

# **NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

## **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **Present:**

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW (Chair)  
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)  
Elizabeth Manley, MSW, LSW  
Lisa Eileen Cox, Ph.D., LCSW  
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.  
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN (left at 1pm)  
Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW (arrived at 10:30am)  
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC

#### **Absent:**

Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC

#### **Also attending:**

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Rep  
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff

### **Announcement of Quorum**

Chair Dr. Apgar announced the presence of a quorum at 9:45 a.m.

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 mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

**III. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**A. April 8, 2015 Public Session Minutes**

*Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, and seconded by Ms. Bradley, the Board voted to approve the April 8, 2015 minutes as presented. Voting in favor: all.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Congratulations to Carolyn Bradley who was ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church.
- Executive Director discussed recent difficulty in downloading agenda and late arrival of agendas to the website

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**A. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Associate Executive Director, NASW-NJ**

- Ms. Weston commented on a call she received regarding our new website and the difficulty in filing a complaint. It is not clear where to go to file a complaint and is very cumbersome to navigate.
- Ms. Weston reported on the committee regarding how complaints will be handled when made to the NASW. Currently every state is different.

**VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS**

**A. Sabrina Ben-Porat, MSW**

The supervision submitted from was deemed to be too old. Ms. Ben-Porat may withdraw her application and apply for the LSW license. The Board will accept her clinical exam to fulfill the examination requirements for the LSW license.

**B. Penina Samet, LSW**

Ms. Samet needs to provide the Board with more information on her current position, which does not sound clinical in nature based on the job description provided. If Ms. Samet can highlight work being done that is consistent with our regulations she can then resubmit.

*Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Cox, the Board voted to approve the supervisors as presented with the exception of two (2) applicants in which the Board voted to request additional documentation from. Voting in favor: all.*

**VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Cox, and seconded by Ms. Manley, the Board voted to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and*

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*subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks.  
Voting in favor: all.*

*Ms. Bradley recused for Alexandra DeVito.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Shoshana Barber  
Talia M. Becker  
Lauren R. Cangiano  
Damaris N. Caracciolo  
Abby M. Colen  
Nefredia Covington  
Sandra L. Cunningham  
Alexandra DeVito  
Jeanine M. Dunn  
Beth A. Duvall  
Annie N. Fisher  
Celeste Garcia  
Alexandria E. Gianetti  
Steven M. Gursky  
Rachel Haberman  
Paul D. Kreisinger  
Melanie R. Lester  
Rachel M. Lopes  
Lauren E. McDermott  
Alisa Miller  
Andrea Y. Olitzky  
Kelly C. Rodriguez  
Jason Rosa  
Brittany P. Ruane  
Julie A. Sisselman  
Jade Spinelli

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Sheri S. Bechtel  
Karen R. Carbone  
Christina M. Dengler-Bailey  
Kari M. Gordon

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Michelle K. Keating  
Rebecca E. Krause  
Carol L. LoCurcio  
Jodi C. Manning  
Quisqueya Meyreles  
Erika Monge  
Monica Nastasi  
Abigail L. Ocampo  
Kathleen O'Grady  
Jennifer L. Pitman  
Adriana Pomaes  
Damon R. Wallis  
Katherine B. Wooten

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**  
**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Tara E. Ammakuzhyil  
Annalene G. Antonio  
Autumn J. Banta  
Jennifer D. Boyd  
Breanna M. Cannetti  
Kristen Colangelo  
Caitlin E. Cox  
Tiana Crowley  
Sylwia Czarnocka  
Kelly V. Dittmore  
Rana Elsayed  
Lauren E. Emma  
Elizabeth Flores  
Rachel L. Gorsky  
Christine M. James  
Rachel L. Johnson  
Nancy Ann Jones  
Iris J. Lapsley  
Donna M. Lenox  
Michael Lieber  
Lisa A. Malson  
Megan A. Maroccia  
Rosaria A. Matos  
Hannah A. Obeng  
Maria A. Pipitone

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Lauren M. Potenza  
Nancy A. Rahi  
Jillian L. Roth  
Evelyn Rubio  
Celestin Sandhya  
Etko S. Shah  
Stephanie E. Shapiro  
Doretha Smith  
Jason H. Staum  
Chane R. Sternberg  
Ceezee Torres  
Samuel B. Young  
Lauren Zayas  
Richard E. Zilka

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Regina M. Angeline  
Ashley N. Bardi  
Emily A. Barone  
Blair C. Brady  
Lauren M. Campasano  
Jenna M. Casaletto  
Melanie M. Costa  
Jennifer Davis  
Kaitlin A. Deignan  
Helen A. Dowler  
Michal Drabkin  
Laura Dyott  
Maria-Lisa Franco  
Alexandra T. Genova  
Ryan Gervasi  
Shaina Z. Goldberg  
Adrienne M. Goldsboro  
Erin E. Hall  
Courtney Hann  
Jelysa Hernandez  
Samantha Horvath  
Yocheved Johnson  
Raquel Kapcala  
Jemima Laurent  
Gina Londino  
Stacey A. Lukowiak

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Jennifer M. Maderia  
Tabatha A. Martinez  
Charlotte Mason  
Ari Mastro  
Giselle I. Melo  
Jamie Norton  
Mary C. Olsen  
Eva O. Ostrowsky  
Jasmine M. Owarich-Gross  
Brittany D. Pacifico  
Ami B. Patel  
Barbara J. Patterson  
Natalie F. Portis  
Carla R. Powers  
Melissa A. Rauen  
Ana M. Rexach  
Sara M. Rosengard  
Jason Roth  
Lisa A. Saunders  
Catie L. Scardino  
Rachel M. Schwartz  
Kristine A. Seitz  
Kara N. Sellix  
Danielle M. Siwek  
Dorthea Smith  
Robert D. Smith  
Jenna C. Solis  
Casandra L. Stahlman  
Izabela H. Szast  
Sara J. Takla  
Brank W. Thewes  
Stephanie A. Tibaldo  
LaQuanda K. Turner  
Carmen Valentin  
Pamela Valerio  
Benjamin M. Warehime  
Elizabeth Westermann  
Devan R. Zambito

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**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Onika Burrowes  
Mona Cushnie  
Paulette L. Goode  
Richeda L. Jaffe  
Maria C. Jones-Reese  
Christabel I. Kifordu  
Monica M. Gagne  
Quasonna S. Redd  
Allison C. Shubert  
Melissa A. Stables

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Alexander M. Ames  
Audrey P. Ayers  
Comfort N. Barker  
Samantha J. Chagrin  
Mona Cushnie  
Ajarae N. Davis  
Luis F. Del Orbe  
Pamela Gray- Sheppard  
Grazyna A. Jarmosiewicz  
Margaret L. Lawson  
Marilyn Maisonet  
Jana K. McCabe  
Karen Mercurio  
Sara A. Merendino  
Dorothy Miles  
Kelvin O. Ojomoh  
Sheandar V. Peterkin  
Kimberly C. Prince  
Isabel Rivera  
Jennifer M. Sobolewski

**VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**A. Continuing Education (CE's) Review**

*None to review.*

## **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. I/M/O Melissa Dobzinski, MSW**

The Board reviewed a copy of Ms. Dobzinski's Consent Order filed on April 8, 2015.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

### **B. I/M/O Dennis J. Cheteyan, Ed.D., LCSW**

The Board reviewed a copy of Dr. Cheteyan's Consent Order filed on April 9, 2015.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

### **C. I/M/O Donna Pavlik, LCSW**

The Board reviewed a copy of Ms. Pavlik's Final Order of Discipline filed on April 8, 2015.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

### **D. I/M/O Rebecca K. Aspray, LCSW**

The Board reviewed a copy of Ms. Aspray's Summary Order of Suspension filed on April 8, 2015.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

### **E. I/M/O Douglas Baum, LCSW**

The Board reviewed a copy of Mr. Baum's Consent Order filed on April 9, 2015.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

### **F. I/M/O Barbara Andrews, LCSW**

The Board reviewed a copy of Ms. Andrew's Consent Order filed on April 9, 2015.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

### **G. I/M/O Daniel O. Farley, MSW**

The Board reviewed a copy of Mr. Farley's Consent Order filed on April 9, 2015.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

### **H. Application from NASW as a Continuing Education Approval Entity**

## **XI. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

The regulations committee reported that it is currently working on new regulations. NASW will also give the committee any recommendations it has to review.



**XII. MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

*Board members to inform Executive Director of vacations and time off during summer months to plan accordingly and ensure there is always a quorum.*

*please note: all meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m.*

June 10, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

July 8, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

August 12, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

September 9, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

October 14, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

November 18, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

December 9, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Public session closed at 10:25 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Manley. The Board re-entered public session at 3:07p.m. upon motion made by Ms. Braun-Scalera, and seconded by Ms. Manley to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair