

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Alaska Board of Professional Counselors September 24-25, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing prepared these draft minutes. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Professional Counselors was held via videoconference through zoom.

Agenda Item 1 **Call to Order/Roll Call** **Time: 9:15 a.m.**

The **March September 24, 2020** meeting day was called to order by Chair, Debra Hamilton at 9:15 a.m.

Board members present, constituting a quorum:

Debra Hamilton, Licensed Professional Counselor – *Chair*
Laura Patin, Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marital Family Therapist
Alice Baum, Licensed Professional Counselor
Eleanor Vinson, Public Member

Board members absent:

Janece Richard, Licensed Professional Counselor

Division staff present:

Andy Khmelev, Records and Licensing Supervisor
Lacey Derr, Records and Licensing Supervisor
Abby O'Brien, Occupational Licensing Examiner
Billy Homestead, Investigator II
Amber Whaley, Investigator II
Josh Hardy, Investigator II
Melissa Dumas, Administrative Officer II
Marylin Zimmerman, Paralegal II
Sharon Walsh, Deputy Director of CBPL

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45 Others Present:

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47 Mary Elkins, Licensed Professional Counselor
48 Rachel McCrickard, CEO of Motivo

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51 **Agenda Item 2 Review/Approve Agenda**

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53 Upon review of the agenda, chair Debbie Hamilton wished to add the following items to the
54 agenda item old business:

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- 56 • Update on SB 241.
- 57 • Discuss the recent regulations that were made permanent at the prior emergency
58 meeting.
- 59 • Right touch regulation review.
- 60 • Supervisor expectations review.

61 Miss Hamilton also wanted the following items to be added to new business:

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- 63 • Elect vice chair.
- 64 • Appoint two people to AASCB Business Meeting.

65 **On a motion duly made by Alice Baum, seconded by Laura Patin, and approved
66 unanimously, it was**

67 **RESOLVED to approve the amended agenda for the September 24-25, 2020
68 meeting as amended with the addition of the items listed by the chair.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Hamilton	x			
Alice Baum	x			
Laura Patin	x			
Eleanor Vinson	x			
Janece Richard				x

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80 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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82 **Agenda Item 3 Ethics Report**

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84 The board then moved on to addressing ethics, however, there were no ethics disclosures to
85 report.

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87 **Agenda Item 4 Review & Approve Minutes (March 19-20 2020, April 10 2020,**
88 **April 23 2020, May 8 2020, May 18, 2020, August 5, 2020).**

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90 The board reviewed the minutes from the March 2020 meeting, as well as the minutes from
91 the emergency meetings that happened during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The board wished
92 the following corrections to be made:

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94 March 19-20, 2020:

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- 96 • Line 184 – Fix the spelling/grammar issue.
- 97 • Line 194 – Spell out the acronyms for NBCC and AASCB.
- 98 • Line 212 – Fix 180 day license sentence
- 99 • Line 301 – Add “Supervisor that can verify the hours”

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101 Board member Laura Patin also wished to add her title of Licensed Martial and Family
102 Therapist to her title to all the minutes.

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104 **On a motion duly made by Laura Patin, seconded by Alice Baum, and approved**
105 **unanimously, it was**

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107 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the March 19-20, 2020 meeting as**
108 **amended.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
111 Debra Hamilton	x			
112 Alice Baum	x			
113 Laura Patin	x			
114 Eleanor Vinson	x			
115 Janece Richard				x

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117 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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119 April 10, 2020:

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- 121 • Line 65 – Add “Alaskans” before the word “Telehealth”.
- 122 • Line 102 – Add “Waiving licensure by credentials”.

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124 **On a motion duly made by Alice Baum, seconded by Laura Patin, and approved**
125 **unanimously, it was**

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127 **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2020 meeting as
128 amended.

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
131 Debra Hamilton	x			
132 Alice Baum	x			
133 Laura Patin	x			
134 Eleanor Vinson	x			
135 Janece Richard				x

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137 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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139 April 23, 2020:

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141 **On a motion duly made by Laura Patin, seconded by Alice Baum, and approved**
142 **unanimously, it was**

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144 **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2020 meeting as
145 amended.

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
148 Debra Hamilton	x			
149 Alice Baum	x			
150 Laura Patin	x			
151 Eleanor Vinson	x			
152 Janece Richard				x

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154 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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156 May 8, 2020:

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158 **On a motion duly made by Alice Baum, seconded by Eleanor Vinson, and approved**
159 **unanimously, it was**

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161 **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2020 meeting as
162 amended.

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
165 Debra Hamilton	x			
166 Alice Baum	x			
167 Laura Patin	x			

168	Eleanor Vinson	x
169	Janece Richard	x

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171 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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173 May 18, 2020:

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175 **On a motion duly made by Eleanor Vinson, seconded by Laura Patin, and approved**
 176 **unanimously, it was**

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178 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 meeting as**
 179 **amended.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
182	Debra Hamilton	x		
183	Alice Baum	x		
184	Laura Patin	x		
185	Eleanor Vinson	x		
186	Janece Richard			x

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188 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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190 August 5, 2020:

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192 **On a motion duly made by Eleanor Vinson, seconded by Alice Baum, and approved**
 193 **unanimously, it was**

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195 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2020 meeting as**
 196 **amended.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
199	Debra Hamilton	x		
200	Alice Baum	x		
201	Laura Patin	x		
202	Eleanor Vinson	x		
203	Janece Richard			x

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205 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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208 **Agenda Item 5 Public Comment**

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210 Licensed professional counselor Mary Elkins joined the meeting to discuss some of the
211 issues that she has had with ethics. She indicated that the current ethics guidelines, which are
212 the AMHCA guidelines are sufficient for counselors, however they may not be sufficient for
213 board approved supervisors. It doesn't specify in the ethics that the supervisor discuss any
214 potential problems with the supervisee. It also does not specify that the supervisor sign off
215 on any state verifications, which is an issue Miss Elkins is currently dealing with. The ACA
216 codes of ethics do require these actions by a supervisor, but AMHCA does not. Miss Elkins
217 is frustrated because the ethics are insufficient, and could create problems, and there isn't
218 much recourse to fix the problem. Board member Eleanor Vinson stated that she likes the
219 fact that there is an ethics guideline out there that has more teeth in regards to supervisors,
220 and this issue has come up in the past, even if not with this current board. The board overall
221 is in agreement that the ethics guidelines for supervisors needs more recourse, and the board
222 thanked Miss Elkins for bringing this matter to their attention.

223
224 Miss Elkins then followed up with the question of what to do if she is unable to get her
225 supervisor to sign off on the verification. If she is unable to verify the hours, it could set her
226 licensure back 175 days.

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228 **Agenda Item 6 Correspondence**

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230 The correspondence and public comment were tied together, because both pieces of
231 correspondence were from individuals who were looking for solutions because they were
232 unable to collect signed verifications from their supervisors for various reasons. The issues
233 needed further discussion in executive session, however due to the time constraint, the
234 board opted to move to the division update, as Administrative Office Melissa Dumas was on
235 standby and ready to present the Q3 report to the board. The board is setting aside the
236 discussion in executive session until after the division update.

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238 **Agenda Item 7 Division Update**

239
240 Administrative Office II Melissa Dumas joined the meeting to deliver the third quarter
241 report to the PCO board. Through Q3 the board brought in \$209,560 in licensing revenue,
242 and had \$117 in third party reimbursements. Overall there is \$209,677 in revenue through
243 the third quarter. The board had a total of \$156,754 in expenditures with a surplus of
244 \$157,944 carried over from the prior year, with \$52,923 surplus so far in the year which
245 brings to a total surplus of \$210,867.

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247 **Agenda Item 8 Investigative Report**

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249 Investigators Amber Whaley, Billy Homestead, and Josh Hardy join the meeting to present
250 the investigative report. Josh Hardy introduces himself as the new investigator for the PCO
251 board. Currently there are 16 open cases, and 5 cases that were closed during the period
252 between this quarterly meeting and the last one.

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256 **Agenda Item 6 Correspondence**

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258 After the investigative report, the board came back to finish the discussions brought up in
259 public comment and correspondence.

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261 **On a motion duly made by Eleanor Vinson, seconded by Laura Patin, and approved**
262 **unanimously, it was**

263

264 **RESOLVED to enter executive session to discuss subjects that tend to**
265 **prejudice the reputation or character of any person, provided the person can**
266 **request a public discussion, with CBPL staff authorized to remain in the**
267 **room.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
270 Debra Hamilton	x			
271 Alice Baum	x			
272 Laura Patin	x			
273 Eleanor Vinson	x			
274 Janece Richard				x

275

276 The motion passed with no further discussion.

277

278 *Off the record at 10:33 am for executive session.*

279 *Back on record at 11:03 am.*

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281 After a discussion, the board determined that the statutes and regulations do not specify how
282 the hours are submitted, or that it must be on the state verification form. Miss Elkins will be
283 able to submit any letters sent by any supervisors she may have had that could potentially
284 verify the hours. The letter will then be put up to a board vote, where the board will vote for
285 its authenticity. RLS Andy Khmelev has a digital copy of the letter that he will get verified
286 from the supervisor in question, and then if its verified it will be sent to the board during
287 their monthly board reviews.

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289 **Agenda Item 8 Investigative Report**

290

291 **A. Consent Agreements**

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293 The investigators returned to the meeting, and Paralegal II Marilyn Zimmerman joined the
294 meeting so that the consent agreements can be presented to the board and discussed.

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296 On a motion duly made by Alice Baum, seconded by Laura Patin, and approved
297 unanimously, it was

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299 **RESOLVED** to enter executive session to discuss subjects that tend to
300 prejudice the reputation or character of any person, provided the person can
301 request a public discussion, with CBPL staff authorized to remain in the
302 room.

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
305 Debra Hamilton	x			
306 Alice Baum	x			
307 Laura Patin	x			
308 Eleanor Vinson	x			
309 Janece Richard				x

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311 The motion passed with no further discussion.

312

313 *Off the record for executive session at 11:15 am.*

314 *Back on the record at 12:22 pm.*

315

316 After discussing the specifications of the consent agreements in executive session, the board
317 came out of session ready to vote on them.

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319 **On a motion duly made by Eleanor Vinson, seconded by Alice Baum, and approved**
320 **unanimously, it was**

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322 **RESOLVED** to adopt the consent agreement for case # 2020-000152.

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
325 Debra Hamilton	x			
326 Alice Baum	x			
327 Laura Patin	x			
328 Eleanor Vinson	x			
329 Janece Richard				x

330

331 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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333 **On a motion duly made by Alice Baum, seconded by Eleanor Vinson, and approved**
334 **unanimously, it was**

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336 **RESOLVED** to adopt the consent agreement for case # 2020-000054.

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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339	Debra Hamilton	x		
340	Alice Baum	x		
341	Laura Patin	x		
342	Eleanor Vinson	x		
343	Janece Richard			x

344
345 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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347 **On a motion duly made by Laura Patin, seconded by Alice Baum, and approved**
348 **unanimously, it was**

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350 **RESOLVED to table the consent agreement for case # 2019-000193 until more**
351 **information on case precedent is gathered.**

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
353				
354	Debra Hamilton	x		
355	Alice Baum	x		
356	Laura Patin	x		
357	Eleanor Vinson	x		
358	Janece Richard			x

359
360 The motion passed with no further discussion.

361
362 **On a motion duly made by Laura Patin, seconded by Alice Baum, and approved**
363 **unanimously, it was**

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365 **RESOLVED to reject the proposed continued education to include ethics for**
366 **case # 2020-000030.**

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
368				
369	Debra Hamilton	x		
370	Alice Baum	x		
371	Laura Patin	x		
372	Eleanor Vinson	x		
373	Janece Richard			x

374
375 The motion passed with no further discussion.

376
377 **Agenda Item 9 Lunch**

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379 *Off the record at 12:30 pm for lunch.*

380 *Back on the record at 1:07 pm.*

381

382 Board members present, constituting a quorum:

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384 Debra Hamilton, Licensed Professional Counselor – *Chair*

385 Laura Patin, Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marital Family Therapist

386 Alice Baum, Licensed Professional Counselor

387 Eleanor Vinson, Public Member

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389 Board members absent:

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391 Janece Richard, Licensed Professional Counselor

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393 **Agenda Item 10 New Business**

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395 **A. Board Member Duties Discussion**

396

397 Deputy Director Sharon Walsh joined the meeting to discuss and review board member
398 duties. However it was decided that due to the absence of board member Janece Richard,
399 who may be available the following day, the discussion will be postponed until the morning
400 of 9/25/2020.

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402 **B. Motivo Presentation**

403

404 Rachel McCrickard, the CEO of Motivo joined the meeting to present the board what her
405 company does. She is also a professional counselor, and a licensed marital family therapist in
406 Georgia. She founded Motivo, which is an online company that helps counselors find
407 supervisors via secure website. There is currently a major shortage of mental health
408 professionals in the country, and part of it is because there is a lack of access to qualified
409 supervision. Obtaining supervision can also be a very costly process with both time, and
410 with money. Motivo is a place to help find a qualified supervisor, and also a HIPPA
411 compliant system for the supervision itself. Miss McCrickard presented, and helped the
412 board understand why her system is helpful and effective.

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414 The board members expressed their excitement at this system, and did indicate that the
415 prices listed were reasonable. Miss McCrickard provided the board with a demo before she
416 concluded her presentation.

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423 **C. Elect New Vice Chair**

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425 RLS Andy Khmelev moved the board to the next new business item. Before the board
426 proceeded to elect the vice chair, Mr. Khmelev explained the upcoming changes to the
427 board. Due to a change in program supervision, Andy Khmelev will be turning the program
428 over to RLS Lacey Derr, pending the hire of a new Occupational Licensing Examiner. Mr.
429 Khmelev introduced Miss Derr to the board members as the incoming new supervisor.

430

431 Board member Eleanor Vinson nominated Alice Baum for Vice Chair. Laura Patin seconded
432 the nomination.

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434 Alice Baum accepted the nomination, and the board members voted as follows:

- 435
- 436 • Debra Hamilton – Yes
 - 437 • Eleanor Vinson – Yes
 - 438 • Laura Patin – Yes
 - 439 • Alice Baum – Yes
 - 440 • Janece Richard – Absent

441

442 The vote passes. Alice Baum is the new Vice Chair of the Professional Counselors Board.

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444 **D. Appoint Two People to Attend the AASCB Business Meeting**

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446 The board members appointed Debra Hamilton and Alice Baum to attend the AASCB
447 Business Meeting.

448

449 **Agenda Item 14 Old Business**

450

451 With the added time to the meeting, the board opted to move to old business items.

452

453 **A. Review Regulation Project 12 AAC 62.130 License by Credentials**

454

455 RLS Andy Khmelev informed the board that currently the regulation specialist is waiting on
456 a final answer on the FAQ question for how much more could this regulation change cost.
457 The board discussed potential costs to applicants that the increase in supervision hours
458 could be, as well as potential increases in costs to licensure by credentials. Board member
459 Janece Richard will still need to submit the FAQ for the change in regulations to licensure by
460 credentials.

461

462 Board member Laura Patin brought up a concern with having to force credential applicants
463 to submit half their courses via live attendance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. RLS Andy
464 Khmelev reminded the board members that the courses have to be synchronous, which the
465 board does define anything that is in real time, with communication with instructor, such as

466 live webinar or zoom, will satisfy the requirement. The board responded in agreement that
467 this was correct and was precedent before the pandemic.

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469 **B. Update to Professional Reform Bills**

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471 RLS Andy Khmelev informed the board that the professional licensing reform bills didn't
472 end up getting passed.

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474 **C. Update on SB 134**

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476 SB 134 was passed and signed by the governor. It passed the legislature with overwhelming
477 support. At this time, now that approval has gone through, the provisions of the bill will
478 need to be implemented, and there is no known timeline for that.

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480 *Off the record for recess at 2:19 pm*

481 *Back on the record at 2:40 pm*

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483 **Agenda Item 11 Application Review**

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485 The only application review that needed to take place is an exam equivalency request. The
486 request was for the Mental Health Nurse Practitioner exam to be equivalent to the NCE or
487 the NCMHCE.

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489 **On a motion duly made by Alice Baum, seconded by Eleanor Vinson, and approved**
490 **unanimously, it was**

491

492 **RESOLVED to enter executive session to discuss subjects that tend to**
493 **prejudice the reputation or character of any person, provided the person can**
494 **request a public discussion, with CBPL staff authorized to remain in the**
495 **room.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
498	Debra Hamilton	x		
499	Alice Baum	x		
500	Laura Patin	x		
501	Eleanor Vinson	x		
502	Janece Richard			x

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504 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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506 *Off the record at 2:44 for executive session*

507 *Back on the record at 3:21*

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509 Upon return from executive session, the board had decided on the MHNP exam.
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511 **On a motion duly made by Laura Patin, seconded by Alice Baum, it was**

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513 **RESOLVED to that the MHNP exam is comparable to the NCE and the**
514 **NCMHCE.**

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Hamilton		x		
Alice Baum		x		
Laura Patin		x		
Eleanor Vinson	x			
Janece Richard				x

523 The motion failed with no further discussion.
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525 The MHNP exam is not equivalent to the NCE or the NCMHCE.
526

527 The board then discussed which agenda items they may need to revisit the following day on
528 day 2 of the meeting. The board is wanting to go over right touch regulation, the regulation
529 projects currently with the regulation specialists that are waiting for final details on the
530 FAQs, and potentially draft an amendment to the recently passed emergency regulations
531 made permanent that allow supervisees to obtain their hours via distance delivery services
532 during an state declared emergency.
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535 *Off the record for recess at 3:40 pm*
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537 **Agenda Item 12 Recess Until 9/25/2020**
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539 *Back on the record Friday September 25, at 9:06 am*
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541 **Agenda Item 13 Roll Call/Call to Order**
542

543 Board members present, constituting a quorum:
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545 Debra Hamilton, Licensed Professional Counselor – *Chair*
546 Alice Baum, Licensed Professional Counselor – *Vice Chair*
547 Laura Patin, Licensed Professional Counselor
548 Janece Richard, Licensed Professional Counselor
549 Eleanor Vinson, Public Member
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552 **Agenda Item 14 Old Business**

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554 **A. Review Regulation Project 12 AAC 62.130 License by Credentials**

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556 Regulation Specialist Jun Maiquis joined the meeting to answer any questions and provide
557 clarifications to the board about their pending regulations projects. The regulation projects
558 for increasing continued education for supervisor applications and to have synchronous
559 hours for continued education for credentials applicants have been shelved for the past
560 several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the pandemic being more settled, Mr.
561 Maiquis can return to finishing the two regulations projects, and is waiting on final details for
562 the FAQ documents for the regulations.

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564 The board needs to provide approximate potential costs to applicants to the regulations
565 specialists before they are able to move on. After some discussion on the costs, the board
566 agreed and would email Mr. Maiquis the requested information.

567

568 **D. Supervisor Expectations**

569

570 With board member Janece Richard being present for day 2 of the meeting, and as she is
571 part of the supervisor task force, Chair Debbie Hamilton updated her on the discussions that
572 happened the prior day, with situations where a supervisor is either unable, or unwilling to
573 sign off on the hours of their supervisee. The discussion also included that if supervisors
574 aren't following a code of ethics, it would be a good idea to increase their continued
575 education, like their pending regulation project indicates counselors would require to.

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577 Janece Richard and Laura Patin, as members of the supervisor task force, will be looking
578 through the statutes and regulations of the other mental health program boards such as
579 psychologists, social workers, and marital family therapists to see what kinds of requirements
580 the supervisors have to follow in those programs, and report back at the next meeting to see
581 if the regulations for supervisors for counselors can be strengthened.

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583 **Agenda Item 10 New Business**

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585 **A. Board Member Duties Discussion**

586

587 Deputy Director Sharon Walsh joined the meeting to finish the discussion with the board on
588 board member duties. Miss Walsh thanked the board for all that they do for the state and for
589 the licensing program. However, she did remind the board on the importance of unanimous
590 participation in meetings, but more importantly in voting for ballots. Due to the very large
591 uptick in applicants for the counselor board for the prior few years, instead of reviewing the
592 applications strictly at board meetings like the board did it in the past, the applications are
593 reviewed once a month via OnBoard website. Due to the large number of monthly ballots,
594 there have been issues with board members not contributing enough time to review and
595 vote on the ballots. The board did indicate that it was easier to review applications during

596 meetings because of the discussion and questions they can ask each other. Chair Debbie
597 Hamilton also believed they caught irregularities better, and the board did not have to review
598 all the ballots, but rather they broke it out in groups. RLS Andy Khmelev reminded the
599 board that going back to doing application review at meetings only will cause a massive
600 backlog. Since most of the applications are cut and dry, and only a minority of the
601 applications have issues that can hold them up, Mr. Khmelev reminded the board that they
602 have the right to table anything they deem unusual. After some discussion, Miss Walsh and
603 Mr. Khmelev suggested that if there are too many tabled applications between quarterly
604 meetings, there can be a special meeting specifically for application review in between the
605 meetings.

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607 **Agenda Item 8 Investigative Report**

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609 **B. Consent Agreements**

610

611 The investigators returned to the meeting to finish discussing the consent agreement from
612 the prior day that was tabled to gather more information on case precedence.

613

614 **On a motion duly made by Eleanor Vinson, seconded by Alice Baum, and approved**
615 **unanimously, it was**

616

617 **RESOLVED to enter executive session to discuss subjects that tend to**
618 **prejudice the reputation or character of any person, provided the person can**
619 **request a public discussion, with CBPL staff authorized to remain in the**
620 **room.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Hamilton	x			
Alice Baum	x			
Laura Patin	x			
Eleanor Vinson	x			
Janece Richard	x			

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629 The motion passed with no further discussion.

630

631 *Off the record for executive session at 10:13 am*

632 *Back on the record at 10:30 am*

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634 After coming out of the executive session, the board was ready to vote on the consent
635 agreement 2019-000193.

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639 **On a motion duly made by Eleanor Vinson, seconded by Alice Baum, and approved**
640 **unanimously, it was**

641

642 **RESOLVED to adopt the consent agreement for case # 2019-000193.**

643

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
645 Debra Hamilton	x			
646 Alice Baum	x			
647 Laura Patin	x			
648 Eleanor Vinson	x			
649 Janece Richard	x			

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651 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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653 *Off the record at 10:34 for recess*

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Back on the record at 10:47 am

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656 **Agenda Item 14 Old Business**

657

658 **D. Review Recent Regulations Made Permanent**

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660 The regulations that needed discussion were the changes that were made to 12 AAC 62.400.
661 During the COVID-19 pandemic, supervisees were unable to obtain hours due to not
662 having a license. The board voted to allow supervisees to accumulate hours under a direct
663 supervisor during the pandemic, as well as any emergency declaration. The board got
664 together for an emergency meeting on 8/5/2020 to make those regulations permanent. The
665 board wished to expand those regulations more, in order to allow supervisees working under
666 a board approved supervisor to obtain their hours via distance deliver services in any
667 situation, and not just an emergency. Chair Debbie Hamilton indicated that the regulation
668 was written to expedite alleviation to the problem caused during the pandemic, and there
669 wasn't any time to really craft this regulation into the way it would work best.

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671 After a lengthy discussion on the best course of action, the board initiated a motion.

672

673 **On a motion duly made by Eleanor Vinson, seconded by Laura Patin, and approved**
674 **unanimously, it was**

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676 **RESOLVED to add after 'licensee' in 12 AAC 62.400, section A, B, C, D, E, F,**
& G to include "Or an applicant working under an approved Alaskan
Supervisor under 12 AAC 62.200"

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
680 Debra Hamilton	x			

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682	Alice Baum	x
683	Laura Patin	x
684	Eleanor Vinson	x
685	Janece Richard	x

686

687 The motion passed with no further discussion.

688

689 **Agenda Item 15 Board Admin Business**

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691 **A. Schedule Upcoming Meetings**

692

693 The board discussed possible upcoming dates. Chair Debbie Hamilton emphasized the
 694 importance of meeting in person. RLS Andy Khmelev informed the board that as of this
 695 day, the offices are still closed to foot traffic in both Juneau and Anchorage. There is
 696 currently minimal to no travel, and most staff members are still teleworking. Either RLS
 697 Khmelev or Derr can put in a travel request, however it may not get approved due to the
 698 ongoing pandemic.

699

700 The board agreed to a tentative date of February 4-5, 2021 for a quarterly board meeting.

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702 **B. Task List**

703

704 The board came up with the following tasks for the following individuals:

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- 706 • RLS Andy Khmelev will put in a request to Director Chambers for the AASCB
 707 Business Meeting
- 708 • RLS Andy Khmelev will notify the applicant who requested his exam equivalency for
 709 the MHPN exam that his request was denied.
- 710 • RLS Andy Khmelev will make the corrections on the prior minutes, and send them
 711 to the chair for signatures.
- 712 • Board Chair Debbie Hamilton will sign the consent agreements and minutes.
- 713 • Board members Janece Richard and Laura Patin will review other mental health
 714 boards for what their regulations state for supervisors.
- 715 • Board members will send RLS Andy Khmelev their modifications that they wish to
 716 make to their section of the right touch regulations. The board members were unable
 717 to really look through the statutes and regulations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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719 **On a motion duly made by Alice Baum, seconded by Laura Patin, and approved
 720 unanimously, it was**

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722 **RESOLVED to adjourn the September 2020 professional counselors board
 723 meeting.**

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	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
726 Debra Hamilton	x			
727 Alice Baum	x			
728 Laura Patin	x			
729 Eleanor Vinson	x			
730 Janece Richard	x			

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732 The motion passed with no further discussion.

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734 *Off the record and adjourned at 11:40 am.*

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738 Andy Khmelev, Records and Licensing Supervisor Date

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742 Debra Hamilton, Board of Professional Counselors Chair Date

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