

# **New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners**

**August 9, 2001**

## **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by President James Verser who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

### **B. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Board President James Verser  
Board Vice President Florence A. Schatten  
Board Member Barbara Andrews  
Board Member Samira Haddad  
Board Member Steven Kovel  
Board Member Edward Reading  
Board Member Edward W. Stroh  
Board Member Ronald K. Walthall  
Board Member Roland Alum

Absent:

Board Member Nancy L. Hodges (resigned)  
Board Member J. David Niemeyer

Staff Present:

Executive Director Denis E. Gonzalez  
Deputy Attorney General Marilyn Bair  
Deputy Attorney General August T. Lembo  
Danielle Swenson, Regulatory Analyst  
Celeste Sweeper, Supervising Clerk  
Jane Cofone, Administrative Staff

### **C. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER - MR. ROLAND ALUM**

James Verser, President, introduced Roland Alum as a new member of the Board. Mr. Alum presented himself to the Board and shared with the Board his background.

### **D. APPROVAL OF JUNE 14, 2001 OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by S. Kovel, minutes were approved with corrections. On a motion by R. Walthall, seconded by F. Schatten, Board requested that minutes include as much information as possible regarding credentialing and review of applications.

## **E. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

### 1. Continuing Education Regulations

On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by S. Kovel, regulations were amended and approved for publication.

### 2. Professional Counselors Sexual Misconduct Regulations

Regulatory Analyst, D. Swenson presented Board with changes recommended by Division of Law and accepted by the Professional Counselors Committee. On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by R. Walthall, Regulations were approved.

### 3. Rehabilitation Counselors Sexual Misconduct Regulations - Regulatory Analyst,

D. Swenson presented Board with changes recommended by Division of Law and accepted by the Professional Counselors Committee. On a motion by E. Reading, seconded by E. Stroh, regulations were approved.

### 4. Alcohol & Drug Counselors Rules & Regulations

- On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by E. Reading, regulations, which were forwarded to the Board by the Alcohol & Drug Counselors Committee, were approved as amended..

### 5. Ethics/Confidentiality Regulations

- Board requested that the Regulatory Analyst, D. Swenson report back to the Board on changing from 14 to 18 when a child must give approval before information can be revealed to parents.

## **F. PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION SERVICES**

Patricia Marino, Program Director for PES made a presentation to the Board on the new computerized MFG exam.

On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by E. Reading Board voted to allow candidates to receive their scores directly from PES.

## **G. CORRESPONDENCE**

John Williams - On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by F. Schatten Board voted to respond to Mr. Williams letter inquiring about his course work, with a letter indicating that he should refer to the regulations regarding educational requirements.

Dennis LaScala, Ph.d. - Mr. LaScala wrote the Board requesting that since he passed the Marriage & Family Therapy examination, and since he is a licensed psychologist and has extensive experience, he be granted a Marriage & Family Therapy license. The Board requested the Executive Director, Dennis Gonzalez to ask Mr. LaScala for an update on his clinical supervision and to submit this update on the approved form.

## **H. OLD BUSINESS**

Jacqueline Hudak's Consent Order - Board members were given a copy of the Consent Order which was accepted and signed by Ms. Hudak.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. AAMFTRB Annual Meeting - On a motion by E. Stroh, seconded by E. Reading Board voted to send J. Verser and F. Schatten to the annual meeting in Nashville from October 17-19, 2001.
2. Board Retreat - Board expects to hold a retreat in conjunction with its regular meeting in November. E. D. Dennis Gonzalez was asked to work with Vice Chairman F. Schatten to arrange and organize the retreat and report back to the Board in September.
3. Recognition for previous Board Members - Board was presented with a list of previous board members. It was decided that in January or February they would be invited to have lunch with the Board and be presented with a plaque in recognition of their service.

## **J. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

All reports were given in conjunction with Legislative and Regulatory matters (see letter E above).

## **K. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **L. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by F. Schatten, seconded by E. Stroh Board voted to go into Executive Session.

## **M. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez  
Executive Director

