

**BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m. by Board Chair James Verser who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Board Member, Gina Kassel  
Board Member, Dawn M. Lacy  
Board Member, J. Barry Mascari  
Board Member, Judith Owens  
Board Member, Edward Reading  
Board Member, Ronald K. Walthall  
Board Member, James Verser

Excused:

Board Member, Ben Beitin  
Board Member, Samira Haddad  
Board Member, Verice Mason  
Board Member, Amy E. Meckeler

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars  
Deputy Attorney General, Jodi C. Krugman  
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige  
Administrative Staff, Aishah Figueroa

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Barry Mascari, seconded by Edward Reading, and unanimous vote, the Public Session Minutes of the September 20, 2007 meeting were approved as corrected.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Professional Counselors Committee**

Barry Mascari, liason for the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, presented the September 6, 2007 public session minutes, licensure applications and reinstatement applications for approval. On a motion by Barry Mascari, seconded by Edward Reading, the agenda items from the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee were moved for approval.

**B. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee**

Edward Reading, liason for the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, reports that the Committee is working on revising the regulations regarding supervision and is in its very early stages of changing regulations regarding core training hours. Mr. Reading also discussed that non-substance abuse counselors are now required to obtain

the C.C.S. (Certified Clinical Supervisor) qualification.

#### **V. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held December 13, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Gina Kassell, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. to discuss pending confidential matters.