

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

April 11, 2002

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 Vice President J. David Niemeyer
Board Member Roland A. Alum
Board Member Barbara Andrews
Board Member Samira Haddad
Board Member Edward Reading
Board Member Edward W. Stroh
Board Member James Verser
Board Member Ronald K. Walthall

Absent:

* Board Member Priscilla Harcar
* Board Member Steven Kovel

Staff Present:

Executive Director Dennis Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair
Jane Cofone, Administrative Staff

* Board member Steve Kovel resigned because he moved out of State.

* Board Member Priscilla Harcar resigned due to personal reasons.

C. APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2002 PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by J. Niemeyer, minutes of March 14, 2002, were approved with corrections.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

SENATE BILL NO. 895 - The Board was informed that Senate Bill 895, which reopens the grandfathering period for LPC, was approved by the Senate and was pending approval by the Assembly. On a motion by E. Reading, seconded by J. Niemeyer, the Board voted its minutes reflect that they oppose this bill because the Professional Counselor Licensing Act included an adequate grandfathering period.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Seton Hall University - Board members reviewed letter from Robert F. Massey, Ph.D., the Marriage & Family

Therapy Program Director at Seton Hall University in response to a letter written by then Chairman, J. Verser requesting clarification on the new certification offered by their program. The Board members discussed whether the certification program would help meet the requirements for licensure. After a lengthy discussion by Board members, it was decided that Board member J. Verser, in conjunction with the Executive Director D. Gonzalez will respond in writing to get clarification about the program.

2. Statutes and Regulations - As Chairman of the Regulations Committee, Board member J. Verser requested to have the latest draft of the statutes and regulations printed and provided to the Board.

3. Retreat - Committee held a lengthy discussion on the retreat which is to be held May 9, 2002. The Board reviewed the suggestions of Board member R. Alum, as well as the suggestions from Chairwoman Schatten. However, the Board felt that in order to foster interaction between the Board and its two committees, the focus of the retreat should be giving the Board and Committee members sufficient time to interact with each other. Therefore, it was decided to only invite as guest speakers, Reni Erdos, the Division's new director, Tony Miragliotta, Division's deputy director, and Bob Campanelli, the ethics officer of the Division.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter - Committee held a discussion on the newsletter, and it was decided that Chairman Schatten will work with the Executive Director and develop a draft newsletter for Board review.

G. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

1. Carroll E. Arkema - Mr. Arkema's application was put on hold pending transcripts from Blanton - Perle Graduate Institute and the license number of his supervisor.

2. B'Nay Y. James - On a motion by R. Walthall, seconded by S. Haddad, Board voted to grant Mr. James a temporary three year permit.

3. Nell T. Jackson - Ms. Jackson applied for the exam four years ago and was denied. However, there was no record as to why she was denied. Therefore, the Board at Ms. Jackson's request reviewed her application and has requested that Ms. Jackson submit a transcript from the Philadelphia Child Guidance Center in order to consider her application.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

J. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be May 9, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by J. Verser, seconded by J. Niemeyer, Board vote to go into Executive Session.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez
Executive Director
