

DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES  
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPISTS

3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 104  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Friday, May 5, 2017  
10:10 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dale Blumen, MFT, Chair  
Joseph Costa, Public Member  
Terrance Giblin, MFT, MHC  
Michelle Gonzalez, Public Member  
Noelle Harris, MHC, Secretary  
Ronald Mancini, MHC

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Elizabeth Johnson, MFT  
James Pinel, MHC

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alana Rodriguez, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amanda Clarke, Department of Administration, Office of Regulatory Reform  
Judith Drew, Salve Regina University

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists was held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on a motion by Dale Blumen and seconded by Michelle Gonzalez. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the January 20, 2017 Open Session Meeting Minutes

The Board voted unanimously to amend the Open Session minutes presented. Alana Rodriguez will present the revised minutes at the next scheduled board meeting. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

a. Proposed Rules & Regulations Changes

Alana Rodriguez updated the Board that the Regulatory draft was submitted to the Office of Regulatory Reform for Phase I review. Amanda Clarke spoke on the statutory reiteration revisions she made to the draft and explained the Office of Regulatory Reform process. Motion for a provisional vote was made by Noelle Harris and seconded by Ronald Mancini to review and accept the newly formatted changes. The Board voted unanimously.

4. Chairperson Report

a. Rhode Island Association for Marriage Family Therapist (RIAMFT) Meeting, clarification presented by Dale Blumen  
Dale Blumen provided to the Board information that was discussed at the RIAMFT Meeting and Dale advised the local group name change from Rhode Island Marriage and Family Therapist Association to Rhode Island Association for Marriage Family Therapist.

b. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Dale Blumen and seconded by Joseph Costa to adjourn to Closed Session at 11:12 a.m. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure.

Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

c. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Terrance Giblin and seconded by Dale Blumen at 11:02 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

d. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

a. The board proposed action on one case.

e. Adjournment

The next Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists meeting will be held Friday, August 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Ronald Mancini and seconded by Michelle Gonzalez to adjourn at 11:28 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Alana Rodriguez  
Board Manager  
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions