

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**  
**October 1, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to Order at 9:40 a.m., by Committee Chair, J. Barry Mascari, at the State Office Building, located at 124 Halsey Street, 7th floor Cape May Conference Room, Newark, New Jersey.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger  
Administrative Staff: Elaine L. DeMars  
Agnes Almeida  
Celeste Paige  
Intern: Barbara Lozansky

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.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by William Green a recommendation to accept the September 16, 2009 minutes, as corrected, will be forwarded to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy for approval.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

New Jersey City University graduate student, Lauren Coffey attended the public agenda meeting to observe the process.

**V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

**A. N.J.A.C. 13:34-10 -30**

The Committee discussed the readoption with amendment of the regulations governing the practice of professional counseling. The adoption will be published in the New Jersey Register. The proposed regulations concerning distance counseling and informed consent were reserved for future proposal. On a motion made by Barbara Maurer, seconded by William Green, the Committee will recommend reproposing language to address both distance counseling and informed consent. In addition, the Committee reviewed the proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:42-12, Custody/Parenting Time Evaluations, published in the New Jersey Register for the Board of Psychological Examiners and recommended that a similar regulations be proposed for professional counselors.

**B. Implementation of Adopted Regulations**

The Committee discussed some of the changes that will become effective upon adoption of the regulations. Licensees and applicants are advised to monitor the Committee's web page for revisions to the regulations.

## VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Elaine DeMars reported that the responses to the Continuing Education random audit for professional, rehabilitation counselors are under review.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted as informational the final Fiscal Year 2009 report.

## VIII. November Meeting

The November 5, 2009 Public Agenda meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m.

## IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by William Green, seconded by Barbara Maurer, the Committee moved to executive session at 10:18 a.m. to discuss pending confidential matters.

## X. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by William Green, the following applicants were approved for licensure:

### Associate Counselors Professional Counselors

Abreu, Kristina Bernardo, Michelle  
Alongi, Phyllis Birnbaum, Clara  
Betts, Jennifer Braverman, Jennifer  
Bekheet, Maureen Coppola, Sandra  
Bruni, James Creagh-Kaiser, Maureen  
Cardaccio, Joanna Davis, Elaine  
Conner, Jaime DiCesare-Bailey, Melissa  
Faccione, Christine Dubanowich, Margaret  
Maliano, Peter Hall, Stephanie  
Opit, Nicole Kelliam, Mia  
Scmielz, Lance Knocke, Samantha  
Vona, Sally Quirk, Jerilyn  
Schneider, Kimberly  
Sutton, Andree  
Torczyn, Heather

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Barbara Maurer, seconded by J. Barry Mascari, the Committee adjourned at 4:05 p.m.