

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

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
Sara Rose Gallagher, RPSGT
Kathleen A. Feeny, RPSGT

Absent:

Mitchell L. Rubinstein, RPSGT, Vice Chair
Don J. Fahy, RPSGT
Penni L. Smith, RPSGT
Gerald J. Ferencz, M.D.
John Penek, MD

Also in Attendance:

Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General
Francine Widrich, Acting Executive Director
Elizabeth Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst
Tiesha Frederick, Administrative Staff
Christopher Goscimski, Intern

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.**

The State Board of Polysomnography met as a sub-committee The Chair, Michael Lahey, has decisional authority for any motions when there is not a quorum.

III REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sara Rose Gallagher and seconded by Kathleen Feeney to approve the October 11, 2011 Public Minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

IV. ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Newly Licensed Polysomnographers

A list of all initially licensed polysomnographers submitted for the Board to review.

Mohamed Hebel	49FC00019600	Tetyana Pasulo	49FC00019700
Rhea Bernard	49FC00019800	Yoneek Scott	49FC00019900
Jose Valencia	49FC00020000	Joanne Velez	49FC00020100
Christopher Gallagher	49FC00020200	Christine Magruder	49FC00020300
Giulia King-Tapia	49FC00020400	Dionne Forrester	49FC00020500
Ana Briones	49FC00020600	Tricia De Leon	49FC00020700
Johanna Brown	49FC00020800	Amanda Gilmore	49FE00000300
Suganthini Premarajah	49FE00000400	Shaina Green	49FW00028100
Manual Marques	49FW00028200	Mihai Vrasmasu	49FW00028300
Kian Lane	49FW00028400	Chandravadan Patel	49FW00028500
Judith Laskowski	49FW00028600	Thomas W. Hill, II	49FW00028700
Diane Brannigan	49FW00028800	Jennifer Jones	49FW00028900

A motion was made by Sara Rose Gallagher and seconded by Kathleen Feeney to affirm the above listed applicants for licensure. Motion carried.

2. Executive Director Monthly Report

The Monthly Report was submitted for informational purposes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Department of Health and Senior Services Proposal

(New Rule N.J.A.C. 8:89 Governing Adult Protective Services)

The Board reviewed the proposal from the Department of Health and Senior Services on the Governing Adult Protective Services. The Board has no position or comment on the proposal.

2. Michelle Christofilakes, RPSGT

(Correspondence asking the Board for Consideration)

The Board reviewed an e-mail and letter from Michelle Christofilakes requesting that the Board allow her to apply for a technologist license under the grandfather provisions of the regulations, although she did not submit her application by the March 17, 2011 deadline. After careful consideration, the Board determined that since Ms. Christofilakes did not submit her application prior to the deadline, it could not allow her to be licensed under the grandfather provisions. Ms. Christofilakes must meet the current requirements in order to be licensed as a technologist.

3. Sara Rose Gallagher

(Technicians & Trainees working in a non-accredited laboratory)

The Board discussed the level of supervision needed for various levels of licensure at non-accredited sleep centers. Non-accredited sleep centers that have demonstrated educational requirements and standards through other center licensure or accreditation will be considered moving forward on a case by case basis.

4. Discussion on alternative educational requirements to fulfill RPSGT requirements for Technologist Licensure

The Board discussed alternative educational pathways to be eligible to apply for a technologist license. Ph.D. candidates who have passed the ABSM examination would be eligible depending if they have met the requirements to sit for the RPSGT exam. This discussion will be continued with receipt of testing requirements.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Sara Rose Gallagher

(Scoring for Out-of-State Technologists)

The Board discussed if data transmitted out-of-state needed to be analyzed by a technologist with a New Jersey license. It was agreed upon that the data should be treated the same regardless of where it was being analyzed. Additional research regarding existing telemedicine laws and interstate commerce will be addressed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sara Rose Gallagher and seconded by Kathleen Feeney 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 adjourned at 12:15 P.M.