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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2011

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to Order at 11:27 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chairman, Edward Reading

Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Committee Member, Norwood Allen

- Available by telephone*

Committee Vice-Chair, Sylvia Lippe

- Available by telephone*

* Absence was caused by snow storm.

Recused:

Committee member, Lorenzo Puertas

Until the matter is resolved, Public Member, Lorenzo Puertas is recused from attendance based on services he provides to the profession that may be a possible violation of the statutory requirement for public board members.

Administrative Staff Present:

Susan Berger, Deputy Attorney General

Elaine L. DeMars

Vivian Lopez

Celeste Paige

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 mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and the Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

Announcement of quorum was made by Committee Chair Dr. Edward Reading.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public members present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 16, 2010 public meeting are tabled for review at the February 25, 2011 agenda meeting.

V. FILED ORDERS

Thomas Lusch, CADC

January 21, 2011 filed Consent Order for Thomas Lusch granting an unrestricted certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling.

VI. DAS MATTERS

Committee Chair, Edward Reading and Executive Director, Elaine DeMars met with representatives of the Division of Addiction Services regarding the Frequently Asked Questions to be posted to the DAS Web page.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Friday, February 25, 2011.

2011 Meeting Dates

February 25, 2011	June 24, 2011	October 28, 2011
March 25, 2011	July 29, 2011	November 18, 2011
April 29, 2011	August 26, 2011	December 16, 2011
May 20, 2011	September 23, 2011	

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee moved to Executive Session at 11:38 a.m. to review criminal history background reports, pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

IX. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion made by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the following applications were approved:

CADC

1. Gayle S. Alston
2. Valaria A. Johnson
3. Anne V. Piazza
4. Jazzmarie Rivera

Written and Oral Exams

1. Rosayln A. Akanbi
2. Laura R. Briscese
3. Evelyn Cooper
4. Saundra Curtain
5. Christopher D. Ecochard
6. James Fowler
7. Richard L. Kurdek
8. Devinder K. Mathaun De Infante
9. Alphonso E. Moore
10. Sheila L. Scott

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jamie Lugo, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

