

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR COMMITTEE MEETING  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2005**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselors Committee was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Committee Member, J. Barry Mascari  
Committee Member, Jerry Cohen  
Committee Member, Edward W. Stroh

Absent:

Committee Member, Ronald A. Rossell

Excused:

Committee Vice Chair, Abbey F. Bradway

Staff Present:

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

Due to the absence of two Committee members and the lack of quorum, the Committee functioned as a subcommittee.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Janice McMillan, Ph.D., LPC, Chair of the National Credentials Registry Ms. McMillan, past president of the American Association of State Counseling Boards (the Association) and a member of the Virginia licensing board attended the meeting to discuss the portability of the professional counselor licensure.

Dr. McMillan reported that the Association recognized the need to create a credentials registry when it became apparent that competent licensees were confronted with a myriad of licensure requirement differences among the states in their reciprocity/endorsement attempts. The mission of the National Credentials Registry is to create a solution through suggested options for state licensing boards to accept a minimum of five years experience to compensate for lesser course work and/or experience requirements.

Ms. McMillan informed the Committee that as of September 1, 2005 individual applications are being accepted for the portability registration. Individuals will pay an application and biennial renewal fee to maintain "Registry Status." There will be no cost for state licensing boards.

The National Credentials Registry will serve two purposes: 1) as a storage facility for individual's experience, transcripts, examination and continuing education credits documentation. At the registrant's request, this documentation can be retrieved to send to other states when a licensee chooses to apply for reciprocity and 2) to encourage state boards to accept the concept of portability and one of the two suggested formulas for the substitution of experience for education or supervised experience hours. The Registry will also verify the licensees discipline history as part of the application review process. The matter will be included on the October 6, 2005 agenda for full Committee discussion.

#### **V. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is October 6, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. At 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10: 35 a.m., on a motion by Jerry Cohen seconded by Edward Stroh, the sub-Committee moved to Executive Session to discuss pending disciplinary matters.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Edward Stroh, seconded by Jerry Cohen, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars  
Executive Director