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## **ART THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JUNE 16, 2020**

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Due to the current state of emergency, the June 16, 2020 meeting of the Art Therapy Advisory Committee was not held at 124 Halsey, but remotely. Pursuant to the OPMA, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1, notice was provided electronically within 48 hours of the scheduled meeting. The meeting was called to Order at 9:39 am and was accessed by the public by the link provided.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **Present:**

Annette Vaccaro, Committee Chair  
Mary Gambarony, Committee Secretary  
Rita Klachkin, Committee Member

#### **Also present:**

Carmen Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General  
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director  
Mehnaz Rahim, Regulatory Analyst  
Celeste Paige, Administrative Assistant

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Rita Klachkin, seconded by Mary Gambarony, the minutes of the May 19, 2020 public minutes were approved as amended. Voting in favor: ALL

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT –**

**A.** The following individuals submitted requests for a waiver of the Art Therapy examination for licensure requirement:

1. Brittany Barnstead
2. Traci Bitondo
3. Abbie Brewster
4. Susan Dingsor
5. Victoria Faljean
6. Katherine Keith
7. Emily Kneis
8. Rachel Kreisler
9. Lauren McCarthy

10. Cindy Lou Nelson
11. Alison Silver
12. Brian Tepper
13. Grace Zambelli
14. Courtney Puciata
15. Aubrie Evans
16. Ning\_Shing Kung
17. Courtney Medina
18. Vivian Shortell
19. Carly Patterson

COVID Waiver for Art Therapy Credential Board Examination Testing (for discussion and recommendation only)

**B. Comments/Questions:**

1. Test sites – request for Committee to assist with Pearson Vue scheduling  
*The Committee informed the public that they have no authority over the contract with Pearson Vue.*
2. LCAT via reciprocity – Creative Arts Therapists Board  
*The Art Therapy Advisory Committee does not have authority to grant a license under reciprocity for someone seeking to be licensed as a Creative Art Therapist. That authority would fall to the Creative Arts Therapy Board. As of this date, the Board has not been established or constituted, the board is created on June 19, 2020. No action can be taken until all its members are appointed.*
3. LAAT application – availability  
*All applications are now posted on the Committee’s webpage. The Jurisprudence Orientation is pending. The application for LPAT and LAAT, ATCBE exam approval and reciprocity are one and the same. Applicants need to check off the box (on the upper right hand corner) indicating the license for which they are applying.*

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Application Updates – Current Practitioners

*Upon a motion made by Rita Klachkin, seconded by Mary Gambarony the following applicants met all the requirements for licensure and are approved for license as a Professional Art Therapist. Voting in favor: All*

Licensed Professional Art Therapist

Laura E. Salley  
Mary C. Gambarony  
Rita Klachkin  
Maria R. Lupo  
Mary Ellen McAlevey  
Rebecca L. Santin  
Allyson Fuentes

*Upon a motion by Mary Gambarony, seconded by Rita, the following applicants are approved for licensure as professional art therapists, pending receipt of the outstanding items indicated below. Voting in favor: All.*

Annette M. Vaccaro – Needs address on application  
Catherine Codella - Approved- pending transcript  
Carrie M. Goldberg- Approved- pending cert of practical exp.  
Heather Genovese - Approved- pending exam & transcript  
Kim Traina-Nolan- Approved - exam & transcript  
Leah Barlow - Approved- needs notary certification  
Courtney Puciata Borzotta - Approved - pending exam & transcript  
LaToya M. Pegram - Approved -pending exam & transcript  
Traci Bitondo - Approved- pending exam and cert of practical experience

*Upon a motion made by Rita Klachkin, seconded by Mary Gambarony, the following applicants are approved as associate art therapists, pending receipt of the outstanding items listed below. Voting in favor: All.*

Licensed Associate Art Therapist  
Cindy Tomato Concannon - Approved for ATCB exam  
Ashley Francesco -Approved - pending exam score  
Marisa S Juliano - Approved for ATCB exam

**V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY COVID-19 WAIVERS**

*No new waivers*

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Move to executive session for discussion of confidential matters (if necessary). No executive session.*

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion by Rita Klachkin and seconded by Mary Gambarony, the public session of the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m. Voting in favor: All.*