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### **BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JANUARY 13, 2011**

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The scheduled meeting of the Board was called to Order at 9:48 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chairman, James Verser.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Ben K. Beitin  
Ketrin Saud Maxwell  
Edward Reading  
James Verser

**Excused:**

Gina M. Kassel  
Judith A. Owens  
Jose Perez  
Dana L. Redd  
Eileen Thornton

**Staff Present:**

Deputy Attorney General, Jodi C. Krugman  
Administrative Staff, Elaine L. DeMars  
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly known as the Sunshine Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record, and The Courier Post.

*Board Chair, James Verser announced that the Board would operate as a Committee due to the lack of quorum, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-13.*

#### **III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion by Ben Beitin, seconded by Edward Reading a recommendation to approve the public minutes of November 18, 2010 as presented pending review and approval before the a quorum of the Board.

#### **IV. NEW BOARD MEMBER**

The Board welcomed new member Ketrin Saud Maxwell appointed to serve as liaison for the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-9.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rhoda Ondov, of NJ-AAMFT attended the public meeting.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2010- Final Budge Report and accepted it as informational.

**VII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

**Adopted Rule N.J.A.C. 13:42-12**

**Custody/Parenting Time Evaluations - State Board of Psychological Examiners**

The Board reviewed draft language for a proposed regulation to address custody/parenting time evaluations with Regulatory Analyst, Maryann Sheehan. The Board had concerns with the page #2 (b) in reference to “psychological testing.” The Board suggested clarification for references to psychological testing and consultation with qualified licensed health care professionals with requisite training. The Board will also request that the rule reflect that a therapist may testify but shall not make any recommendations regarding custody or termination of parental rights. The Board seeks to add that such a licensee may testify about a client’s mental health only.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Rhoda Ondov, MS., MFT**

Ms. Ondov attended the public meeting to discuss and to get clarification as to the discrepancies in the licensure process.

The Board addressed the comparison of licensure requirements she previously submitted and advised Ms. Ondov that many of the discrepancies she noted are statutory and cannot be modified by the Board.

**IX. FILED ORDERS**

**Shivani Nath**

The January 13, 2011 filed Final Order of Denial for Shivani Nath was presented to the Board.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be February 10, 2011.

February 10, 2011	August` 11, 2011
March 10, 2011	September 8, 2011
April 14, 2011	October 13, 2011
May 12, 2011	November 10, 2011
June 9, 2011	December 8, 2011
July 14, 2011	

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Ben Beitin, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board moved to Executive session to consider pending consumer complaints and disciplinary matters.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.