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I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Board was called to Order at 9:24 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chairman, James Verser.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ben K. Beitin
Gina M. Kassel
Ketrin Saud Maxwell
Jose Perez
Edward Reading
James Verser

Excused:

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 the presence of a quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by Ben Beitin, seconded by Gina Kassel, the Board approved the public minutes of the March 10, 2011 public meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhoda Ondov and Tarcilia Sutterley, New Jersey Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (NJ-AMFT) attended the public meeting.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Assembly Bill 2721

The Board reviewed and accepted as informational the proposed legislation intended to change the five year chapter expiration date for rules to seven years and change the procedures for the readoption of rules..

B. Assembly Bill A3851

The Board reviewed the proposed bill which seeks to require that information concerning certain public employees be made public. On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Gina Kassel, and a unanimous vote, the Board voted to oppose the proposed legislation..

C. N.J.A.C. 13:34-4.3(b)

Supervision Ratios

The Board agreed to request draft language to change the supervision ratio from one(1) hour of supervision for every five (5) hours of client contact to one (1) hour per week of face-to-face supervision per week. The Board also discussed the possibility of requesting certain supervisor qualifications, such as AAMFT supervisory training, 5 years of MFT experience and continuing education courses (training) in supervision..

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VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Blanche LeVere

The Board reviewed the accreditation documentation submitted by Ms. Levere for Cornerstone University. On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Gina Kassel, with Ben Beitin abstaining, the Board determined that the Cornerstone University degree is is not an accredited university and is not substantially equivalent to an degree in marriage and family therapy.

B. James Verser, LMFT

The Board reviewed the letter of resignation submitted by Board Chair James Verser informational. The letter will be forwarded to the Director's office.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Charleen Alderfer, LMFT, The College of New Jersey (TCNJ)

The Board reviewed Dr. Alderfer's e-mail and questions regarding TCNJ's marriage and family therapy program title. The program has been asked to consider deleting the word "therapy" from degree title, although the course work will not change.

The Board will inform Dr. Alderfer that the title change will not preclude licensure but course work/syllabi and course distribution may be required for application review.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 9, 2011.

2011 Meeting Dates

June 9, 2011	October 13, 2011
July 14, 2011	November 10, 2011
August 11, 2011	December 8, 2011
September 8, 2011	

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Gina Kassel, the Board move to Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. to consider pending consumer complaints and disciplinary matters.

X. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board returned to Public Session at 12:08 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, seconded by Gina Kassel, the Board returned to public session and adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.