I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m. by Maureen Braun Scalera, Board Chair, in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Chair)
Patricia McKernan, DSW, LSW (Vice-Chair)
James McCreath, Ph.D., LCSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.  left at 2:28 p.m.
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC  arrived at 9:59 a.m.

Excused:
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN
Lisa Cox, Ph.D., LCSW

Also in Attendance:
Susan Rischawy, Acting Executive Director
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
Ashley Kolata-Guzik, Deputy Attorney General
Indira Nunez, Government representative

Announcement of Quorum
Maureen Braun Scalera announced the presence of a quorum and read the below statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.
III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

1. April 10, 2019
   Upon motion made by Dr. McKernan, seconded by Dr. McCreath, the Board voted to approve the April 10, 2019 public session minutes as amended. Voting in favor: All.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Susan Rischawy, Acting Executive Director, presented a draft for the proposed plan of supervision form and requested Board members to provide input. Board members should email Ms. Rischawy or Ms. Nunez with any request for changes. Additionally, the applications for licensure will be reviewed and updated to coincide with the regulations. These changes will be presented to the Board for input and approval.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people attended the public session:
1. Melissa K. Warren, LSW
2. Dawn Apgar, Seton Hall, Director/Assistant Professor
3. Christina Mina, NASW-NJ, Director of Member Services
4. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW
5. Walter Kalman, Community Access Unlimited (CAU), Advocate

Ms. Warren commented that she attended the public session because her application was being reviewed in executive session and was willing to offer the Board any clarification it would require. Ms. Braun Scalera expressed to Ms. Warren that the Board would extend the courtesy to review her application first when it moved to its executive session and that someone would advise her of the outcome after the review.

VI. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/ LICENSURE

CSW APPROVAL LIST
Upon motion made by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Dr. McKernan, the Board approved all of the following candidates as qualified for CSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations. Voting in favor: All.

Bellias, Maxwell  
Desilva, Anna Maria  
Eggars, Carrie  
Frey, Samantha  
Lamberson, Sophia  
Matias, Raquel  
Nashed, Sarah  
Rizzo, Lizbeth  
Ruggiero, Mary  
St. Pierre, Sylvie

LSW APPROVAL LIST
Upon motion made by Dr. McKernan, and seconded by Dr. McCreath, the Board approved all of the following candidates as qualified for LSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations. Voting in favor: All.

Barry, Elizabeth A.  
Bautista, Sabrina M.  
Beagelman, Jara  
Brown, Courtney S.  
Chirboga-Espinias, Whitney  
Chodosh, Matthew A.
LCSW APPROVAL LIST

Upon motion made by Dr. McKernan, and seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board approved all of the following candidates as qualified for LCSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations. Voting in favor: All.

Ameen-Rice, Anjail
Bell, Taryn
Caamano, Janine
Clark, Rachel
Gallagher, Timothy
Hillback, Geoffrey
Lusty, Patricia
McNamara, Ellen
Ort, Shoshana
Pelberg, Rivka
Prescott, Sarah
Redmond, Tara
Rizzo, Heather
Salgado-Russo, Carlo
Stempel, Stella
Thomas, Jillian
Valenciano, Marilyn

Angeles, Courtney
Briceno, Martha
Carhart-Eiken, Kimberley
Fawcett, Lisa
Golden, Andrew
Hochberg, Etti
Mac William, Nicole
Mendlowitz, Rochel
Ospira, Leonar
Philbin, Janet
Randazzo, Dianna
Richman, Maria
Rodriguez, Martha
Sheffey, Tamar
Teitelbaum, Bracha
Thurlow, Jillian
Vazquez, Danielle

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Board reviewed a letter from Rumyana Kudeva requesting clarification about continuing education. Ms. Kudeya has an active LCSW and inquired whether she could use credit for classes taught in Australia in partial satisfaction of her continuing education credits required for biennial renewal.

The Board determined to inform Ms. Kudeya that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.4(c)(14) it will only recognize “teaching appointments for courses offered in academic institutions accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education.” As such, Ms. Kudeya is to complete continuing education courses compliant with the Board’s regulations.

2. The Board reviewed Ms. Braun-Scalera’s request for an update regarding the continuing education subcommittee.

Dr. McCrea, subcommittee Chair, informed the Board that the subcommittee is having preliminary discussions which involve data gathering and fact-finding and understands they
may encounter challenges while undergoing this process. The subcommittee does not have any recommendations for changes yet, but stressed that they are mindful of its obligation to protect the public.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY
No legislative/regulatory matters to discuss.

IX. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

1. The Board reviewed the progress report from Paulette Fredericks, MSW, LCSW regarding the supervision of Mr. Zahary Battipaglia as per the Consent Order. 
   *Upon motion made by Dr. McKernan, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board voted to move this matter to executive session for further discussion. Voting in favor: All.*

2. The Board reviewed the Consent Order against Gregory Pryor, LSW filed with the Board on April 10, 2019. 
   *The Board accepted this as informational.*

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2019

- June 12, 2019- Hudson Conference Room
- July 10, 2019- Sussex Conference Room
- August 14, 2019- Hudson Conference Room
- September 11, 2019- Hudson Conference Room
- October 9, 2019- Hudson Conference Room
- November 13, 2019- Hudson Conference Room
- December 11, 2019- Hudson Conference Room

XI. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE

*Upon motion made by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Dr. McKernan, the Board voted to move to the executive session at 10:10 a.m. Voting in favor: All.*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

*Upon motion made by Dr. McCreath, seconded by Mr. McCabe, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.*