

State of Maryland
Department of Health
State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals
Videoconference Open Session Meeting Minutes– August 21, 2020
10:00 AM TO 10:30 AM

VIDEO LINK: meet.google.com/zpv-thwf-gkd

Board Members Attendance

Janet Furman, Vice Chair
Nicole Smith, Board Secretary
Robin Harvey
Lauren Wahl, RCYCP
Sonya White-Norman
Caroline Jones
Paula Regan

Guest

Ginger Forte

Board Staff Attendance

Darlene Ham, Executive Director
Gwendolyn Joyner, Deputy Director
Janay Knox, Licensing Coordinator
Thomas Werthman, AAG
Deborah Donohue, AAG

Absent

Krystal Holland, Board Chair
Karen Powell
Christian Miele, Deputy Secretary
Pamela Curtis, Consumer
Dorenzer Thomas
Lillian Reese, Legislative Regulations
Coordinator
David Bruce, Investigator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Darlene Ham, Executive Director for the State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals (“State Board”) called the meeting to order at approximately 10:07 a.m. Ms. Smith made a motion to open the general session meeting and Ms. Jones seconded the motion.

II. ROLL CALL

- Roll call was conducted by Ms. Ham to establish who was present on the video conference call for the open session meeting.

III. DISCUSS AND VOTE TO SEND INVESTIGATION REPORT TO ANOTHER STATE AGENCY

- Ms. Ham explained to the board that a meeting was being held today to vote on whether to release an investigative file at the request of another agency based on COMAR 10.57.08.01, compelling public purpose regulation.
- Ms. Donahue further explained that the motion is based on the compelling public purpose regulations and for the board to release an investigative file that is not typically subject to being disclosed to law enforcement or to an agency with

enforcement powers to add in their investigation. The subject of the investigative file is confidential, and it would not be subject to public discussion in terms of the specifics. The board would need to discuss whether or not it would in the compelling public purpose share an investigative file with a regulatory agency that is looking into a similar situation.

- Ms. Smith made a motion to release the file for investigative purposes and Ms. White-Norman seconded the motion.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- N/A

V. ADJOURNMENT

- On a motion made by Ms. White-Norman and seconded by Ms. Wahl, the General Session meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The next scheduled Board meeting is Friday, September 11, 2020 at 10am.

Submitted by:

Signature on Original

Nicole Smith, Board Secretary