

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:33 a.m. by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari, at the State Office Building, located at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Somerset Conference Room, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chairman, J. Barry Mascari
Committee Member, William Green
Committee Member, Abbey Bradway
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Staff Member, Elaine DeMars
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige
Administrative Staff, Agnes Almeida

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

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Abbey Bradway, seconded by William Green, the minutes of the November 6, 2008 public session meeting were for approval as presented.

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Abby Bradway, the minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Crawley, LPC, New Jersey Counseling Association (NJCA) liaison attended the meeting. Dr. Crawly, again, offered the Committee NJCA's continued support in the wake of statewide budget cuts which has directly affected administrative services.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Continuing Education

The Committee was informed that the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs had concerns that there may be Boards and Committees who require an excessive number of continuing education hours per renewal. The Committee determined it would research the National Board of Certified Counselors requirement for continuing education as compared to what the Professional Counselors Committee mandates. The Committee feels that the 40 credit biennial requirement is not excessive.

B. Unaccredited Degrees

The Committee agreed to look at individuals who list credentials obtained from unaccredited colleges and universities.

VI. GRADUATE COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. College of Saint Elizabeth - Valerie Scott, Ph.D.

The Committee reviewed Dr. Scott's response regarding the College of Saint Elizabeth's Master's in Counseling Psychology program. The Committee determined to request a meeting with Dr. Scott to discuss the program. The Committee will review the program's plan to provide remediation course work for graduates applying for licensure who have submitted transcripts with course work deficiencies.

B. Fairleigh Dickinson University - Yolanda Hawkins-Rodgers,

The Committee reviewed Dr. Rodgers' response to the Committee's letter of December 17, 2008 regarding the counseling program. The Committee determined to respond to Dr. Hawkins-Rodgers' letter and clarify the proposal of additional supervision for graduates with insufficient training in professional identity. The Committee suggested that the deficiency could be remediated through a specific supervision program that provided professional identity-specific training, rather than requiring additional classroom training.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

CACREPv A. Carol Bobby, Executive Director, CACREP

The Committee has invited Ms. Bobby to attend the March 5, 2009 meeting to clarify the requirements for obtaining CACREP accreditation.

B. NJCA (New Jersey Counseling Association)

Requests for attendance for J. Barry Mascari, Committee Chair, William Green, Committee member and Executive Director Elaine DeMars has been submitted for approval to attend the NJCA Annual Conference. The Committee has been invited, by NJCA, to provide a presentation on the statues and regulations for professional counselor licensure.

VIII. AASCB MATTERS

The Committee reviewed and accepted the AASCB Fall 2008 Newsletter as informational.

IX. FILED ORDERS

A. Janine M. Kaelin, LPC

The Committee reviewed and accepted as informational the January 23, 2009 filed Consent Order in the matter of Janine m. Kaelin.

B. Joseph Retik

The Committee reviewed and accepted as informational the January 23, 2009 filed Consent Order in the matter of Joseph Retik.

C. Cheryl Scheurich, LPC

The Committee reviewed a letter submitted by Ms. Scheurich in response to the filed January 9, 2009 Consent Order for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling. Ms. Scheurich will be sent correspondence acknowledging receipt of her letter.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 5, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

March 5, 2009 August 6, 2009
April 2, 2009 September 3, 2009
May 7, 2009 October 1, 2009
June 4, 2009 November 5, 2009
July 9, 2009 December 3, 2009

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:22 p.m., on a motion by William Green, seconded by Abbey Bradway the Committee moved to Executive Session to discuss consumer complaints and pending disciplinary matters.

XII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Abbey Bradway the following applicants were approved for licensure:

Professional Counselors

Angeline, Eleanor Mae Schrob, Jennifer
Bruce, Michele Siciliano, Gina
Consiglio, Maureen Sista, Maria
Coscia, Deanne Stephanides, Jacqueline
Fusaro, Randy Szmuc, Jolanta
Gonzalez, Lourdes Torres, Rita
Hackett, Bryan
Leveson, Roberta
Patel, Gita
Neuscheler, Laura
Parker, Princess
Petronzi, Jennifer
Raynor, Arlene
Brian L'Oiseau

Associate Counselors

Corona, Christopher
Greco, Lydia
Iacopelli, Stephanie
Kahn, Justin
Kincade, Debra
Leahey-Bennett, Mary
Miller, Gina
Morrison, Sheray
Strax, Marshall

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by William Green, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the public session meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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