

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 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, February 4, 2013. At 10:37 a.m. Chair, Dr. Nancy Friedman 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 Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and the Courier Post.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D, Chair
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D, Vice Chair (left at 3:42 p.m.)
Robert Korwin, DMD, public member (left at 3:42 p.m.)
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D
Joanne Van Nest, Ph.D
Francesca Peckman. Psy.D

Absent:

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D

Also Attending:

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff

III. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

A. February 4, 2013

Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to approve the February 4, 2013 public minutes as corrected. Voting in favor: all.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Discussion of the Jurisprudence Examination

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker reported many applicants are contacting the Board requesting to take the jurisprudence examination in lieu of the oral examination starting in August 2014. Accommodations for the jurisprudence examination are being explored.

V. REPORT ON ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into closed session for discussion of the oral examinations. Upon motion by Dr. Korwin, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board approved the oral examination results. Voting in favor: all. The Board returned to open session.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Korwin and seconded by Dr. Van Nest the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.

Gerald Budge, Ph.D

Arlene Caban-Pocai, Ph.D

Laura J. Berness, Ph.D

Scott J. Tessler, Psy.D

Melissa Acquavella-Lightfoot, Psy.D

DEFERRAL OF LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Dr. Korwin, and seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination for the following candidate pending submission and approval of a paper outlining the rules concerning sexual involvement with patients. Voting in favor: all.

Barbara Leavy, Ph.D

Upon motion made by Dr. Korwin, and seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination for the following candidate pending submission and approval of a paper outlining the information a psychologist can share with a third-party provider (insurance company) under the Act Concerning the Disclosure of Patient Information by Psychologists (a.k.a. New Jersey Peer Review Law). Voting in favor: all.

Rebecca Giagnacova, Psy.D

VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

*Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the following candidates were unanimously approved for a three year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology: Voting in favor: all.*

*Anthony Aquino, Ph.D
Vonetta Kalieta, Ph.D
Nancy Wilson-Soga, Ph.D
David Martin, Ph.D*

*Sarah West, Ph.D
Srishti Reddy, Psy.D
Jessica Scott, Ph.D*

*Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the following candidates were unanimously approved for a one year **unsupervised** temporary permit to practice psychology: Voting in favor: all.*

Loraine Washton, Ph.D

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Miriam A. Burt, Psy.D., # TP 083-879

The Board reviewed Dr. Burt's February 1, 2013 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the February 8, 2013 expiration date in order to prepare and submit her work sample to the Board. She is requesting the extension due to personal and financial hardships. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. Burt's permit for one year. Dr. Burt will be informed her permit will now expire on February 8, 2014. Voting in favor: all.*

B. Jacqueline Massa, Ph.D., # TP 083-888

The Board reviewed Dr. Massa's letter dated January 26, 2013 requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the March 7, 2013 expiration date in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P exam. She is requesting the extension due to family obligations. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Massa's permit for one year contingent upon her taking the exam before August 31, 2013. Dr. Massa will be informed her permit will now expire on March 8, 2014. Voting in favor all.*

C. Susan Beatty, New Jersey Psychological Association

The Board reviewed Ms. Beatty's letter dated February 7, 2013 requesting the Board Chair, Executive Director, and Board Deputy Attorney General speak at their conference to be held on November 2, 2013. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to allow the requested representatives to participate in this conference. Voting in favor: all.*

D. Marilyn J. Powell, Ph.D., Associate Dean

The Board reviewed Dr. Powell's letter dated January 28, 2013 requesting approval of Walden's Doctoral Program which includes online and residence course work. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted that Walden's program met the requirements pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:42-2.2. The Board's acceptance of Walden's program is accepted upon the condition to be informed of any and all substantive changes to the program. The Board reserves the right to reconsider approval of the program. Voting in favor: all.*

E. Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C 13:42-1.3, 3.6, 4.1, and 4.4 & Adopted Repeal and New Rule N.J.A.C 13:42-10.18 - published in the New Jersey Register on January 22, 2013

The Board reviewed the above regulations pertaining to exempt settings; responsibilities of applicants applying for permit; the amount of supervision required; responsibilities of the supervisor; and reinstatement. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

F. Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C 13:42-2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6, and 6.1 - published in the New Jersey Register on February 4, 2013

The Board reviewed the above regulations pertaining to qualifications to sit for the exam; one year unsupervised permit pending the oral examination; three year supervised permit; limitation, suspension, or revocation by the Board; responsibilities of permit holders; written and oral examination; examination by review procedures; out of state psychologists and admittance to the oral exam; license without examination; failure of exam where retaking is permitted; and Board fees. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

G. HIPAA Authorization changes under the New Rule

The Board reviewed the new HIPAA Omnibus Rule regarding the authorization for use and disclosure of patient medical records. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

H. James Porter, Psy.D., TP # 103-019

The Board reviewed Dr. Porter's letter dated February 1, 2013 requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the March 18, 2013 expiration date in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P exam. He is requesting the extension due to family obligations. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Porter's permit for one year contingent upon him taking the exam before August 31, 2013. Dr. Porter will be informed his permit will now expire on March 18, 2014. Voting in favor all.*

I. Jonathon Kogen, Ph.D

The Board reviewed Dr. Kogen's letter dated February 8, 2013 withdrawing his application for licensure.

The Board accepted Mr. Kogan's withdrawal and will place this information in his file.

J. Kimberly Pilkiewicz, Psy.D., TP # 083-900

The Board reviewed Dr. Pilkiewicz' letter dated February 1, 2013 requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the April 4, 2013 expiration date in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P exam. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Pilkiewicz' permit for one year contingent upon her taking the exam by July 31, 2013. Dr. Pilkiewicz will be informed her permit will now expire on April 4, 2014. Voting in favor all.*

VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2013

A. Jamie Lee, Psy.D./Henry Srednicki, Ph.D., supervisor

Dr. Lee was admitted to the exam in 2010 and 2012 but has not taken the E.P.P.P. Her Permit expired in 2012. Dr. Lee is working full time as a school psychologist and does not anticipate needing her license because she is working in an exempt setting. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to place Dr. Lee's permit on inactive status until she is ready to take the E.P.P.P exam. Voting in favor: all.*

B. Danielle DiGregorio, Psy.D

Dr. DiGregorio came before the Board to discuss her failure of the oral examination. She has previously been licensed in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Dr. DiGreogorio reported she will be submitting her case study to the Board within the next two weeks and plans to re-take the oral examination in May 2013. She requested that the Board extend her unsupervised temporary permit. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to extend Dr. DiGregorio's unsupervised permit for one year. Voting in favor: all.*

C. Jane Carr, Ph.D./Robert McCormick, Ph.D., supervisor

Dr. Carr came before the Board to discuss her plan for taking and passing the E.P.P.P. Dr. Carr has cut back her case load to five (5) patients a week in order to better prepare for the exam. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Carr's permit for one year contingent upon her taking the exam by August 31, 2013 with no further changes to her case load.. Voting in favor: all.*

D. Christopher Mesopatanese, Psy.D./Jedediah Baker, Ph.D., supervisor

Dr. Mesopatanese came before the Board to discuss his failure of the E.P.P.P examination. Dr. Mesopatanese has cut back his case load from four (4) days a week to one and a half (1 ½) days in order to better prepare for the exam. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Mesopatanese's*

permit for one year contingent upon him taking the exam by August 1, 2013 and recommended Dr. Mesopotanese's case load not exceed seven (7) hours a week. Voting in favor: all.

IX. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

A. Michelle Alberti, Ph.D., #2934

The Board reviewed Dr. Janet Berson's January 29, 2013 letter regarding the fulfillment of Dr. Alberti's supervision per the May 7, 2012 Consent Order. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to schedule Dr. Alberti for a permit conference on April 8, 2013 and continue her supervision until the conference. Voting in favor: all.*

B. Andrew Cangelosi, Ph.D., #3118

The Board reviewed Dr. Joseph Ganz's January 31, 2013 letter regarding Dr. Cangelosi's supervision which is now taking place twice a month instead of weekly. *Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board accepted this as informational.*

X. REVIEW OF EXEMPT STATUS FORMS (RENEWAL)

A. The Cooper Health System

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Sharon Dostmann, Esq.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **The Cooper Health System** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Dostmann 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.*

B. Youth Consultation Service

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Diane Squadron, Psy.D.

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Youth Consultation Service** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Squadron 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.*

C. Center for Family Services, Inc.

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Sue Bergmann. After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Center for Family Services, Inc** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Bergmann 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.*

D. JFK Medical Center/Johnson Rehabilitation Institute

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Keith Cicerone, Ph.D. After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **JFK Medical Center/Johnson Rehabilitation Institute** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Cicerone 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.*

E. Youth Development Clinic

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Pat Connors, M.D. After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Youth Development Clinic** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Connors 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.*

F. Children's Hospital at Newark Beth Israel (Regional Abuse Diagnostic & Treatment Center)

After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Children's Hospital at Newark Beth Israel** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. They 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.*

G. Trinitas Regional Medical Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Rodger Goddard, Ph.D. After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Trinitas***

Regional Medical Center continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Goddard 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.

XI. REVIEW OF LEGISLATION

- A. Assembly, No. 732/Senate Bill No. 2543** - makes it a crime of the 3rd degree to practice psychology, chiropractic or State certified psychoanalysis without the appropriate license or certification.
The Board accepted this as informational.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Josephine Minardo, Executive Director of the NJ Psychological Association was present to inquire about the procedure for applying and taking the jurisprudence exam. The Board explained applicants need to contact the Board staff in writing to request to be admitted to the exam and these applicants will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. The Board plans to offer more exam scheduling times after the jurisprudence exam takes effect in August 2013 based on availability. At the present there is no process for an online examination. If an applicant is waiting to take the jurisprudence exam but their permit is expiring, they need to request an extension at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of expiration.

XIII. MEETING DATES FOR 2013

May 6, 2013	September 9, 2013
June 3, 2013	October 7, 2013
July 1, 2013	November 4, 2013
August 5, 2013	December 2, 2013

XIV. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Korwin seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board moved to Executive Session at 12:46 p.m. to discuss consumer complaints and other confidential matters. Voting in favor all.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

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Respectfully submitted,

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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