

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, October 13, 2017  
10:12 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  
Elizabeth Johnson, MFT  
Ronald Mancini, MHC  
James Pinel, MHC

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alana Rodriguez, Board Manager  
Michael Martineau, Newly assigned Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nancy Gordon, Salve Regina University  
Amnda Minor, 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, October 13, 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 10:12 a.m. on a motion by Ronald Mancini and seconded by James Pinel. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the May 05, 2017 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Noelle Harris and seconded by Michelle Gonzalez to accept the Open Session minutes of May 05, 2017. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

a. Announcements & Introductions

Alana Rodriguez announced to the board that Michael Martineau is the newly assigned board manager to the Board. Michael Martineau gave a brief introduction to the board members.

b. Regulatory Draft Update

Alana Rodriguez informed the board that the second regulatory draft is posted on the Secretary of State public comment notice and will expire November 3, 2017. Alana Rodriguez showed gratitude to the board for their continual assistance and patience and will provide updates when available.

4. Old Business

a. Presentation of the January 20, 2017 Amended Open Session Minutes

Motion was made by Terrance Giblin and seconded by Noelle Harris to accept the amended Open Session Minutes of January 20, 2017. The Board votes unanimously to approve the amended Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Noelle Harris and seconded by Terrance Giblin to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:23 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. 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.

6. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Michelle Gonzalez and seconded by James Pinel at 11:24 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.

7. Adjournment

The next Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists meeting will be held TBD at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Noelle Harris and seconded by Terrance Giblin to adjourn at 11:28 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Alana Rodriguez  
Board Manager  
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions