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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES **SEPTEMBER 4, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, William Green called the meeting to Order at 10:00 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair
Peter Economou, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum at 10:01 a.m.

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 mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 45:8B

A. Board Chair

Executive Director, Collazo asked for nominations for Committee Chair. *Dana Kaspereen nominated Bill Green for Committee Chair, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell. Hearing no other nominations, nominations were closed. Voting in favor: all remaining members present. Bill Green is re-elected Committee Chair.*

B. Board Vice-Chair

Executive Director, Collazo asked for nominations for Committee Vice-Chair. *Dana Kaspereen nominated Ketrin Saud-Maxwell for Committee Vice-Chair, seconded by Diane Licht. Hearing no other nominations, nominations were closed. Voting in favor: all other members present. Ketrin Saud-Maxwell is re-elected Committee Vice-Chair.*

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 5, 2014 Professional Counselor Examiners Public Minutes - Tabled from July 10, 2014 meeting

Upon motion by Committee member, Peter Economou, seconded by Committee member Diane Licht, the Committee voted to refer the June 5, 2014 public meeting minutes to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for ratification. Voting in favor: all. The vote was unanimous.

B. July 10, 2014 Professional Counselor Examiners Public Minutes

Upon motion by Committee member, Peter Economou, seconded by Committee member Michael Shea, the Committee voted to approve the July 10, 2014 Public minutes as corrected. Voting in favor: all. The vote was unanimous.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Shyamli Shah

Ms. Shah presented the Committee with her LAC application. The Committee advised Ms. Shah that applications are confidential and cannot be discussed in Public Session.

The following members of the public were present and did not comment:

A. Justin Dana student at Caldwell College

B. Keira Timms, student at Caldwell College

C. Caitlin Stchter, student at Caldwell College

D. Megan Kelly, student at Caldwell College

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Implementation of P.L. 2013, c. 49

The Committee members present reviewed the proposed language to P.L. 2013, c.49. This rule will grant credit toward licensure for education, training, and experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces. .49.

Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Michael Shea, the Committee voted to approve as is. Voting in favor: all. The vote was unanimous.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Nothing to report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Paula Ochs, LCSW

The Committee reviewed the Ms. Ochs' request for approval of her continuing education program. The Committee determined to direct Ms. Ochs to N.J.A.C. 13:34-14.4(a)1.

XI. COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Nothing to report.

XII. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

Nothing to report.

XIII. NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)

Committee Chair, Bill Green reported that he attended NBCC's annual conference was held on August 7, 2014 - August 8, 2014 in Greensboro, NC. He reported that one of the major issues discussed was distance counseling.

XIV. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Committee

Regulatory Analyst, Rachel Glasgow reported that she is currently working on a draft of language of proposed regulation changes for Sunset to be presented to the Committee at a later date.

B. FAQs Committee

Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to approve the FAQs as presented. Voting in favor: all. The vote was unanimous.

C. Internet Counseling

Peter Economou reported that the Internet Counseling sub-committee is currently tabled.

XV. FILED ORDERS

A. Lisa Liedecker, LPC

The Committee reviewed the July 23, 2014 filed Consent Order for Ms. Liedecker and accepted as it informational. The vote was unanimous.

XVI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for October 2, 2014.

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2014

October 2, 2014

November 6, 2014

December 4, 2014

XVII. APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

Applicants approved to take NCE Exam

Alex Brown
Kathryn J. Camisa
Sherry R. Caper-Dock
Tinny Cheung
Karen L. Cimorelli
Melissa D. Edmonds
Seth Frost
Jayne A. Gaer
Amy E. Glaser
Ashante F. Guillaume-Salvant
Nidian L. Lliguicota
Karen A. Nepsha
Margaret A. Ottenwess
Alexa H. Pallay
Tatiana G Pereira
Crystal C. Pruitt
Jamal C. Robinson
Shelly A. Rowe
Melissa A. Schmidt
Sara B Sheffield
Andrew Turner
Rachel G. Watson
Christine C. Whelan
Barbara A. Witherspoon
Reema Zahr

LAC approved

Ada M. Albrino-Wimbush
Michael M. Alves
Kelly A. Arendacs
Vera Aviles
Niyana Baraka
Melanie Bieber
Karen C. Bogdo
Wendy G. Boyle
Lauren D. Buchholz
Victoria Calarco
Lindsay R. Carlsen
Sean A. Cullen
Crystal E. Delia
Julie Dimino
Stephanie L. Englander
Dina Graffeo
Bernadette M. Griffen
Lisa M. Jannicelli

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LAC approved (cont'd)

Daniel A. Jodexnis
Michael Kotch
April B. Lee
Laura M. Licastro
Heather L Lonergan
Laurel L. Malavasi
Nicole M. McLaughlin
Amy M McLoone
Natalie E. Menendez
Lisa A. Nelson
Megan O'Neill
Cristina Orozco
Abbie C. Phifer
Elizabeth Rivera
Crystal C. Robinson
Angelica R. Russo
Christine P. Russo-Merxhushi
Cristina I. Sanchez
Michael H. Sesnowich
Barbara P. Tatum
Nicole C. Valles
Chris G. Vasilos
Jennifer L. Voelker
Christopher H. Wei
Chenelle J. Williams
Dontay C. Williams
Jessie T. Williams
Toni L. Yeheskel
Ashlee R. Zykorie

LPC approved

Tia V. Baxter
Edward C. Belevins
Cory Birch
Jessica Bond
Lisa R. Cardinal
TobyCynamon-Lowy
Lois A. Ehrmann
Lauren Farrelly
Juilanna C. Ford
Crystal Hawkins
Dorian L. Head
Irene Hernandez-Kearns
Sherritta A. Hughes
Walicia Jackson-Morse

LPC approved (cont'd)

Mark W. Kiang
Martine Lamour
Jennfier A. McClendon
Linda R. McQuille-Jones
Kathryn Pandolopho
Helen L. Raiani
Diane S. Smith
Carol F. Tudor
Kathryn M. Vango Hsu
Candace D. Wilson
Katie Zebrowski

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Peter Economou, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Committee voted to move to Executive session at 11:15 a.m to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all. The vote was unanimous.

IXX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Peter Economou seconded by Michael Shea, the Committee voted to return to Public session at 4:30 p.m. to adjourn the September 4, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all. The vote was unanimous.