Bradley's probation.

Ms. Bradley was sworn in. She presented her request for early termination of probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by Mr. Jex and Board members. The record was closed at 1:38 p.m.

VIII. Mark Galyean, Petition for Early Termination of Probation, AMFT 104696

The hearing was opened at 1:53 p.m. Mark Galyean was present and represented himself. Mr. Jex presented the background of Mr. Galyean's probation.

Mr. Galyean was sworn in. He presented his request for early termination of probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by Mr. Jex and Board members. The record was closed at 2:52 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

IX. Pursuant to Section 11126(c)(3) of the Government Code, the Board Will Meet in Closed Session for Discussion and to Take Action on Disciplinary Matters, Including the Above Petitions.

The Board moved to closed session at 3:06 p.m.

Maddox left the meeting at 3:51 p.m. A quorum of the Board remained.

Erlich left the meeting at 5:22 p.m. A quorum of the Board remained.

Brown left the meeting at 6:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board remained.

X. Adjournment Upon Conclusion of Business

The Board adjourned at 6:32 p.m.