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I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Board was called to Order at 9:35 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Hudson Conference room, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Chair, Ben K. Beitin
Board Member, Ketrin Saud Maxwell
Board Member, Jose Perez
Board Member, Edward Reading

Excused:

Board Member, Gina Kassel (Available by telephone)
Board Member, Eileen Thornton

Also Present:

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

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975 more commonly known as the Sunshine Law, 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, Ben Beitin announced the presence of a quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the minutes of the June 9, 2011 public meeting were approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public members present.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Elaine DeMars reported that the work of the board continues to be impacted by the ongoing administrative staff vacancies.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Custody/Parenting Evaluations Rule

The Board reviewed the draft of the custody/parenting evaluation rule.

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board determined to support the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee's comments.

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

The Board reviewed the draft revisions of the supervision ratio requirements.

On a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board approved the revisions to the draft regulation and authorized Regulatory Analyst, Maryann Sheehan to forward the proposed amended regulation for publication in the New Jersey Register.

C. A4101

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill A4101 which seeks to eliminate licensure of rehabilitation counselors. On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board determined to support the Professional Counselor Examiner Committee's support of the intent of the proposal with suggested amendments.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professional Counselor Examiners Committee

Professional Counselor Examiners Committee Vice-Chair, Ketrin Saud Maxwell reported that the Committee approved the curricula of the following counseling programs:

- 1. LaSalle University - Mental Health Counseling Program**
- 2. John Jay College - Master of Arts in Forensic Mental Health Counseling**

3. Professional Counselor Committee June 2, 2011 Public Minutes

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Jose Perez the Board ratified the approval of the June 2, 2011 public minutes of the Professional Counselor Examiners meeting.

B. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee Chair, Edward Reading reported that: the Committee was presented with an overview for the implementation of the paperless agenda process. The Committee will conduct the September 23, 2011 agenda utilizing the electronic method.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Blanche Levere

This matter was moved to Executive Session to discuss confidential application information.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. to review settlement offers, a potential violation of the regulations and disciplinary matters. Immediately following the conclusion of the executive session the Board returned to open session at 11:46 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Board meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

