

**State Board of Polysomnography
124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ**

Public Session Minutes

January 14, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the State Board of Polysomnography was held at 124 Halsey Street, 7th Floor, Monmouth Conference Room, Newark, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Vice-Chair Sara Rose Gallagher.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Don J. Fahy, RPSGT
Sara Rose Gallagher, RPSGT
Mitchell L. Rubinstein, RPSGT
Kathleen A. Feeny, RPSGT
Gerald J. Ferencz, MD

Also in Attendance:

Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General
Lolly Merced, Representing the Acting Executive Director
Elizabeth Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst

Absent:

Penni L. Smith, RPSGT, Chair
John Penek, MD

III. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

November 12, 2013 Public Session Minutes

A motion was made by Don J. Fahy and seconded by Kathleen Feeny to accept the Public Minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

IV. ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. New Licensed Polysomnographers

A list of newly licensed polysomnographers was submitted to the Board for informational purposes.

Rao, Veena S.	49FC00026400
Memon, Ahmer W.	49FC00026500
Pasulo, Tetyana	49FC00026600
Hebela, Mohamed A.	49FC00026700
Parmar, Rex C.	49FE00005700
Eirekat, Mahmoud	49FE00005800
Thomas, Terrence E.	49FE00005900
Wright, Malik S.	49FE00006000
Kalola, Parth L.	49FE00006100
Valencia, Jose M.	49FE00006200
Gonzalez, Elisa	49FE00006300
Guillaume, Diana	49FE00006400
Cavanaugh, Mandy M.	49FE00006500
Sanmartin, Rachel	49FE00006600
Schaefer, Brittany E.	49FW00040000
King-Tapia, Giulia P.	49FW00040100
DeMary, Karen A.	49FW00040200
Adonis, Myriance	49FW00040300
Nacovski, Nikola	49FW00040400
Pregenzer, Alicia A.	49FW00040500
Orland, Oleg	49FW00040600

2. Monthly Executive Report

A monthly report of all board business was submitted to the Board for informational purposes.

3. Division of Law Billing - 1st quarter FY 2014

The first quarter of the Division of Law Billing Report was submitted to the Board for informational purposes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Teimur Yeligulashvili of the New Jersey Sleep Society** attended the meeting to make sure that the lines of communication between the society and the board are open. The Society will assist the Board with any matter that is needed.

2. **Comprehensive Care Model for Sleep**
This matter was tabled to the next scheduled meeting.
3. **Waiver Request - Elzbieta Jedrzejczyk** is applying for a technologist license in New Jersey. She is requesting a waiver from the requirement of passing a CAAHEP Accredited Program. She has taken the A-Step modules, has obtained her RPSGT and has 19.75 continuing education credits. After discussion, a motion was made by Don Fahy and seconded by Mitchell Rubenstein to grant the waiver as long as she has satisfied all other requirements for licensure, including completion of 50 sleep studies. She must submit documentation of completion of the sleep studies. Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Regulatory Analyst Elizabeth Greenblatt discussed the following Rulemakings:**
 - a. **New Rulemaking needed to implement P.L. 2013, c. 49**
The Board reviewed drafted regulation to implement P.L. 2013, c. 49 which mandates a professional or occupational board give an applicant for licensure credit towards its requirements for license or certification for any portion of the training, education, and experience the applicant received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States that is substantially equivalent to the training, education or experience required for licensure or certification. Regulatory Analyst Greenblatt explained to the board members that this regulation is a uniform regulation to implement the P.L. 2013, c. 49, which requires that professional and occupational boards, designated in section 2 of P.L. 1978, c. 73. This applies to only veterans that have been honorably discharged. After review, a motion was made by Don Fahy and seconded by Mitchell Rubinstein to approve this draft regulation for proposal. Motion carried.
 - b. **Adoption of the rule proposal amending the list of Basic Life Support providers acceptable to the Board.**
Regulatory analyst informed the Board that the official comment period ended December 20, 2013. Since the Board received no comments on this proposal, a motion was made by Don Fahy and seconded by Kathleen Feeney to adopt these regulations as written. Motion carried.
 - c. **Rule proposal concerning Qualified Medical Directors, Registered Sleep Technologist, work in state facilities and accredited sleep centers.**
Regulatory analyst informed the board that this proposed regulation was sent to Trenton for review.

2. **Clifford Pardo** applied for a polysomnographic trainee license. A Provisional Order of Denial of Application was filed on September 10, 2013, provisionally denying Mr. Pardo's application for licensure. The basis for the denial was Mr. Pardo's misrepresentation on his application by indicating "no" in response to the questions as to whether he had ever been arrested or convicted of a crime or offense. Mr. Pardo had repeated arrests and convictions on drug-related charges, including an arrest and conviction in 2013, while his application was underreview by the Board. The Order was served and a copy was sent via certified mail. To date, no response was received from Mr. Pardo. A motion was made by Don Fahy and seconded by Kathleen Feeney to finalize Mr. Pardo's Denial of license. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Don Fahy and seconded by Mitchell Rubinstein to close public session and go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing complaints and disciplinary matters and conduct Investigative Inquiries. Motion carried. The public session ended at 11:50 a.m.