

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 2, 2004

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 9:30 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair.

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.
Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Jeffrey H. Tindall, Ph.D.
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary
Carole M. Harper, MA., RN., Public Member

ABSENT:

Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.

ALSO ATTENDING:

Carmen Rodriguez, DAG, Counsel to Board
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carol Y. Cark, Executive Director
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director
Elaine DeMarz, Managing Executive Director

CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to go into closed session for discussion of the oral examinations.

The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

Elizabeth Marmaras, Ph.D.
Joanne L. Good, Ph.D.
Joan M. Kastner, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT'NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

The following candidates were issued three-year temporary permits for the supervised practice of psychology:

Cheryl Notari, Ph.D.

Elizabeth Matheis, Ph.D.
Lauren Rogers-Sirin, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Audra Yacka, Psy.D.

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

Dr. Yacka stated that she is pregnant and due to deliver at any time. Dr. Yacka further stated that she had hoped to finish her case but could not do so because she has been fatigued from the pregnancy and distracted by preparing for the arrival of her first child.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to grant Dr. Yacka an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Janis S. Golob, Psy.D.

Dr. Golob has submitted her supervision hours as requested by the Board for approval and consideration for granting her an extension of her three-year temporary permit.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board, after reviewing Dr. Golob's supervision hours, voted to grant Dr. Golob a nine-month extension of her temporary permit which will now expire on November 2, 2004. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Yvette Roche, Ph.D.

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

Dr. Roche stated that she has just relocated to New Jersey with her two-year-old daughter and has had difficulty obtaining child care. Dr. Roche further stated that she is currently working two days a week in New York.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to grant Dr. Roche an additional six months to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Maria Martone, Psy.D.

Dr. Martone, who is pregnant, wrote requesting that her oral examination be scheduled prior to her delivery date of May 6, 2004.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board approved Dr. Martone's request and directed that the Board staff schedule her oral examination as soon as possible. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Mechele Morris, Ph.D.

Dr. Morris wrote requesting an extension of time to take the EPPP written examination from February 4, 2004 to March 4, 2004.

Dr. Morris stated that this additional time would be sufficient to receive the authorization from PES and schedule the examination date.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to extend Dr. Morris's temporary permit for an additional six months expiring on August 4, 2004. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Kim Altman Weiss, Ph.D.

Dr. Weiss wrote requesting an extension of her one-year temporary permit, unsupervised, in light of her having failed her oral examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to extend Dr. Weiss's temporary permit until she receives the results of her temporary permit conference. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Spencer N. Madsen, Ph.D.

Dr. Madsen wrote requesting that his license to practice psychology in the State of New be reinstated.

Dr. Madsen stated that he was employed at two state facilities and worked in a private health facility. In each of the facilities, Dr. Madsen stated that a state license was not required to perform his duties as a psychologist. Dr. Madsen was asked to provide the Board with his license number and he could not do so. Dr. Madsen stated that all of his records and personal documents became unavailable. He has no evidence to provide the Board with proof that he has ever held a license since the Board office has no proof of his ever being licensed as a psychologist in the State of New Jersey.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board suggested that Dr. Madsen contact ASPPB and request that his test score on the written examination be transferred to the Board office. The Board further suggested that Dr. Madsen contact the insurance carrier to obtain a copy of the license he submitted in order to obtain the malpractice insurance. Until further documentation is received, his license can not be reinstated. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jennifer Hanych, Ph.D.

Dr. Hanych wrote requesting that the Board reconsider accepting supervision hours she accrued from January 2003 to September 2003 before the issuance of her three-year temporary permit on September 25, 2003.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to accept Dr. Hanych's supervision hours, provided that they are in order and properly documented on the Board's supervision form. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Diane Handlin, Ph.D., #3306

Dr. Handlin wrote requesting a waiver from the Board to provide her address in an advertisement in the New Jersey Psychological Association's Directory.

Because of special circumstances she presented in her letter, upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to grant Dr. Handlin's request for a waiver of N.J.A.C. 13:42-9.3 (a). Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Todd Pressman, Ph.D., #3517

Dr. Pressman wrote seeking guidance from the Board with regard to writing a commentary for a book written by a former patient.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to inform Dr. Pressman that they have no objection to his writing a commentary from the therapist's perspective for the book written by one of his former patients. However, the Board informed Dr. Pressman that should the patient ever need to return to therapy, she must see another therapist to avoid a dual relationship or other ethical dilemma. Dr. Pressman was informed that the Board is not offering judgment regarding the legality of the 'informed consent' or 'release of information' form. The Board did suggest that Dr. Pressman consult an attorney on those matters. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Maria Karavidas, Psy.D.

Angelica Diaz-Martinez, Psy.D. and Paul Lehrer, Ph.D., supervisors for Dr. Karavidas, wrote regarding the supervision hours Dr. Karavidas accrued at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School beginning on September 18, 2003.

Dr. Karavidas's temporary permit was issued on October 22, 2003. The Board previously requested that Dr. Karavidas provide the Board with a letter from Carlos Albizu University stating that her degree was conferred on September 26, 2003, in addition to providing the Board with documentation that she was properly supervised according to the Board's regulations from September 26, 2003 until the issuance of her permit.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board directed Board staff to inform Dr. Karavidas that she must complete the documentation of supervised experience verification forms before her hours can be accepted. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Gregory Milbourne, Psy.D.

Frank Schwoeri, Ph.D. wrote requesting that the Board accept the group supervision hours Dr. Milbourne accrued under his supervision prior to his being approved by the Board as an additional permit supervisor.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to accept the group supervision hours Dr. Milbourne accrued under the supervision of Dr. Schwoeri prior to his being approved as an additional permit supervisor. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

E-mail Amy Hilson of ASPPB'fyi

Ms. Hilson forwarded an e-mail to all licensing boards informing them that in December 2001, ASPPB's Board of Directors formulated the following recommendation regarding the timing of the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology.

The Association has decided that the timing of the admission of the EPPP impacts the ability of each applicant for licensure to gain employment and ultimately, status as an independent, licensed psychologist. If delayed until after completion of the post-doctoral year of supervision, the process is slowed unnecessarily.

The Board of Directors passed a motion recommending that boards that currently allow administration of the EPPP only upon completion of all requirements for licensure (including post-doctoral supervised hours) allow candidates for doctoral level licensure to be admitted to the exam following completion of all educational requirements for the doctoral degree.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board approved the taking of the EPPP sooner upon the awarding of the doctorate instead of after the completion of the supervision hours. The Board notes that it needs to adopt a change to its regulation N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1 before this takes effect. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Regulation Committee

Dr. Patterson reported that the Committee will be meeting at the Board office on Monday, March 22, 2003 at 9:30 A.M.

Newsletter Committee

Ms. Harper reported that she has finish gathering and assembling the information for the newsletter and has given it to the Executive Director Clark to have Board staff type all material for submission to the Print Production Department.

Oral Exam Committee

Dr. Jeffers reported that the Board can now begin using the four (4) new vignettes that Dr. Roy prepared.

REGULATORY MATTERS

Re-Adoption of N.J.A.C. 13:42

The Board reviewed numerous comments received on its re-adoption rule proposal of N.J.A.C. 13:42. The Board discussed at length along with Regulatory Analysis, Danielle Swenson, Division of Consumer Affairs, the many concerns that the licensees and professional organizations have raised. After discussing the several issues at great length, upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Glat, the Board voted to accept the comments. Dr. Patterson recused.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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