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3 **State of Alaska**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
5 **DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**
6 **BOARD OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY**
7 **Minutes of the meeting May 5, 2025**

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9 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.63.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS
10 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy originated from
11 Anchorage. This meeting was held via Zoom.

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14 The Chair called meeting to order at 9:02 am.

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16 **Agenda Item - Roll Call**

17 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

18 Noah Shields

19 Shawnmarie Carpenter

20 Chantal Cohen

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22 **Division Staff Present**

23 Jeanne Pace

24 Glenn Saviers

25 Amberly Northcutt

26 Alyssa Castles

27 Stefanie Davis

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29 **Board Members Absent**

30 Kayla Green

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32 **Members of Public Present**

33 Kelsey Fox

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35 **Agenda Item - Ethics Disclosure**

36 Noah Shields, Chair, requested a review of ethics disclosures for the new board member.

37 The Board had no ethical issues to report.

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39 **Agenda Item - Review/Approve Agenda**

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41 **In a motion duly made by Shawnmarie Carpenter, seconded by Chantal Cohen with**
42 **unanimous consent, it was resolved to accept the May 5th agenda as presented.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Chantal Cohen	X			

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44 **Agenda Item – Public Comment**

45 No public comment.

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47 **Agenda Item - Investigations**

48 Jasmin Bautista presented the Investigative Report from November 2, 2024 through May 1, 2025.

49 This period has four (4) open cases and one (1) case closed.

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51 **Agenda Item – Industrial Hemp**

52 Sara Chambers presented an FAQ from the Division of Agriculture regarding CBD and registering

53 products and retailers. This memo was presented to all healthcare boards. Details/descriptions

54 about what all needs to be registered located on the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office website.

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56 **Agenda Item – New Business**

57 **a. Board Correspondence:** Are practicum students allowed to utilize telehealth? Board

58 response: the university makes guidelines for practicum students. This topic is not

59 addressed in Alaska statute and regulations.

60 **b. Supervisor Certifications:** Alaska Statutes and Regulations grant provisions for

61 supervisors with non-MFT mental health licensure to provide group supervision for MFT

62 supervised experience. Applications for supervisor certifications have been adjusted.

63 Jeanne recommended that the board add language to make the Supervisor Certificates

64 renewable, as this is how to enforce the supervisor CEU requirement already in regulation.

65 **c. Renewal Regulations:** Jeanne presented the division recommendation that Continuing

66 Education details be removed from the renewal regulation and required only for audit as

67 this is duplicative information being collected.

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69 **Agenda Item – Division Report**

70 **a. Quarterly Report FY25Q3:** Deputy Director Glenn Saviers reviewed the third quarter report

71 **b. HB 158 & SB 145:** Universal Temporary Professional Licensing. Deputy Director Saviers

72 presented the division’s bill to codify the federal SCRA laws into Alaska law. This bill

73 introduces a temporary license for professionals who hold an equivalent license from a US

74 jurisdiction in good standing. The board declined to submit a letter of support at this time.

75 **c. Regulation suggestion:** Deputy Director Saviers presented the division recommendation to

76 require license verification for applications by exam. This recommendation is being

77 presented to all professional licensing programs.

78 d. **HB 131 & SB 124:** To allow Alaska to join the nurse licensure compact. The division requests
79 that the board consider a letter of support.

80 Public Member Karen Cunningham joined the meeting at 10:36am

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82 **In a motion duly made by Shawnmarie Carpenter, seconded by Chantal Cohen with**
83 **unanimous consent, it was resolved to use the draft language for a letter of support for the**
84 **nurse licensure compact.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Chantal Cohen	X			

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86 e. **Investigative Cost Legislation:** Board Chair Noah Shields inquired about an update to
87 previous legislation introduced in a previous legislative session. Deputy Director Saviers
88 shared that the division is still looking for a sponsor for this legislative session.

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90 Off the record: 10:56am
91 On the record: 11:03am

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93 **Agenda Item – Regulations**

94 Stefanie Davis presented the MFT notice re: HB 126 that will go into effect on July 1, 2025.

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96 **In a motion duly made by Chantal Cohen, seconded by Shawnmarie Carpenter with**
97 **unanimous consent, it was resolved to adopt the proposed regulations for file number**
98 **2025200028 as proposed and publicly noticed.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Chantal Cohen	X			

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100 **Agenda Item – New Business**

101 d. **Schedule Future Meetings:**
102 September 8th 9:00am-11:00am for Regulation review
103 October 13th 9:00am-12:00pm regular board meeting.

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105 **Agenda Item – FY25 Board Annual Report**

106 Board chair reviewed each section of the annual report and assigned sections:
107 Shields – Accomplishments
108 Chantal - Activities
109 Shawnmarie – Needs

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111 **In a motion duly made by Shawnmarie Carpenter, seconded by Chantal Cohen with**
112 **unanimous consent, it was resolved to adjourn the May 5, 2025, meeting at 11:40am.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			

Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Chantal Cohen	X			

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