

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**1  
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**DATE** August 10, 2021

**MEETING PLATFORM** WebEx Video Conference and Phone Conference

*Pursuant to the provisions of Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21, dated June 11, 2021, neither a public location nor teleconference locations are provided.*

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

**ATTENDEES****Members Present:**

Max Disposti, Chair, Public Member  
Christina Wong, Vice Chair, LCSW Member  
Yvette Casares Willis, Public Member  
Ross Erlich, Public Member (*arrived at 9:48 a.m.*)  
Susan Friedman, Public Member  
Dr. Diana Herweck, LPCC Member  
Christopher Jones, LEP Member  
Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member  
Wendy Strack, Public Member

**Members Absent:**

Crystal Anthony, LCSW Member  
Deborah Brown, Public Member  
Jonathan Maddox, LMFT Member  
John Sovec, LMFT Member

**Staff Present:**

Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer (*open session*)  
Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel  
Gena Beaver, Enforcement Manager (*open session*)  
Christina Kitamura, Administrative Analyst

1 **Other Attendees:** Jon Lew, Administrative Law Judge  
2 Mabel Lew, Deputy Attorney General (*open session*)  
3 Petitioners (listed on agenda)  
4 Public participation via WebEx video/phone conference  
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## 7 **OPEN SESSION**

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### 10 **I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**

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12 Max Disposti, Chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), called the  
13 meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.  
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### 15 **II. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda**

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17 None  
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### 19 **III. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

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23 *Administrative Law Judge Jon Lew presided over the following petition hearings.*  
24 *Deputy Attorney General Mabel Lew presented the facts of each case on behalf of the*  
25 *People of the State of California.*  
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### 27 **IV. Denise Cuellar, AMFT 106966, Petition for Early Termination of Probation**

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29 The hearing was opened, and Denise Cuellar represented herself. Ms. Lew  
30 presented the background of Ms. Cuellar's probation.  
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32 Ms. Cuellar was sworn in. She presented her request for early termination of  
33 probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by  
34 Ms. Lew and Board members. The record was closed at 10:07 a.m.  
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### 36 **V. Stephanie Jeane Fell, LMFT 112362, Petition for Early Termination of Probation**

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39 The hearing was opened at 10:20 a.m. Stephanie Fell represented herself.  
40 Ms. Lew presented the background of Ms. Fell's probation.  
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42 Ms. Fell was sworn in. She presented her request for early termination of  
43 probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by  
44 Ms. Lew and Board members. The record was closed at 11:05 a.m.  
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1 **VI. Walter Combs, ASW 86348, Petition for Early Termination of Probation**

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3 The hearing was opened at 11:16 a.m. Walter Combs represented himself.  
4 Ms. Lew presented the background of Mr. Combs' probation.

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6 Mr. Combs was sworn in. He presented his request for early termination of  
7 probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by  
8 Ms. Lew and Board members. The record was closed at 11:57 a.m.

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10 **VII. Donna Marie Gugliotta, LMFT 32855, Petition for Early Termination of**  
11 **Probation**

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13 The hearing was opened at 12:20 p.m. Donna Gugliotta represented herself.  
14 Ms. Lew presented the background of Ms. Gugliotta's probation.

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16 Ms. Gugliotta was sworn in. She presented her request for early termination of  
17 probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by  
18 Ms. Lew and Board members. The record was closed at 12:45 p.m.

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22 **CLOSED SESSION**

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25 **VIII. Pursuant to Section 11126(c)(3) of the Government Code, the Board Will**  
26 **Meet in Closed Session for Discussion and to Take Action on Disciplinary**  
27 **Matters.**

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29 The Board met in closed session at 12:52 p.m.

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31 **IX. Adjournment**

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33 The Board adjourned at 1:44 p.m.