

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselors Committee was called to order at 9:45 a.m., by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari
Committee Vice-Chair, Abbey F. Bradway
Committee Member, Ronald Rossell
Committee Member, Barbara Maurer
Committee Member, Mark O'Sullivan

Excused:

Committee Member, Susan Devlin

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Mileidy Perez
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper
Administrative Staff, Agnes Almeida

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Ronald Rossell the Committee approved the May 4, 2006 minutes with amendments.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cecilia Perez addressed the Committee regarding her application for licensure.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Regulatory Committee Report

Regulatory Committee Members Abbey F. Bradway and Ronald Rossell reported that the regulations governing advertising have been preliminarily reviewed. Before any revisions or amendments are suggested to the full Committee, issues will be discussed with Deputy Attorney General Mileidy Perez, Executive Director Elaine DeMars and Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson. In order to expedite consideration of the AASCB Portability Agreement, the Regulations Committee will review the proposal and report to the full Committee.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Elaine L. DeMars informed the Committee that the cut off date for Fiscal Year 2006 travel reimbursement request must be received in the Committee office by June 30, 2006.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

John Joseph Schweska, Catholic Charities

The Committee reviewed Mr. Schweska's letter requesting Committee approval of a program entitled: "Disaster Mental Health Programs." The Committee determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-15.4, approval from one of the organizations listed is required before applying to the Committee.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Joseph P. Finley - A Consent Order has been executed in which Mr. Finley admitted that he provided professional counseling services to individuals in a for-profit setting despite the fact that he was no longer enrolled in a supervised course of study in counseling at a regionally accredited institution of higher education and did not hold any license which would entitle him to provide such services in the State of New Jersey. Pursuant to the Order, Mr. Finley is to immediately cease and desist from engaging in any counseling services in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39. He shall not advertise or offer to provide or engage in the practice of professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychology, psychotherapy services, social work, mental health therapy, and/or any other mental health counseling without a license as may be required for practice in the State of New Jersey until fully authorized by the respective state licensing Board and/or Committee. Payment of the assessed costs and penalty is required.

IX. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is July 6, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

2006 Committee meeting Dates

August 3, 2006 November 2, 2006

September 7, 2006 December 7, 2006

October 5, 2006

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:27 a.m., on a motion by Abbey F. Bradway, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session to discuss pending disciplinary matters.

XI. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the Committee voted to approve the following applications as noted:

Licensed Professional Counselor:

Donato, Nicole

Nereo, George

Gaffen, Lorin

Sewell, Wynante

Swift, Monique

Kedes, Kristen

Travaglini, Christina L.

Leitner, Doreen M.

Wenger, Pamela J.

Miller, Eileen M.

Williams, Veronika

Licensed Associate Counselor:

Braza, Gina D.
Meola, Christine A.
Casius, Amanda G.
Oriti, Kathleen
Khalil, Antoine A.
Sikoutris-DiIorio, Maria
Lyzinski, Julie A.
Trifiro, Sherry A.

Licensed Rehabilitation Counselor:

Kaboski, Amy M.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by Mark O'Sullivan, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars
Executive Director