



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The open session of this Board Meeting was webcasted. A record of the webcast is available at: <https://youtu.be/DJokqBwvzJQ>

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

Other Attendees: Jon Lew, Administrative Law Judge
Mabel Lew, Deputy Attorney General (*open session*)
Petitioners (listed on agenda)
Public participation via WebEx video/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 9:07 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.

II. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

None

III. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

None

Administrative Law Judge Jon Lew presided over the following petition hearings. Deputy Attorney General Mabel Lew presented the facts of each case on behalf of the People of the State of California.

IV. Denise Cuellar, AMFT 106966, Petition for Early Termination of Probation

The hearing was opened, and Denise Cuellar represented herself. Ms. Lew presented the background of Ms. Cuellar's probation.

Ms. Cuellar was sworn in. She presented her request for early termination of probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by Ms. Lew and Board members. The record was closed at 10:07 a.m.

V. Stephanie Jeane Fell, LMFT 112362, Petition for Early Termination of Probation

The hearing was opened at 10:20 a.m. Stephanie Fell represented herself. Ms. Lew presented the background of Ms. Fell's probation.

Ms. Fell was sworn in. She presented her request for early termination of probation and information to support the request and was cross-examined by Ms. Lew and Board members. The record was closed at 11:05 a.m.

VI. Walter Combs, ASW 86348, Petition for Early Termination of Probation

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

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

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

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

VIII. 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.

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

IX. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 1:44 p.m.