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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES APRIL 1, 2010

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari
Committee Member, William Green

Excused:

Committee Member, Barbara Mauer

Also Present:

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

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 the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and the Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

Announcement of Quorum

The Professional Counselor Examiners Committee continues to function as a sub-Committee due to the lack of sufficient Committee member appointments. Quorum is established at N.J.S.A. 45:8B-37 and requires four members. Therefore all agenda matters will be presented to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners as recommendations for a final vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by William Green, seconded by J. Barry Mascari, the minutes of the March 4, 2010 public session minutes will be recommended for approval as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

Nine New Jersey City University students attended the meeting with NJCU professor, Jane Webber. Also in attendance were two Seton Hall professors, Peggy Farrelly and Margaret Brady-Amon, Montclair State University Professor, Edina Renfro-Michel, Assistant Professor, Jose Maldonado and LPC applicant, Loyal Owens.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Senate Bill 1666

The Committee reviewed Senate Bill 1666, which requires a videotaped record of interviews by psychologists and mental health experts in court-ordered child custody cases.

The Committee supports the Bill but makes recommendations that the regulations address specific requirements for the videotaping.

B. Assembly Bill 2400

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 2400, which requires applications for certain professionals and occupational licenses and certain registrations for controlled dangerous distribution to include information on applicant's membership in Armed Forces.

The Committee supports the proposed legislation as presented.

C. Assembly Bill 2456

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 2456, which eliminates salary for part time members of certain boards, commissions and independent authorities. The Committee did not take a position regarding this Bill.

On a motion by William Green, seconded by J. Barry Mascari, a recommendation was made to forward the above positions to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy for approval.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Computer Based Testing

Elaine DeMars reported that the final approval of the National Counselor Examination computer based testing contracted is expected in the near future. The NBCC fee will increase based on the technology and test site costs.

V. FILED CONSENT ORDERS

Kelly McGarvey, LPC

The March 11, 2010 filed Consent Order voluntary surrender of licensure for Kelly McGarvey

Nicolle DeLuca

The April 1, 2010 filed Consent Order for the unlicensed practice of professional counseling for Nicolle DeLuca

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 3, 2010.

June 3, 2010	October 7, 2010
July 1, 2010	November 4, 2010
August 5, 2010	December 2, 2010
September 2, 2010	

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by William Green, seconded by J. Barry Mascari the Committee moved to Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. to conduct investigative inquiries and to discuss other confidential matters.

VIII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by William Green, seconded by J. Barry Mascari, the following applicants will be recommended for approval:

Professional Counselors

Berbig, Lisa
Bernard, Becky
DiBernardo, Lisa
Dougherty, William
Economou, Peter
Evile, Maria
Hicks, Aunjuli
Lemoing, Valarie
Lewkowitz, Keith
Miller, Eric
Nasser-Shiloach, Hana
Rodriguez, Wendy
Ruggiero, Michael
Ware, Michael
Yakavonis, Cheryl

Associate Counselors

Dahlberg-Lee, Elizabeth
Golfinopoulos, Catherine
Leung-Kahler, Pauline
Magner, Margarita
Jhangiani, Bindu
Young, Elaine
Zazzarino, Anthony

IX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by William Green, seconded by J. Barry Mascari, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.