

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
JANUARY 8, 2007
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

The general meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at the Board office, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Chair.

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Vice Chair
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Secretary
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D.
Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D.

ALSO ATTENDING:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board
Wanda Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session for discussion of the oral examinations.
The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

The following candidates were unanimously approved for a three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology:

Margaret Humes Bartlo, Ph.D. Patrice McGreevey, Psy.D.
Ricky Hornblass, Ph.D. Ada Liberant, Psy.D.
Alicia Poleshuk, Ph.D. Andrea Cruz, Psy.D.
Scott Poltrock, Ph.D. Clio Long, Psy.D.
Thomas Schwartz, Ph.D. Robyn Green Saluck, Ph.D.
Alicia MacIntire, Psy.D. Sandra Singer, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

The following candidates were unanimously approved for a one-year temporary permit for the unsupervised practice of psychology:

Scott Cone, Ph.D.
Kelly Wilder-Willis, Ph.D.
Craig Springer, Ph.D.
Sophia Kary, Ph.D.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board determined that the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Erin Lee O’Hea, Ph.D. Jennifer Manger, Ph.D.
Patricia Munday, Ed.D. Gina Danner, Ph.D.
Maureen Neumann, Psy.D. Jen-Mai Wong, Psy.D.
Jacob Kader, Psy.D. Jessica Lassman, Psy.D.
Helen Demetriades, Psy.D. Benjamin T. Gliko, Psy.D.

DEFERRAL OF ORAL EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination of the following candidate pending further review. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Joanne Booth, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Howard H. Becker, Psy.D.

Dr. Becker wrote requesting an extension of 90-day limit to submit his work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Becker stated that an additional 45 days would allow him to complete his work sample. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to grant Dr. Becker an additional 45 days to complete and submit his work sample to the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jennifer L. Jackson, Ph.D.

Dr. Jackson wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination .
Dr. Jackson stated that she was unable to complete the preparation of her work sample due to new challenges with motherhood and starting a new private practice. Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Jackson an additional three months to complete and submit her work sample to the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Amanda O’Brien, Ph.D.

Dr. O’Brien wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination.
Dr. O’Brien stated that she was issued her one-year permit on October 24, 2006 but that she did not see her first patient until December 7, 2006 and began therapy with patients later that week. Dr. O’Brien further stated that she would need additional time to see the patient and enough time to prepare an appropriate work sample for submission. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Pamela Alkins-Guallab, Psy.D.

Dr. Alkins-Guallab wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination.
Dr. Alkins-Guallab stated that due to unforeseen increase in her workload and family obligations, she has not been able to make significant progress with her work sample. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to grant Dr. Alkins-Guallab an additional three months to submit her work sample to the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Tanya Romasz-McDonald, Psy.D.

Dr. Romasz-McDonald wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination.

Dr. Romasz-McDonald stated that due to family and personal medical issues, she has not been able to complete the preparation of her work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to grant Dr. Romasz-McDonald an additional three months to complete and submit her work sample to the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Christine Hudson, Ph.D.

Dr. Hudson wrote requesting additional time to submit a new work sample for her oral examination.

Dr. Hudson stated that additional time would allow her to prepare a more recent clinical work sample for submission.

Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to grant Dr. Hudson an additional three months to complete and submit her work sample to the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Suzanne Mulchy James, Psy.D.

Dr. James wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination.

Dr. James stated that due to increasing job duties because her supervisor has been out recovering from surgery for three weeks and caring for an ill family member, she has not been able to devote sufficient time toward the completion of her work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to grant Dr. James an additional three months to submit her work sample to the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Renee Cantwell, Ed.D.

Dr. Cantwell wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit that expires on January 15, 2007.

Dr. Cantwell stated that she had lost several months of supervision/work hours at the beginning of 2005 due to complications with her pregnancy and subsequent maternity leave.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to extend Dr. Cantwell's temporary permit for an additional year expiring on January 15, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Marina Maier, Public Member of the Board

Ms. Maier, Public Member of the Board of Psychological Examiners, regrettably submitted her resignation effective December 31, 2006.

Ms. Maier stated that due to recent changes in her employment resulting in a less flexible schedule, she has to resign.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to send a letter of thanks to Ms. Maier for her time served on the Board. Additionally, the Board also voted to prepare and issue Ms. Maier a resolution. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Janet W. Pippin of ASPPB

Ms. Pippin stated that ASPPB is interested in making its Handbook on Licensing and Certification as useful as possible. She is requesting that Board submit what it considers to be their top five (5) informational items that should be included in the handbook.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board authorized Executive Director Walker, to review the Handbook and make the necessary changes on behalf of the Board. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Benjamin Gliko, Psy.D.

Lynette McKeon, Psy.D., supervisor for Dr. Gliko, wrote expressing her concern with the delay in scheduling of oral examinations. Dr. McKeon stated that her permit holder, Dr. Gliko has been waiting to be scheduled for approximately nine months. Dr. McKeon further stated that this is interfering with his marketability and his ability to practice independently as well as interfering with his supervisor's ability to take on new permit holders. Dr. McKeon states that both she and Dr. Gliko are losing money due to the Board's lag in scheduling.

Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Dr. McKeon that in November 2005 the Governor appointed seven new members to the Board. The new members had to go through training before they could conduct oral examinations. Unfortunately, that created a backlog in the scheduling of oral examination and the Board is currently working diligently to take care of the backlog. Voting in favor the motion: all.

Gerard W. Lee, Jr., Ed.D.

The Board reviewed Dr. Lee's response with regards to his use of the term "Psychological Counselor."

Dr. Lee stated that after further review on his part, he has altered his letterhead to now reflect his licensure as a Professional Counselor and the use of the term Psychological Counselor has been removed.

The Board accepted Dr. Lee's response as informational.

Joel Bernstein, Ph.D., #262

Dr. Bernstein wrote requesting guidance from the Board with regards to Blue Cross /Blue Shield new pre-authorized requirements for two of his patients.

Dr. Bernstein stated that these two patients have both been determined to need ongoing, long-term therapy. Blue Cross/Blue Shield has now pre-authorized one patient for six sessions every six months and the other for three months at a time.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to inform Dr. Bernstein that it has no jurisdiction with regards to this issue and suggested that he contact the New Jersey Psychological Association. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Umachandran Thumbavanam (Nate) of Qtech Solutions, Inc.

Mr. Thumbavanam wrote requesting that the Board provide him with a letter indicating that no license is required for performing a non-therapeutic service for a prospective employee of Qtech Solutions, Inc.

The Board reviewed the proposed job description and resume of the individual in question and had several questions. Upon motion made by Dr. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board requested that Executive Director Walker schedule Mr. Thumbavanam for a brief meeting before the Board to clarify several issues. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Rosemarie Scolar Moser, Ph.D., #2148

Dr. Moser wrote concerning the hiring of permit holders as independent contractors in private practice.

Dr. Moser stated that it has come to her attention that post-doctoral permit holders are contracted by agencies in New Jersey as independent contractors and are paid by a 1099, which is not allowed by the tax code.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to inform Dr. Moser that she could hire a permit holder as an employee. Additionally, the Board informed Dr. Moser that it is aware of this problem and will seek an official ruling from the Department of Labor. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

William J. Librizzi, III, Psy.D.

Dr. Librizzi just received his doctorate from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is currently licensed as a Professional Counselor in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Librizzi is inquiring about his obtaining his post-doctoral supervision hour in his private practice. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-10.13 the Board advised Dr. Librizzi that it would be a conflict of interest to hire a supervisor as an employee of his counseling center. However, the Board advised Dr. Librizzi that he could hire a supervisor

who has no connection with his center to supervise clients that he sees for post-doctoral hours. Dr. Librizzi was further advised that he must keep the clients that he sees to accrue his supervision hours for psychology separate from those he sees in his Professional Counselor practice. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Date: Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D.
Chair