

**State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners
Open Session Minutes**

February 13, 2003

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Florence A. Schatten who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Board President Florence A. Schatten
Board Member Roland A. Alum
Board Member Barbara Andrews
Board Member Samira Haddad
Board Member Margaret Pipchick
Board Member Edward Reading
Board Member Edward W. Stroh
Board Member Ronald K. Walthall

Absent:

Board Member James J. Verser, excused

Staff Present:

Executive Director Dennis Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair
Deputy Attorney General Susan Carbone
Danielle Swenson Regulatory Analyst
Jane Cofone Administrative Staff

C. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by R. Walthall, seconded by S. Haddad, the minutes of January 9, 2003 were approved with corrections.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Marriage and Family Therapy Regulations Sunsets

The Board was informed by Regulatory Analyst D. Swenson that the regulations will sunset in October of this year. It was decided by the Board that each Board member will have an opportunity to review the regulations and make a list of areas that need to be addressed during this sunset process. Discussion will resume at next months meeting.

2. CEU Regulations For Professional Counselors

The Board approved the CE regulations for Professional Counselors which received two comments during the public comment period which ended January 2, 2003.

3. CEU Regulations for Marriage & Family Counselors

Regulatory Analyst Daniel Swenson informed the Board that the Division of Law upon review of the Marriage & Family Therapy regulations had made two recommended changes; one regarding discounted membership fees between entities listed in the regulations, and the other on waiver notification. The Board agreed with the recommendations and on a motion by E. Reading, seconded by R. Walthall, authorized the changes to be made.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Kit S. Ng

Dr. Ng wrote the Board requesting that one or two members of the Board meet the students of Kean University to discuss licensure and other related issues. On a motion by B. Andrews, seconded by M. Pipchick, the Board voted to approve J. Verser and E. Stroh to appear before Kean University students in the early Fall of this year.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Licensure Application Review

The Board reviewed new licensure application submitted by the Print Production Unit and after recommending some minor changes, voted to approve on a motion by R. Alum, seconded by S. Haddah.

G. NEW BUSINESS

None

H. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

Frances Adams - On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by S. Haddad Ms. Adams' application was denied because it was not completed properly.

Louis Monaco - On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by S. Haddad Mr. Monaco's application was denied because of insufficient number of supervised hours.

Cynthia Ordway - Ms. Ordway wrote the Board indicating that she could not locate her supervisors. On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by S. Haddad, the Board agreed to have Ms. Ordway complete affidavits in lieu of the supervisors form.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

K. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be March 13, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion R. Alum, seconded by E. Stroh, the Board voted to go into Executive Session.

M. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session.

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Gonzalez
Executive Director
