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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

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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 Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 9:50 A.M. Nancy Friedman, Ph.D., Board Chair, opened the meeting by reading the following opening statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, 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
Alan Groveman, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., Secretary
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Board Member
Anne R. Farrar-Anton, Ph.D., Board Member
Valerie D. Scott, Ed.D., Board Member
Michael A. Siglag, Ph.D., Board Member
Sean Evers, Ph.D., Board Member

Also Attending:

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Confidential Assistant
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff

III. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board tabled the September 12, 2016 and October 3, 2016 public session minutes.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

No items for review.

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. Farrar-Anton, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.

October 14, 2016 9:30 A.M. Jurisprudence Examination

Alyssa Austern, Psy.D.	Yedida Bomzer, Psy.D.
Janine Domingues, Ph.D.	Samantha Katz, Ph.D.
Mallory Seidman, Psy.D.	Jennifer Blau, Psy.D.
Jennifer Mullen, Psy.D.	

October 14, 2016 1:30 A.M. Jurisprudence Examination

Marla Baum, Psy.D.	Jessica Collins, Psy.D.
Aliza Grodtko, Psy.D.	Shoshana Friedman, Psy.D.
Robert Brecher, Psy.D.	Carol Chu-Perlata, Ph.D.
Leslie Green, Ph.D.	Giovanna Sinanian, Ph.D.

VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the three-year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology. Voting in favor: all.

Carlea Davis, Psy.D.	Marjorie Slass, Psy.D.
Kathleen Boss, Psy.D.	Leha Dsembitzer, Psy.D.
Laetitia Baehr-Reed, Psy.D.	Anton Shcherbakov, Psy.D.
Jeremy Lichtman, Psy.D.	Anna Braverman, Psy.D.
Kathy Wu, Ph.D.	Arielle Verdesco, Psy.D.
Cynthia Raines, Ph.D.	Rachel Pess, Psy.D.
Christopher King, Ph.D.	Irina Khrapatina, Psy.D.
Lori Magda, Ph.D.	Yesel Yoon, Ph.D.
Edna Rodriguez, Psy.D.	Jada Philips, Ph.D.
Samantha Zaid, Psy.D.	Tania Sharman, Ph.D.
Peter Reavey, Ph.D.	

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., #1861

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Jeffers asking if she can be allowed to enter into a bartering agreement with a longtime patient who has a limited income and cannot afford to pay for treatment.

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to deny Dr. Jeffers request and inform her that, although a thoughtful gesture, *N.J.A.C. 13:42-10.13 (d)* prohibits entering into any business relationship or paying or bartering for any services provided by any current client. Voting in favor: all.

2. Psychological Examiners (1335) – Expenditure Report

The Board reviewed its 2015, 2016 expenditure report.
The Board accepted this as informational.

3. I/M/O Diane Handlin, Ph.D., #3306

The Board reviewed the bi-monthly supervision report from David Krauss, Ph.D., for Dr. Handlin.

The Board accepted this as informational.

4. Letter from Michael Becht, Psy.D., TP #133-068

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Becht requesting an extension to his three-year temporary permit, which expired on October 3, 2016. Dr. Becht stated he completed all hours needed for licensure, but not the examination requirements.

Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to approve Dr. Becht for a six (6) month permit extension, with no further extensions to be granted, to complete all licensure requirements. Dr. Becht's permit will now expire on May 7, 2017. The Board further noted that Dr. Becht did not ask for the permit extension (letter sent on October 27, 2016) until after his permit had expired. This indicates that Dr. Becht has been working for several weeks without a permit. The Board will contact Dr. Becht's supervisor, Jay Gordon, Ph.D., to inform it what procedures he has in place to track his permit holders to ensure they are active and not expired. Dr. Gordon is deficient on four (4) progress reports for Dr. Becht, and will delay the issuance of Dr. Becht's license until these are submitted. Finally, the Board will inform Dr. Gordon that he cannot take on any new supervisees until he complies with the requirements needed for Dr. Becht's application. Voting in favor: all.

5. Email from Marcela Bonafina, Ph.D.

The Board reviewed the email from Dr. Bonafina requesting another approval for 90-day temporary practice in New Jersey. Dr. Bonafina had initially been approved for a 90-day temporary practice on July 21, 2016.

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Bonafina for one additional 90-day temporary practice with no further approvals to be granted. The Board will inform Dr. Bonafina that if she needs additional time, she will need to apply for licensure and secure a one-year unsupervised temporary permit to practice. Voting in favor: all.

6. Response from Jamie Goodwin-Uhler, Ph.D., TP #133-090

The Board reviewed Dr. Goodwin-Uhler's request to extend her three-year temporary permit. Dr. Goodwin-Uhler stated that she has been unable to complete all licensure requirements due to her work and home responsibilities.

At its October 3, 2016 meeting, the Board voted to have Dr. Goodwin-Uhler submit all hours she has completed to date, which she did. Dr. Goodwin-Uhler's permit expires on November 7, 2016.

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Scott, the Board voted to approve Dr. Goodwin-Uhler for a one (1) year permit extension, to complete all licensure requirements, with no further extensions to be granted. Dr. Goodwin-Uhler's permit will now expire on November 7, 2017. Voting in favor: all.

7. Response from Jason Ruch, Psy.D., Tp #133-035

At its September 12, 2016 meeting, The Board reviewed Dr. Ruch's request for an extension of his three-year temporary permit due to a delay with supervision paperwork being sent to the Board.

At that meeting, the Board voted to have Dr. Ruch submit revised forms with all the supervised hours that he has completed and all settings he has worked and is currently working in. The Board also advised Dr. Ruch that his permit will be extended pending review of the materials requested.

The Board reviewed Dr. Ruch's response to the previous requested materials from the Board at its September 12, 2016 meeting.

Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, and seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Ruch for a one (1) year permit extension, with no further extensions to be granted, to complete all licensure requirements. The Board will also ask Dr. Ruch's supervisor, John O'Connor, Psy.D., to submit his final report for verification. Voting in favor: all.

VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES

1. Schenike Massie-Lambert, Ph.D./ Margaret Chan, Ph.D., supervisor

Dr. Massie-Lambert appeared before a Committee of the Board to discuss her plans for retaking the E.P.P.P. Dr. Massie-Lambert would like to retake the E.P.P.P. in January or February.

Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, and seconded by Dr. Siglag, the Board voted to approve Dr. Massie-Lambert's plan for retaking the E.P.P.P., with no changes to her current caseload. Dr. Massie-Lambert's permit expires on January 16, 2018 and does not require a permit extension. Executive Director Walker will clarify if Dr. Massie-Lambert is working in an exempt setting. Voting in favor: all.

2. Letitia Pickel, Psy.D./ Jay Gordon, Ph.D., supervisor

Dr. Pickel appeared before a Committee of the Board to discuss her plans for retaking the E.P.P.P. Dr. Pickel works full time as a school psychologist and works an additional 10 hours weekly in a private practice setting with clients. Dr. Pickel asked for a permit extension until December 31, 2016 so that she may close out her work with her current private practice caseload.

Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Pickel's permit until December 31, 2016, with no further extensions to be granted. Dr. Pickel does not need to be under permit to take the E.P.P.P. Voting in favor: all.

IX. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

No items to review.

X. REGULATORY

1. N.J.A.C. 12:42-20-24 – Continuing Education

The regulations regarding continuing education were posted for public comment on September 5, 2016. Public comment period closed on November 5, 2016. All public comments will be reviewed at the December 5, 2016 meeting.

2. Senate Bill 2614

The Board reviewed Senate Bill 2614 which expands the types of acts for which certain practitioners incur duty to warn.

Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to not comment on this bill after discussion. Voting in favor: all.

3. Senate Bill 291

The Board reviewed Senate Bill 291 which authorizes health care practitioners to provide health care services through telemedicine.

Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to not comment on this bill after discussion. Voting in favor: all.

4. Assembly Bill 4273

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 4273 which requires State supervision of certain professional and occupational licensing boards.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to not comment on this bill after discussion. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Farrar-Anton abstained.

5. Assembly Bill 4267

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 4267 which requires certain health benefits plans to provide coverage for outpatient behavioral health care services.

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Siglag, the Board voted to support the bill with inclusion of all mental health disorders and to allow individual practitioners to continue with needs of treatment. The Board requests clarification as to whether the new law will retain protections included in the parity law so deductibles do not increase. Voting in favor: all.

6. Assembly Bill 4268

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 4268 which requires forms for informed consent for health care to be separate from forms related to assignment of insurance benefits or financial arrangements.

Upon motion made by Dr. Scott, and seconded by Dr. Siglag, the Board voted to not comment on this bill after discussion. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Farrar-Anton abstained.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Dr. Finger was present, but did not comment.

Dr. Horton – Walden University - was present but did not comment.

XII. MEETING DATES FOR 2016

December 5, 2016 – Hudson Conference Room

MEETING DATES FOR 2017

January 9, 2017- Hudson Conference Room

February 6, 2017- Hudson Conference Room

*March 6, 2017- Hudson Conference Room
April 3, 2017-Hudson Conference Room
May 8, 2017- Hudson Conference Room
June 5, 2017- Hudson Conference Room
July 3, 2017- Hudson Conference Room
August 7, 2017- Hudson Conference Room
September 11, 2017- Hudson Conference Room
October 2, 2017- Hudson Conference Room
November 6, 2017- Hudson Conference Room
December 4, 2017- Hudson Conference Room*

XIII. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:56 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and potential disciplinary actions. Voting in favor all.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Scott, seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED BY:

Date: Aime Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.
Secretary