

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
July 9, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:37 a.m. by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari, at the State Office Building, located at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Hudson Conference Room, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Administrative Staff: Elaine DeMars
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 State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and the Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by William Green, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the minutes of the June 4, 2009 public session meeting were approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Attending the Public Session meeting:

Claire Lagamacini
Christopher Hires
Jim Warner

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Proposed Regulations Readoption with Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:34-10 - 30.

New Jersey Register Publication date: May 4, 2009

The comment period for the proposal ended on July 3, 2009. Regulatory Analyst, Maryann Sheehan met with the Committee to draft responses to the comment received. On a motion made by William Green, seconded by Abbey Bradway, the Committee voted to accept the proposed regulations and comment responses as drafted for publication. The matter will be forwarded to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for final approval. The responses will be published with the final adoption of the regulations.

B. Assembly Bill 4026

A 4026 Establishes additional investigative and enforcement powers in Division of Consumer Affairs to deter individuals from engaging in unauthorized practice of professions and occupations. Upon review, the Committee determined to make no comment.

VI. GRADUATE COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. Fairleigh Dickinson University

The Committee reviewed the June 25, 2009 letter addressed to DAG Berger and submitted by Zulima V. Farber on behalf of the FDU- Madison Campus Master's in Counseling program. In response, the Committee will emphasize that the Committee agreement was a remedial arrangement to apply to 2004 - 2007 graduates only.

C. William Paterson University

The Committee reviewed the June 2, 2009 letter submitted by Dr. Paula Danzinger detailing the changes made to the University's CACREP-accredited, Master's in Counseling Services program and accepted it as informational.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. A random audit to determine continuing education requirement compliance has been mailed.

VIII. NBCC MATTERS

The Committee was advised that the contract for the computer-based National Counselor Examination remains under legal review.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

September 16, 2009

October 1, 2009

November 5, 2009

December 3, 2009

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Barbara Maurer, seconded by William Green, the Committee adjourned public session and moved to Executive Session to conduct three investigative inquiries, discuss consumer complaints and pending disciplinary matters.

XIII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion made by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee approved the following applications for licensure:

Benna, Lauren, LAC

Jimenez, Tania, LAC

Wietsman, Jessica, LAC

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Abbey Bradway, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m.