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I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners was called to Order by Board Secretary Ben Beitin at 9:42 a.m., in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair*
Jose Perez, *Vice Chair*
Alyson Smith, *Board Member*
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Board Member*
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liaison)*
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol & Drug Committee Liaison)*

Excused:

Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Board Member*
Mia Sena, *Public Member*

Absent:

Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*

Also in attendance:

Carmen Rodriguez, *Deputy Attorney General*
Rachel Glasgow, *Regulatory Analyst*
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, *Government Representative*
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

Announcement of Quorum

Board Secretary Ben Beitin announced the presence of quorum at 9:42 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 mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 14, 2016 PUBLIC MINUTES

Upon motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board voted to approve the January 14, 2016 public minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:

Inga Shnee, LMFT NJ, AAMFT

Serena Ayyad, 3-year temporary permit applicant

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Board review:

There are currently 576 total active Marriage and Family Therapy licenses, 186 applications pending and 14 reinstatements pending.

There are currently 2,687 total active licenses for Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LCADC & CADC), 1,191 applications pending and 14 reinstatements pending.

There are currently 5,513 total active licenses for Professional Counselors (LAC, LPC, LRC), 1,456 applications pending and 37 reinstatements pending.

* Applications in pending include applications pending final Board review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting for exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Rule Proposal

The Board reviewed the draft of their regulations submitted by the Regulations Subcommittee. The Board will review and make a final vote for approval at their April 14, 2016 meeting.

(On the agenda posted, the it stated the Board would review the adoption notice for Professional Counselor amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1, and 17.1. This was reviewed and voted on at the February 11, 2016 meeting and was a misprint on the agenda)

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

None to review.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No items to report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No items to report.

X. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS

The Board reviewed the survey from the AMFTRB Teletherapy Committee.

Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Board voted to have Executive Director Collazo reply to the survey. Voting in favor: all.

The Board expressed their concern for the time it is taking to complete regulations for

Teletherapy. The Board would like to speak to the contact person is to speak to for the division so the Board may move forward to complete the draft of regulations. Executive Director Collazo will have Terri Goldberg, Assistant Deputy Director, speak to the Board about these matters at the April 14, 2016.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MFT Regulations Sub-Committee

- Has completed its review of proposed changes to existing regulations, and will vote on the completed draft at its April 14, 2016 meeting.
- The Application Committee will review application forms and supervision forms to update and be completed by the April 14, 2016 meeting.

B. Alcohol and Drug Sub-Committee

- A&D has completed its review of proposed changes to existing regulations and will have the MFT Board vote for final approval of the regulation draft at its April 14, 2016 meeting.
- Dr. Reading compiled the information from the Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (ATTC) workshop on remote therapy and remote supervision.
- Dr. Reading will attend a follow up conference for distance supervision in August 2016 presented by the Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC).

C. PC Regulations Sub-Committee

- PC has completed its review of proposed changes to existing regulations and will have the MFT Board vote for final approval of the regulation draft at its April 14, 2016 meeting.
- The information Dr. Reading compiled from the Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (ATTC) workshop on remote therapy and remote supervision will be added to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee to review. A law intern has been assigned to organize all data on remote and tele-therapy.

XII. FILED ORDERS

No items to report.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **April 14, 2016** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2016 Meeting Dates:

April 14, 2016

May 12, 2016

June 9, 2016

July 14, 2016

August 11, 2016

September 8, 2016

October 13, 2016

November 10, 2016

December 8, 2016

XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW

Upon motion by Lorraine Barry, seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board members voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: all.

- A. LICENSURE**
 - 1. Katrina Edmonds

- B. 3 YEAR TEMPORARY PERMIT**
 - 1. Ashley Brewer

- C. SUPERVISION REPORTS**
 - 1. Ines Martin
 - 2. Priscilla Sanabria
 - 3. Rocelyn Tiozon

- D. EXAMINATION AUTHORIZATION**
 - 1. Stacey Einziger
 - 2. Tracey Bauer
 - 3. Paola M. Peters
 - 4. Christina Awosan
 - 5. Jeffrey Beck

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board voted to move to Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Jose Perez, and seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board members present returned to Public Session and voted to adjourn the public meeting at 1 p.m. Voting in favor: all.