

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

10:00 A.M.

Thursday, September 19, 2024

14<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

333 Market Street

These minutes provide a *summary* of actions taken at this meeting. A full video of the meeting is available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us/meetings/](http://www.irrc.state.pa.us/meetings/) (select "Meeting Video" link).

**I. CALL OF THE MEETING**

The September 19, 2024 public meeting of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) was called to order by Chairman Bedwick at 10:03 a.m. in the 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA.

Commissioners Present:      George D. Bedwick, Chairman  
   John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman  
   John J. Soroko, Esq.

Telephone:                      Murray Ufberg, Esq.  
   Dennis A. Watson, Esq.

**II. EMBARGOED MAIL**

Chairman Bedwick announced that there was no embargoed mail to be reviewed.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Bedwick asked for a motion for approval of the September 11, 2024 public meeting minutes, as submitted. Vice Chairman Mizner made the motion. Chairman Bedwick seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.      ACTION ITEMS**

**1. No. 3347 Department of Human Services #14-548: Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services**

Regulatory Analyst Michelle Elliott briefly summarized the regulation, described public and legislative input, and noted that the regulation was deemed to be approved by the Standing Committees after their review.

Jill Stemple, Director of Policy, Planning, and Program Development, and Jennifer Smith, Deputy Secretary of the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS), Department of Human Services, were present to answer any questions.

Jim Sharp, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Mental Health Services, Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA), and Ralph Kabakoff, Vice President, PA Clubhouse Coalition, were present from the public to comment on the regulation.

Commissioner Ufberg made a motion for approval. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Soroko dissenting.

**2. No. 3351 State Board of Medicine #16A-4958: Licensure by Endorsement**

Regulatory Analyst Corinne Brandt briefly summarized the regulation, any public input, and noted that the regulation was deemed to be approved by the Standing Committees after their review.

Dana Wucinski, Senior Board Counsel, State Board of Medicine, and Jacqueline Wolfgang, Senior Regulatory Counsel, Department of State, were present to answer any questions.

Commissioner Watson made a motion for approval. Vice Chairman Mizner seconded, and the motion passed 5-0

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Approval of Vouchers**

Vice Chairman Mizner made a motion to approve vouchers and expenses for the period August 16, 2024, through September 11, 2024. Chairman Bedwick seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

## **2. Approval of Purchase Order #2425001**

Commissioner Ufberg made a motion to approve purchase order #2425001. Chairman Bedwick seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

## **VI. DATE AND PLACE OF SUBSEQUENT MEETING**

Chairman Bedwick announced the next public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bedwick announced that there would be no executive session held today.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bedwick adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.