

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

The general meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at the Board office, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Chair.

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Vice Chair
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Secretary
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D.
Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D.
Marina Maier, Public Member

ALSO ATTENDING:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board
Wanda Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director
Celeste Sweeper Paige, Assistant to the Managing Executive Director

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board approved the public session minutes of July 10, 2006, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session for discussion of the oral examinations. The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

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

Patricia Colontino, Psy.D. Kristi Corcoran, Psy.D.
Nadezhda Robinson, Ph.D. Jennifer Cohen, Psy.D.
Jacquelyne Smalls, Psy.D. Patrick Tharrett, Psy.D.
Amy Patella, Psy.D. Stella Castelli, Psy.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

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

Germaine Griswold, Ph.D.
Andrew Greenberg, Psy.D.

Abby Goldstein, Psy.D.
Pamela Rothman, Psy.D.
Jamila Dakhari, Psy.D.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS 2006-2007

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-13, the Board held election of officers.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D. was re-elected by acclamation to serve as Chair. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D. was re-elected by acclamation to serve as Vice Chair. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Orozco, Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D. was re-elected by acclamation to serve as Secretary. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

CORRESPONDENCE

Patricia Munday, Ed.D.

Dr. Munday wrote expressing her concern about the length of time it is taking to schedule her oral examination. Dr. Munday stated that she has now been waiting for approximately six months after having submitted her work sample to the Board office on January 31, 2006. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to inform Dr. Munday that in November 2005, the Acting Governor replaced five members on the Board. The new members had to go through a training period before they could conduct oral exams. Unfortunately, this created a backlog in the scheduling of oral exams. Additionally, the Board advised Dr. Munday that they are working diligently to take care of the backlog and she will be scheduled in the near future. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Kristi Corcoran, Psy.D.

Dr. Corcoran wrote requesting permission to work an additional part-time job with Dr. Coche to supplement income from her current position at UMDNJ under the supervision of Dr. Goldstein. Dr. Corcoran stated that she would not be using the supervision hours accrued with Dr. Coche toward licensure. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to approved Dr. Corcoran's request. However, the Board voted to limit her to ten (10) clients-contact hours per week. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Stacie H. Vernick, Ph.D.

Dr. Vernick wrote requesting the opportunity to have her oral examination scheduled as early as possible since she is getting married in early September 2006 and will be away for the honeymoon. Dr. Vernick submitted her work sample on March 16, 2006. Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Maier, the Board voted to inform Dr. Vernick that in November 2005, the Acting Governor replaced five members on the Board. The new members had to go through a training period before they could conduct oral exams. Additionally, the Board advised Dr. Vernick that it regrets the resulting backlog that exists in the scheduling of oral examinations and is working diligently to resolve this problem. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Lisa Marie Angello, Ph.D.

Dr. Angello wrote requesting reconsideration of the Board previous decision to deny her request to accept supervision hours she accrued under the supervision of Dr. Marcie Handler, who is licensed in Massachusetts. Dr. Angello's hours were accrued in New Jersey. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to uphold its previous decision denying acceptance of supervision hours Dr. Angello accrued under the supervision of Dr. Handler. Additionally, the Board informed Dr. Angello that if the hours had been

accrued with an approved supervisor with a three-year temporary permit, as required, the hours would have been accepted. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Donalee Brown, Ph.D.

Dr. Brown wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on September 29, 2006. Dr. Brown stated that because of the nature of her academic obligations at Fairleigh Dickinson University and St. Clare's Hospital, it has taken her three years to accrue her post-doctoral supervision hours. Upon motion made by Dr. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to extend Dr. Brown's temporary permit for an additional year expiring on September 29, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

New Jersey Psychological Association

L. Barry Helfmann, Psy.D., Director of Professional Affairs for the New Jersey Psychological Association wrote to inform the Board that some permit holders have contacted the Association indicating a problem with the regulations governing the financial arrangements between a permit holder and his/her supervisor. The regulations allow for a contract permitting the supervisee to be an independent contractor "if permitted by tax authorities." Dr. Helfmann informed the Board that standards of the NJ Department of Labor for independent contractors exclude the conditions under which a permit hold must work. Upon motion made by Dr. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to inform Dr. Helfmann that other options exist within the present regulations for financial arrangements between supervisors and supervisees.

Beth Ann Rosica, Ph.D., of Vision Quest

Dr. Rosica wrote requesting clarification with regard to the permissibility of licensed psychologists issuing an order for personal restraints. Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Roy, Dr. Rosica was informed that the Board has been silent on the use of restraints since it considers this issue outside of the scope of practice for psychologists. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards

Stephen T. DeMers, Ed.D., Executive Officer and Ms. Janet Pippin, Director of Member Services of the ASPPB addressed the Board to ask that it consider other ways to provide some type of examination of their candidates that would include acceptance of the Certificates of Professional Qualification {CPQ}. Dr. Roy offered that he had prepared some material in the past for Board consideration allowing the Board to administer some sort of jurisprudence examination. Dr. Jeffers and the entire Board thanked Dr. DeMers and Ms. Pippin for their reconsideration plea and informed them that the Board would reconsider their decision while reviewing the previously submitted material.

REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS

Youth Development Clinic

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Melissa Rivera Marano, Psy.D., #4007

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board determined that Youth Development Clinic continues to qualify as an exempt facility. Dr. Marano will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

West Bergen Mental Healthcare

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Michael J. Tozzoli, LCSW.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board determined that West Bergen Mental Healthcare continues to qualify as an exempt facility. Mr. Tozzoli will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Pascack Mental Health Center

The Board reviewed an exemption notice from Jorge Becerra, L.S.W.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (3), after review of the information provided in the exemption notice form and upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board determined that Pascack Mental Health Center is considered an exempt facility. Mr. Becerra was advised that, in order to continue the exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATION

Assembly, No. 3027--An Act concerning "Violence Prevention in Health Care Facilities Act" requires certain health care entities to establish violence prevention programs to protect health care workers. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted that there was no compelling reason to support or not support the proposed legislation. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Annual Meeting 2006

ASPPB's 46th Annual Meeting of Delegates will be held in San Diego, California on October 25-29, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Date: Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D.
Chair