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I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners was called to Order by Board Chair Ben Beitin at 9:51 a.m., in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair*
Jose Perez, *Vice Chair*
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Secretary*
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*
Alyson Smith, *Board Member*
Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Board Member*
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liaison)*
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol & Drug Committee Liaison)*

Excused:

Mia Sena, *Public Member*

Absent:

Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*

Also in attendance:

Shirley Dickstein, *Deputy Attorney General*
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, *Government Representative*
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

Announcement of Quorum

Board Chair Ben Beitin announced the presence of quorum at 9:51 a.m.

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 Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 12, 2016 PUBLIC MINUTES

Upon motion made by Edward Reading, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to approve the May 12, 2016 public minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Executive Director Collazo announced the annual Election of Officers pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 45:8B-13**.

Ed Reading nominated Ben Beitin for Board Chair, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell. Board approves nomination for Ben Beitin for Board Chair. Voting in favor: all.

Ketrin Saud Maxwell nominated Jose Perez for Board Vice Chair, seconded by Ed Reading. Board approves nomination for Jose Perez for Board Vice Chair. Voting in favor: all.

Ed Reading nominated Lorraine Barry for Board Secretary, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell. Board approves nomination for Lorraine Barry for Board Secretary. Voting in favor: all.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:
Miles Burklow, Legislative Chair, NJAMFT

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Board review:

There are currently 573 total active Marriage and Family Therapy licenses, 203 applications pending and 14 reinstatements pending.

There are currently 2,745 total active licenses for Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LCADC & CADC), 1,227 applications pending and 14 reinstatements pending.

There are currently 5,699 total active licenses for Professional Counselors (LAC, LPC, LRC), 1,425 applications pending and 37 reinstatements pending.

* Applications in pending include applications pending final Board review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting for exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

VII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Assembly Joint Resolution 102

The Board reviewed Assembly Joint Resolution 102 which designates September of each year as "Youth Suicide Prevention Month" in New Jersey.

The Board accepted this as informational.

B. Assembly Bill 3712

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 3712 which seeks to require certain health benefit plans to provide treatment for substance abuse and dependency when determined medically necessary by a physician or psychologist.

Upon motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board voted to support this bill contingent upon updating the language to current clinical language, DSM definitions, as well as replacing psychologist with “any mental health professional with licensing and training in substance abuse disorders.” Voting in favor: all.

C. Assembly Bill 3744

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 3744 which seeks to establish law enforcement assisted addiction and recovery programs.

Upon motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to support this bill contingent upon updating the language to current clinical language, DSM definitions, as well as replacing psychologist with “any mental health professional with licensing and training in substance abuse disorders.” Voting in favor: all.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

No items to report.

X. OLD BUSINESS

No items to report.

XI. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS

No items to report.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MFT Regulations Sub-Committee

Board commented that they would like to form a Committee with the Board of Social Work Examiners, Board of Psychological Examiners, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and Alcohol and Drug Committee to discuss drafting regulations for teletherapy.

B. Alcohol and Drug Sub-Committee

No items to review.

C. PC Regulations Sub-Committee

The Board tabled the data compiled by Intern Stephen Tighe for the July 14, 2016 meeting.

XIII. FILED ORDERS

Stephen Armstrong - Consent Order filed on May 12, 2016

Roy Hirschfeld - Consent Order filed on May 12, 2016

Blanche Levere - Uniform Penalty letter filed May 12, 2016

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **July 14, 2016** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2016 Meeting Dates:

July 14, 2016
August 11, 2016
September 8, 2016
October 13, 2016
November 10, 2016
December 8, 2016

XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW

Upon motion by Lorraine Barry, seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board members voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: all.

A. LICENSURE

1. Susan Emerson
2. Gina Marchando
3. Rasel Palmer
4. Elise Cirelli

B. 3 YEAR TEMPORARY PERMIT

1. Sarah Wikler

C. SUPERVISION REPORTS

1. Maria Antonelli
2. Stephanie Baek
3. Jessica Cordiero
4. Steven Dorsey
5. Katherine Funk
6. Manu Kumar
7. Mailen Palacios
8. Claudia Salgado
9. Samantha Stollery

D. EXAMINATION AUTHORIZATION

1. Debra Adamczyk
2. Elizabeth Karlinski

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to move to Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Jose Perez, and seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board

members present returned to Public Session and voted to adjourn the public meeting at 1:35 p.m. Voting in favor: all.