

**STATE BOARD OF POLYSOMNOGRAPHY
124 HALSEY STREET, NEWARK, NJ
MONMOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM, 7TH FLOOR
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. in the Monmouth Conference Room, 7th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ by the Chair, Michael J. Lahey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Michael J. Lahey, RPSGT, Chair
Mitchell L. Rubinstein, RPSGT, Vice-Chair
Kathleen A. Feeney, RPSGT
Sara Rose Gallagher, RPSGT
Penni L. Smith, RPSGT
Gerald J. Ferencz, M. D.

Absent:

Don J. Fahy, RPSGT, Secretary
John Penek, M.D.
Francine Widrich, Acting Executive Director

Also in Attendance:

Terri Goldberg, Standing in for Francine Widrich
Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General
Tiesha Frederick, Administrative Staff
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
Elizabeth Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst

The Chair announced that 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 Secretary of State, **The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.**

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Penni L. Smith and seconded by Sara Rose Gallagher to approve the August 09, 2011 Public Session Minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

IV. ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. NEWLY LICENSED POLYSOMNOGRAPHERS

A list of all initially licensed polysomnographer technicians and technologists was submitted for the Board to review.

Leslie A. Hackett	49FC00015600	Abigail Ortiz	49FC00015700
Vera J. Svoboda	49FC00015800	Michelle G. Brown	49FC00015900
Patrick H. Ryan	49FC00016000	William T. Smith	49FC00016100
Danuto Wroblewska	49FC00016200	Alicia A. Pregonzer	49FC00016300
Nicholas J. Rossi	49FC00016400	Ellaine Esquejo	49FC00016500
Odalys Pozo	49FC00016600	Robert J. Bruno	49FC00016700
Denise J. Ellison	49FC00016800	Theresa M. Struck	49FC00016900
Kerby Zayas	49FC00017000	Sanil Kurian	49FC00017100
Daniel F. Bautista	49FC00017200	Eric H. Walker	49FC00017300
Kimberly A. Wood	49FC00017400	Ellen M. Albertie	49FC00017500
Faith L. Moscatello	49FC00017600	Patrick J. Gibbons	49FC00017700
Diane Carpinelli	49FC00017800	Jose L. Falconi	49FC00017900
Ed Feeney	49FW00024100	Noel J. Borja	49FW00024200
Reginald Hackshaw	49FW00024300	Tahseen A. Shariff	49FW00024400
Lourdes Narvaez-Guzman	49FW00024500	Noel M. Pabilonia	49FW00024600
Jacqueline Morgado	49FW00024700	Kathleen Tucker	49FW00024800
Theresa M. Snook	49FW00024900	Beverly Ann Wright	49FW00025000
Jeffrey J. Stumpf	49FW00025100	Enrique L. Santiago	49FW00025200
Teresa Williams	49FW00025300	Beth A. Weingartner	49FW00025400
Mary Whitby	49FW00025500	Maria L. Blow	49FW00025600
Amy J. Sasko	49FW00025700	Jimmy Reynolds, Jr.	49FW00025800
Erick Perez	49FW00025900	Kevin M. Conroy	49FW00026000
David R. Orloff	49FW00026100	Linda Robertson	49FW00026200
Olesya V. Reynolds	49FW00026300	Ana A. Wollemborg	49FW00026400

A motion was made by Sara Rose Gallagher and seconded by Mitchell Rubinstein to approve the new list of licensed polysomnographers. Motion carried.

2. MONTHLY REPORT / DIVISION OF LAW BILLING

The monthly report was submitted for informational purposes.

V. 1. ACCREDITED SLEEP CENTERS (The Joint Commission Accreditation)

The Board discussed The Joint Commission Accreditation for Sleep Facilities; It is the board's understanding that The Joint Commission does not currently have sleep specific guidelines and will review them when they become available. The statute will remain with the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) Accreditation for Sleep Centers. Technicians and Trainees are not allowed to work in a non-accredited facility. The Board's position on this issue is that non-accredited facilities are not required to have the ongoing training and educational requirements of accredited facilities and therefore there is no guarantee that any training provided would meet any minimum standards. A technician or trainee applying for licensure will not be eligible if the facility he or she will be working at is not AASM accredited. Technologists have extensive experience as required by licensure and are allowed to work in a non-accredited sleep center without the requirement of direct onsite nightly supervision.

2. TECHNICIAN'S RENEWAL APPLICATION

The Board reviewed the Technician's Renewal Application for approval. The Board discussed changing the wording for providing 'proof' of documentation to 'I certify.'

A motion was made by Kathleen A. Feeney and seconded by Penni L. Smith for Elizabeth Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst to amend N.J.A.C. 13:44L-3.3(c).4 with the following change: Anywhere the word "proof" appears regarding to documentation, it shall be changed to read "I certify." Motion carried.

3. CPSGT REQUIREMENTS

This matter was tabled to the October meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sara Rose Gallagher and seconded by Mitchell L. Rubinstein to adjourn the public session and move into executive session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing confidential matters. Motion carried.

The public session meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.