

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

**October 7, 2011
TELECONFERENCE
Minutes of Meeting**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 08.95.020, Article 1, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Professional Counselors was held October 7, 2011, by teleconference.

Friday, October 7, 2011

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Board Members (constituting a quorum) Present were:

Shawnie Olson, Chairperson, Licensed Professional Counselor – Homer
Jennifer Burkholder, Licensed Professional Counselor – Anchorage
Lillian Mitchell, Public Member – Anchorage

Board Members Not Present were:

Ray DePalatis, Licensed Professional Counselor – Anchorage
Emily Zimbrich, Licensed Professional Counselor – Haines

Attending from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing was:

Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner

Agenda Item 1 – Regulations

Two regulation changes had been public noticed and the Regulations Specialist reported that no comments had been received regarding either regulation.

The regulation change for 12 AAC 62.120 will put an additional requirement in the regulation that requires an applicant to have a minimum of three graduate level credits in ethics before they may become licensed. They are changing the regulation to reflect the requirement of these ethics credits and it will be effective for anyone applying after February 1, 2012.

In Regulation 12 AAC 62.350, the Board of Professional Counselors had addressed the possibility of extraordinary hardships in obtaining continuing education contact hours for license renewal.

There was no discussion.

Upon a motion by Jennifer Burkholder and seconded by Lillian Mitchell, and approved unanimously, it was RESOLVED adopt changes to the regulations 12 AAC 62.120 and 12 AAC 62. Article 3, as public noticed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm