

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012**

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, December 3, 2012. At 10:23 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 Sunshine Law, 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. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Daniel N. Watter, Ed.D, Secretary
Robert Korwin, DMD, public member
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D

Also Attending:

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

III. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The open session minutes for August 6, 2012, September 10, 2012, October 22, 2012, and November 5, 2012 were tabled until the January 7, 2012 meeting of the Board.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Korwin sent his apologies for missing the meeting due to complications related to hurricane Sandy.
- B. Executive Director Michael Walker read a letter received from Dr. Watter announcing his resignation from the Board effective January 3, 2013. He also sent his regrets for not being able to attend this meeting, as he had planned due to a family emergency.
- C. DAG Sioban Krier is leaving the Division of Law.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Regulatory Analyst Chuck Manning, was present to update the Board concerning the proposed regulations regarding the jurisprudence examination that would replace the oral examination. He stated that the new regulations will most likely be published on February 6, 2013. Therefore, he suggested amending the regulations to have an operative date of six months from the date when the regulations are published in the Register to allow time for the Board to complete the examination questions. *Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to accept the six month extension for the effective date of the oral examination regulations. Voting in favor: all.*

VI. REPORT ON ORAL EXAMINATIONS

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

VII. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

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

*Laura Williams Monahan, Psy.D
Jonathon Lichtenstein, Psy.D
Allison Gallegly, Psy.D
Jessica Avart, Psy.D
Justin Boseck, Ph.D
Lisa Faustino, Ph.D
William Shea, III, Ph.D
Michael Panella, Ph.D*

*Ryan Montes, Psy.D
Renuka Tanna, Psy.D
Daniel Kennedy, Psy.D
Sherley Saget-Menager, Psy.D
Nora Pellegrino, Psy.D
Joanne Perry, Psy.D
Melissa DeLuca, Psy.D
Jennifer Blau, Psy.D*

Heather Hamed, Psy.D
Alexandra Morris, Psy.D
Brenda Swartz, Psy.D
Annamarie Wacha-Montes, Psy.D
Tanisah Drummond, Psy.D
Charissa Pizarro, Psy.D
Ashley Lynden, Psy.D

Robert Happich, Psy.D
Elaine Kandalepas, Psy.D
Rebecca Zenkert, Psy.D
Haesung Han, Psy.D
Lindsay Klimik, Psy.D
Marc Gramatges, Psy.D
Maryann Rebel, Ph.D

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

Vidal Annan, Jr., Ph.D
Jessica Haftek, Psy.D
Peter Kaplan, Psy.D

Gerald Budge, Ph.D
Jennifer Altman, Psy.D
Dayna Zatina Egan, Psy.D

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Thomas McGrath, Ph.D., TP #083-953

Dr. McGrath wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the November 5, 2012 expiration date for health reasons.

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. McGrath's permit for a year with no contingencies. Dr. McGrath will be informed his permit will expire on November 5, 2013. Voting in favor: all.

B. Christopher Mesopatanese, Psy.D., TP #083-944

Dr. Mesopatanese wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the November 5, 2012 expiration date in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P.

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Mesopatanese an extension so long as he sits for the examination by the end of March 2013. Dr. Mesopatanese will be informed his permit will expire on November, 2013. Voting in favor all.

C. Courtney Mattaei, Psy.D., TP #053-634

Dr. Mattaei wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the November 5, 2012 expiration date due to family circumstances.

Upon a motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Mattaei an extension contingent upon taking the examination by the end of March 2013. Dr. Mattaei will be informed that her permit will expire on November 5, 2013. Voting in favor: all.

D. Michael Wiltsey, Ph.D., TP #83-897

Dr. Wiltsey wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the November 5, 2012 expiration date to prepare for the E.P.P.P.

Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. Wiltsey's permit for one year. Dr. Wiltsey will be informed his permit will expire on November 5, 2013. Voting in favor: all.

E. Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards

Janet Pippin Orwig of the ASPPB wrote to inform Psychology Boards of the *Model Guidelines for the Practice of Telepsychology*.

The Board accepted this as informational.

F. Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards

Janet Pippin Orwig of the ASPPB wrote to inform Psychology Boards that negotiations are continuing with the National Register concerning the Joint Designation Project which accredits education programs in psychology. Boards will be informed when a report is available.

The Board accepted this as informational.

G. Division of Consumer Affairs - Office of the Director

The Board was presented with pending Assembly and Senate bills.

The Board accepted this as informational.

H. Valerie Galante, Ph.D

Dr. Galante wrote requesting to be granted licensure based on her credentials since she is licensed in five states and that the requirements be waived for the oral examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to grant her request for a waiver from the oral examination based having taken oral examinations in other states. Voting in favor: all.*

I. Darlene Kane, Budget Officer, DCA

The fiscal year 2012 budget report (final) was presented to the Board.

The Board accepted this as informational.

J. Review of Proposed Supervision form from Nina Cooperman, Psy.D

The Board reviewed Dr. Cooperman's proposed plan of supervision for licensure.

Upon a motion by Dr. Brickman, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to send Dr. Cooperman a letter inquiring about which specific services she will be providing with regards to the research study.

K. Letter sent to the Honorable Thomas Giblin from the New Jersey Psychological Association

The Board reviewed a letter from the NJPA asking Sen. Giblin to amend his bill requiring continuing education of psychologists to include a required 40 continuing education credits over the two-year renewal cycle rather than 24 credits.

The Board accepted this as informational.

L. Margaret Farrell, Psy.D

The Board reviewed Dr. Farrell's October 3, 2012 letter requesting an extension of her three-year permit beyond the November 13, 2012 expiration date to prepare her work sample for the oral exam.

Upon a motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Farrell's permit for one year. Dr. Farrell will be informed her permit will expire on November 13, 2013. Voting in favor: all.

M. Review of Walden University Transcript

Representatives from Walden University appeared to present lists of course work for current applicants. The courses were not listed on the transcripts, only the places where the workshops were held were listed. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to accept the transcripts of the applicants submitted prior to the September 19, 2011 program change. Voting in favor: all. The Board tabled the review of the "new program" until the January 7, 2013 meeting.*

N. Brian Kaufman, Psy.D., TP #083-934

The Board reviewed Dr. Kaufman's November 5, 2012 letter requesting an extension to take the EPPP.

Upon motion by Dr. Peckman seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to grant Dr. Kaufman an extension through January 31, 2013. Voting in favor: all.

O. Rebecca Whitten, Psy.D., TP #093-043

The Board reviewed Dr. Whitten's letter dated November 14, 2012 requesting an extension of her three-year permit beyond the January 27, 2013 expiration date due to medical reasons.

Upon a motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Whitten's permit for one year. Dr. Whitten will be informed her permit will now expire on January 27, 2014. Voting in favor: all.

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P. Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards

Janet Pippin Orwig wrote to inform the Board that a study paper is available entitled, "Applied Behavior Analysis: Current Issues and Guidance for ASPPB Member Jurisdictions."

The Board accepted this as informational.

Q. Sandra Howell, Department of Health

Dr. Howell wrote to inform the Board of the requirement to register all clients with a diagnosis of autism to the Autism Registry. Information available at <http://www.state.nj.us/health/lths/sch/schr.shtml>

The Board accepted this as informational.

IX. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2012

A. Eliza Batlle, Psy.D./Julie Lippmann, Psy.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. Batlle failed the E.P.P.P written exam and believes this is because English is not her first language. She is requesting special accommodations for additional time to complete the examination next time.

Upon a motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. VanNest, the Board determined to grant Dr. Batlle extra time to complete the examination. She is to be informed that should she apply elsewhere, other states may not allow extra time for English as a second language. Voting in favor: all.

B. Dr. Anthony D'Urso

Dr. Anthony D'Urso appeared with his attorney to discuss concerns regarding supervision forms he has submitted. Dr. D'Urso brought forms with him for the Board's approval. Dr. D'Urso also requested to supervise 4 post-docs.

Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined Dr. D'Urso can submit the narrative forms so long as they are individualized and show progress or lack thereof. The Board denied Dr. D'Urso's request to supervise 4 permittees instead of the 3 permittees that the regulations currently allow. Voting in favor: all.

C. Stephanie Rubain

Dr. Rubain appeared along with Dr. Forlenza, her supervisor, to request an extension of her three year permit to prepare for the E.P.P.P.

Upon a motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Rubain an extension of her three year permit through August 15, 2013.

X. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

A. David Berkovitz, Ph.D., #3119

The Board reviewed Dr. Gerald Fishbein's hand-written letter dated September 14, 2012 regarding Dr. David Berkovitz. Dr. Fishbein was under the impression Dr. Berkovitz's supervision was complete. However, Dr. Fishbein's report did not indicate monthly supervision for a year.

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board determined Dr. Berkovitz should continue meeting with Dr. Berkovitz and will request that Dr. Fishbein type all communications to the Board in the future. Voting in favor: all.

B. Samuelle Klein-Von Reiche, Psy.D., #3246

The Board reviewed the CV of Dr. Elizabeth E. Groisser to be considered as supervisor for the practice of Dr. Klein-Von Reiche as required by the Consent Order of the Board replacing Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D. Who is now a member of the Board. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Groisser as the Board appointed supervisor and will ensure that she receives a copy of the Final Decision and Order. The Board requests an initial report on the supervision from Dr. Groisser within 30 days. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Wolf-Mehlman recused as she was the previous supervisor.*

C. Barbara Fleisher, Ph.D., #1781

The Board reviewed courses submitted to comply with the requirements in Dr. Fleisher's settlement letter. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board determined to accept the courses submitted. Voting in favor: all.*

D. Michelle Alberti Ph.D., #2934

The Board reviewed Dr. Janet S. Berson's November 1, 2012 letter regarding her clinical supervision of Dr. Alberti.

The Board accepted this as informational.

E. Thomas PlaHovinsack, Ph.D #2796

The Board reviewed Dr. PlaHovinsack's letter dated November 12, 2012 requesting a substitution of course per his June 28, 2012 filed Consent Order.

Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted not to approve the substitution of course: "Parenting Coordinator: An Introduction" as it does not address issues concerning couples therapy. Voting in favor: all.

XI. REVIEW OF LEGISLATION

A. Assembly, No. 3371 - Protects minors by prohibiting attempts to change sexual orientation

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board accepted this as informational and did not comment. Voting in favor: all

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public present.

XIII. MEETING DATES FOR 2013

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

XIV. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. VanNest, the Board moved to Executive Session at 11:39am to discuss consumer complaints and other confidential matters. Voting in favor all.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

In a motion by Dr. VanNest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to return to Public Session at 2:34pm to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Watter, Ed.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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