

**BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 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, Ben Beitin
Board Member, Judith Owens
Board Member, Edward Reading
Board Member, James Verser (available by phone)

Absent:

Board Member, Gina Kassel
Board Member, Dawn M. Lacy
Board Member, J. Barry Mascari
Board Member, Amy E. Meckeler Board Member, Ronald K. Walthall
*Due to lack of a quorum, the Board functioned as a Committee.

Staff Present:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Judith Owens, seconded by Ben Beitin, the Public Session Minutes of the September 11, 2008 meeting were recommended for approval as presented. Due to lack of quorum, the minutes will be presented for full Board approval at the November 13, 2008 Board meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Budget Officer, Darlene Kane attended the meeting to address questions regarding the 2008 Budget Report (Final). Ms. Kane informed the Board that the budgets for the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and the Alcohol and Drug Counselors Committee were favorable for fiscal year 2008. State law allows for a carry-over of funds to the budget for the next fiscal year.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Marriage and Family Therapy Sunset Proposal

B. Professional Counselor Committee Sunset Proposal

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ben Beitin, the Board voted to approve the sunset proposal as presented.

C. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee Sunset Proposal

On a motion by J. Barry Mascari, seconded by Judith Owens, the Board voted to approve the sunset proposal as presented.

D. Addiction and Mental Health Parity Legislation - Press Release

The Addiction and Mental Health Parity press release was presented for review and is considered informational.

VIII. AMFTRB MATTERS

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. National Occupational Outlook Handbook

The National Occupational Outlook Handbook was reviewed and considered informational.

B. Health News New Jersey Princeton

The Health News New Jersey article was reviewed and considered informational.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dr. Robert Massey letter is tabled for the November 13, 2008 Board meeting.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held November 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2009 Meeting Dates January 15, 2009 July 16, 2009

February 12, 2009 August 13, 2009

March 12, 2009 September 10, 2009

April 9, 2009 October 8, 2009

May 14, 2009 November 12, 2009

June 11, 2009 December 10, 2009

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ben Beitin, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:21 a.m. to discuss pending complaints and confidential matters.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ben Beitin, seconded by Edward Reading, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.