

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Monmouth Conference Room, 7th floor on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 9:45 A.M. Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Board Chair, opened the meeting by reading the following opening statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., Secretary
Francesca Peckman, Psy.D.

Also Attending:

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative
Alan Vallee, Intern

III. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to approve the public session minutes of March 2, 2015, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

V. REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATIONS

Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into executive session for discussion of the jurisprudence examinations. The Board returned to open session.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

March 24, 2015 9:30 A.M. Jurisprudence Examination

*Jill Friedman, Ph.D.
Karen Rentas-Torres, Ph.D.
Elizabeth Stacom, Ph.D.*

*Damian Petino, Psy.D.
Maria Schultheis, Ph.D.
Marian Stolerman, Psy.D.*

March 24, 2015 1:30 P.M. Jurisprudence Examination

*Alison Steinhauer, Psy.D.
Michelle Lupkin, Ph.D.
Heather Hamed, Psy.D.*

*Kristin Conlon, Psy.D.
Jordan Levy, Ph.D.
Elie Cohen, Ph.D.*

VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

*The following candidates were unanimously approved for the three-year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology:*

Kate Linehan, Psy.D.

Wendy Lopez-Silva, Psy.D.

Wendy Wilson-Poth, Ph.D.

Tracy Menzie, Psy.D.

Jacqueline Freedman, Psy.D.

Danielle Zurawiecki, Psy.D.

Erica Samson, Psy.D.

*The following candidates were unanimously approved for the one-year temporary permit for the **unsupervised** practice of psychology:*

Joshua Avondoglio, Ph.D.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Alexia Peratikos-Kiritsis, Psy.D., TP#123-024

The Board reviewed Dr. Peratikos-Kiritsis' correspondence regarding the extension of her permit. Dr. Peratikos-Kiritsis will be advised that her temporary permit will now expire on February 23, 2016. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Peratikos-Kiritsis's permit for one year. Voting in favor: all.*

B. Letter from Helen Polak, Psy.D., TP#123-020

The Board reviewed Dr. Polak's letter regarding the extension of her permit. Dr. Polak will be advised that her temporary permit will now expire on April 6, 2016. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Polak's permit for one year. Voting in favor: all.*

C. Letter from Geraldine Oades-Sese, Ph.D., TP#123-056

The Board reviewed Dr. Oades-Sese's correspondence regarding the extension of her permit. Dr. Oades-Sese will be advised that her temporary permit will now expire on December 29, 2016. *Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Oades-Sese's permit for one year. Voting in favor: all.*

D. Letter from Jane Selzer of the New Jersey Psychological Association

The Board reviewed correspondence from Jane Selzer of the New Jersey Psychological Association regarding the jurisprudence webinar. Ms. Selzer agreed to change the fee to be consistent with the fees charged to all applicants. Executive Director recommended that the Board require a notarized affidavit as verification for completion of the webinar for all

licensees who are applying for reciprocity. *Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to proceed with implementation of the jurisprudence webinar. Voting in favor: all.*

E. Supervisory Form for Elana Rosencrantz, Psy.D

The Board reviewed Dr. Elana Rosencrantz' supervisory form which stated that her supervisor, Laura Brown, Ph.D., had a disciplinary issue in the past in another state and does not currently have the records at hand. *Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to have Dr. Brown obtain records of her disciplinary action from the Washington psychology board and forward a copy to this Board. Voting in favor: all.*

F. Response from Alexander Mondrow, Psy.D., TP #113-017

The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Mondrow requesting that the Board accept training hours earned prior to his permit. *Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted not to accept Dr. Mondrow's supervised hours before his permit was issued pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:42-3.2. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES

A. Evan Jaffe, Psy.D./Gary Borer, Ph.D., supervisor

Dr. Jaffe was seen by a committee of the Board to discuss his plan for taking the E.P.P.P. examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Jaffee's permit by one year with the following changes in case load: No more than five hours of direct contact with clients, contingent on his taking of the exam by October 31, 2015. Voting in favor: all.*

IX. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

No disciplinary actions to report.

X. REVIEW OF LEGISLATION

A. Assembly, No. 2892 - Allows certain Psychologists to prescribe medicine. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

B. Assembly, No. 4309 - Transfers Division of Mental Health Advocacy to the Department of Human Services. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

C. Autumn Joy Stillbirth Research and Dignity Act - The Board was addressed by representatives from the Department of Health Scott Owens, HSS and Gene Brenycz Regulatory Officer. They were looking for guidance from the Board on how or when a

psychologist should offer counseling in a hospital setting.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Dennis Finger, Ed.D., New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)

Dr. Finger asked the Board to clarify how long of a wait time there is to sit for the jurisprudence exam. The Executive Director responded that there is currently not a long wait, only that at the moment applicants register for the exam and then drop out at the last minute, causing wasted spaces which slows the process down for everyone. The Board agreed that going forward the examination fee should be paid in order to confirm a seat. The candidates will also be informed that the fee will be forfeited in the case of late cancellations and that they will need to be reassigned and pay the exam fee again.

XIII. MEETING DATES FOR 2015

May 4, 2015
June 8, 2015
July 6, 2015
August 10, 2015
September 14, 2015
October 5, 2015
November 2, 2015
December 7, 2015

XIV. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:13 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and potential disciplinary actions. Voting in favor all.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.

Public Session Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2015
Page 6

Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Date: Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Chair