

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

Public Session Minutes

February 11, 2014

FINAL

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 10:40 a.m. by Chair Penni Smith.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Penni L. Smith, RPSGT, Chair
Sara Rose Gallagher, RPSGT
Mitchell L. Rubinstein, RPSGT

Also in Attendance:

Tobey Palan, Deputy Attorney General
Francine Widrich, Acting Executive Director
Lolly Merced, Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst

Absent:

Don J. Fahy, RPSGT
John Penek, MD
Kathleen A. Feeney, RPSGT
Gerald J. Ferencz, MD

Due to a lack of quorum, this meeting was held as a sub-committee of the Board. All decisions will be submitted to the full board for review and approval at their next scheduled meeting.

III. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

January 14, 2014 Public Session Minutes

A motion was made by Mitchell Rubinstein and seconded by Penni Smith to accept the Public Minutes of the January 14, 2014 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 review. A motion was made by Penni Smith and seconded by Mitchell Rubinstein to affirm the applicants listed below for licensure. Motion carried.

Malik S. Wright	49FE00006000
Parth L. Kalola	49FE00006100
Jose M. Valencia	49FE00006200
Elisa Gonzalez	49FE00006300
Diana Guillaume	49FE00006400
Mandy M. Cavanaugh	49FE00006500
Rachael Sanmartin	49FE00006600
Brittany E. Schaefer	49FW00040000
Giulia P. King-Tapia	49FW00040100
Karen A. DeMary	49FW00040200
Myriande Adonis	49FW00040300
Nikola Nacovski	49FW00040400
Alicia A. Pregonzer	49FW00040500
Oleg Orland	49FW00040600

2. Monthly Executive Report

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Comprehensive Care Model for Sleep

This matter was tabled to the next scheduled meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Licensure as a polysomnographic technologist, PhD. holders.

a. Idir Saradouni holds a Doctorate of Medicine degree which was evaluated by World Education Services Evaluation. After review of documents and discussion by the board, a motion was made by Mitchell Rubinstein and seconded by Penni Smith that in a case where an applicant holds a doctorate degree in a health related field, the degree will be accepted as long as the minimum of 6 months of paid clinical experience has also been completed.

The Board will accept passing of the BRPT as evidence of completing the 6 months of paid clinical experience. Motion carried. Therefore, Idir Saradouni meets the requirements for licensure and is granted a license.

- b. **Rochelle Zozula** was certified in sleep medicine by the American Board of Sleep Medicine (“ABSM”) on April 11, 1999. She holds a doctorate of philosophy. She submitted the ABSM verification, but did not submit college transcripts. A motion was made by Mitchell Rubinstein and seconded by Sara Rose Gallagher that Ms. Zozula qualifies for licensure as a Diplomate of ABSM as long as the the Board receives verification directly from ABSM. Motion carried.

2. Sleep study

The Board discussed the issue of Sleep studies for technicians and technologists who are applying for New Jersey license, when the sleep studies are performed out of state; specifically, who can sign the forms. It was the decision of the Board, that a licensed polysomnographer in another state can sign the form as long as that state’s requirements are equivalent to New Jersey. A physician that is actively licensed the state where the studies were conducted can also sign the form.

3. Technologists application - updating

The Board discussed the updating of the technologists application to include the following:

- a. Education section to include the applicants that possess a doctorate degree in a health-related field the status or that have attained the status of Diplomate of the American Board of Sleep Medicine.
- b. The Sleep Study form for the applicants who possess the A-Step Introductory Course and the A-Step Online Modules as education.

Acting Executive Director Widrich will create a draft application with the amendments discussed for Board review at the next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mitchell Rubinstein and seconded by Sara Rose Gallagher to close public session and go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing complaints and disciplinary matters. Motion carried. The public session ended at 12:30 p.m.