The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Ms. McAuliffe called the role and a quorum was established.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LICENSURE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG COUNSELORS**

Ms. Pines indicated that the Board would be taking public comment on the issue of licensing of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselors. Due to the veto of Senate bill 537, which would have required the Board, in conjunction with the Department of Consumer Affairs and other relevant agencies, to determine the need for licensure, the Board had cancelled additional hearings on this issue. She stated that the Board would gather the public comments received and
forward them on to the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs since they are the agency that was identified in the Governor’s veto message to promulgate regulations to require that counselors in drug and alcohol treatment facilities be certified for quality assurance purposes.

The Board received public comments from several individuals. These individuals included professional associations that provide certification of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselors and individuals who are responsible for in and out patient treatment facilities.

At the end of the hearing, Ms. Pines thanked everyone for their comments and assured them that their comments, as well as written materials gathered from the hearing, would be forwarded on to the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

The Public Hearing adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m.