

**STATE BOARD OF POLYSOMNOGRAPHY
124 HALSEY STREET, NEWARK, NJ
MONMOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM, 7th FLOOR
10:00 A.M., November 9, 2010**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Monmouth Conference Room, 7th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ by the Chair, Michael Lahey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Michael J. Lahey, RPSGT, Chair
Mitchel I. Rubinstein, RPSGT, Vice Chair
Penni L. Smith, RPSGT
Kathleen A. Feeney, RPSGT
Sara Rose Gallagher, RPSGT
Gerald Ferencz, MD
Don J. Fahy, RPSGT

Absent:

John Penel, MD
Frances J. Almanzar, Esq.

Also in Attendance:

Francine Widrich, Acting Executive Director
Susan Carbone, Deputy Attorney General
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
Lolly Merced, Administrative Staff
Elena Parlati, Administrative Staff
Teisha Frederick, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum

The Chair announced that a quorum was present. The Chair also 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 Sara Rose Gallagher and seconded by Penni L. Smith to approve the September 14, 2010 Public Minutes with amendments. Motion carried.

IV APPLICATION REVIEW

1. Polysomnography Trainee - Provisional License

The Board reviewed and amended the Polysomnography Trainee - Provisional License Application. A motion was made by Sara Rose Gallagher and seconded by Kathleen A. Feeney to approve the application for Polysomnography Trainee - Provisional License with amendments. Motion approved.

2. Review of Initial Applicants

The Board reviewed the first group of completed initial applications for licensure. A motion was made by Dr. Gerald J. Ferencz and seconded by Sara Rose Gallagher to license all completed applications submitted for polysomnography technicians. Motion carried. It was the Board's decision to issue the first number to Kathleen A. Feeney and the second to Rita Brooks.

A motion was made by Don J. Fahy and seconded by Sara Rose Gallagher to delegate the authority to the Acting Executive Director to review, evaluate, approve and issue licenses to any and all applicants that have met all the requirements for licensure. The Acting Executive Director will report all newly licensed polysomnography technicians at the next scheduled meeting after the issuance of licenses. Motion carried. If any questions or concerns arise with any applications, the Acting Executive Director will bring each matter to the full board for review on a case by case basis.

V INQUIRY REGARDING POLYSOMNOGRPHY LICENSURE FOR RESPIRATORY THERAPIST & INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

- 1. E-mail with inquiry regarding polysomnography licensure for respiratory therapist.**
- 2. The Board of Respiratory Care 2009 letter relating to polysomnography licensure for respiratory care.**
- 3. New Jersey Society of Respiratory Care 2009 letter relating to polysomnography licensure for respiratory therapists.**
- 4. Summary of Public Comments - regarding licensed respiratory therapists performing polysomnographic services in accredited sleep centers and labs.**

The Board reviewed requests submitted from individuals who already hold some type of health care license (respiratory care, nurse, etc) asking whether an additional license would be required in order for them to practice polysomnography in addition to their other licensed health care professional duties. After review and discussion by the Board, it was its decision to respond to each one of them with the following response: A polysomnography technologist license is required if they represent themselves as a licensed polysomnography technologist. However, they need to consult with their individual boards to ascertain whether or not the practice of polysomnography comes under the realm of the scope of practice of their other individual health care professional license.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sara Rose Gallagher and seconded by Kathleen A. Feeney to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The Board meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.