MEMBERS PRESENT
Catherine Kay, Public Member, Committee Chair
Robert Gerst, Public Member
Susan Ulevitch, LCSW Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT
Paul Riches, Executive Officer
Denise Johnson, Assistant Executive Officer
Kristy Schieldge, Legal Counsel
Melissa Meade, Administrative Technician

GUEST LIST ON FILE

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:46 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2005 MINUTES

ROBERT GERST MOVED, CATHERINE KAY SECONDED, AND THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2005.

2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION ON LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL REGARDING MFT EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Riches explained changes made a couple years ago that intended to limit the number of hours to be attained prior to graduation to 1300, most of this relates to lengthening the administrative hours credited towards licensure. This change did not address when applicants can obtain experience related to “administering and evaluating psychological tests, writing clinical reports and progress or process notes.” These hours are capped at 250, which would allow a candidate to accumulate 1,550 hours of experience prior to graduation, not the 1,300 hours intended.
Ms. Kay requested that further clarification be provided regarding the terms “supervised experience” and recommended removing the word “supervised” from section 4980.43.

ROBERT GERST MOVED, CATHERINE KAY SECONDED, AND THE BOARD CONCURRED TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THAT THE BOARD SPONSOR A BILL TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL AND SUGGESTED CHANGES AS SET FORTH IN THE MATERIALS THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GIVEN WITH CLARIFICATIONS REQUESTED.

3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION ON LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL REGARDING LICENSE VERIFICATION

Ms. Kay described the proposed change regarding the ability to rely on the website for license verifications. A statute would be added to Business and Professions Code and would read as follows:

4990.18. For purposes of license verification, a person may rely upon a printout from the board’s internet Web site that includes the issuance and expiration dates of any license or registration issued by the board.

After the committee discussed issues regarding necessity, liability exposure, and conflicts with departmental policy, Ms. Kay announced that there was no motion.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:14 p.m.