

# State Board of Psychological Examiners

## Minutes

February 4, 2002

The general public meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at the Board office, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M. by Kenneth Roy, Ed.D., Chair.

### **PRESENT:**

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Chair  
Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D., Secretary  
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D, Government Member  
Jeffry H. Tindall, Ph.D.  
Carole Harper, RN, Public Member  
Debra Eckert-Casha, Esq., Public Member

### **ABSENT:**

Margery B. Manheim, Ph.D.  
Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.  
Mark Glat, Psy.D.

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

Paul C. Brush, Executive Director  
Kathy Rohr, S.D.A.G, Counsel to Board  
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant  
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the 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. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

The Board returned to open session.

### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

### **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

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

Rebecca Harcsztark, Psy.D.

Merrill Berger, Ph.D.  
Arnold Wilson, Ph.D.  
Stuart Cantor, Ph.D.  
Katherine Bennett, Psy.D.  
Elizabeth Roberts, Ph.D.  
Tasha A. Mott, Ph.D.  
Janis Sawicke, Ph.D.  
Judy Washington, Ph.D.  
Robin Exum-Calhoun, Ph.D.  
Aynn Hartman, Ph.D.  
Jennifer Harter, Ph.D.  
Marykae Gonzales, Psy.D.  
Elaine Hyman, Ph.D.  
Vivian J. Bush, Ph.D.

## **FAILED ORAL EXAMINATION**

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board determined that the following candidate did not qualify for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Cynthia McNamara, Ph.D.**

## **TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS**

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

**Sharon Sutter, Ph.D.**  
**Deirdre Kramer, Ph.D.**  
**Kevin Dempsey, Ph.D.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Mitchell Flaum, Ph.D., #2745**

Dr. Flaum wrote requesting reinstatement of his license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Flaum stated that during the period of July 1996 through June 1998, he has been employed as a staff psychologist for PSI Services in Philadelphia, PA. Subsequent to that period, he has been working in private practice in New York City.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement process of Dr. Flaum's psychology license. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Alan D. Filippi, Ph.D.**

Dr. Filippi wrote requesting modification of the case number restriction placed on his three-year temporary permit, supervised, when he failed the oral examination.

Dr. Filippi stated that his current caseload has dropped from seven to two clients. One of the conditions placed on his permit was that he take on no new additional clients. Dr. Filippi is requesting that he be permitted to increase his caseload back to seven clients.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to deny Dr. Filippi's request for modification until his work sample is received in the Board office. Additionally, the Board voted to inform Dr. Filippi

that he can renew his request for modification when he submits his work sample. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Clair L. Goldberg, Psy.D.**

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

Dr. Goldberg stated that she is currently pregnant and is unable to work for the first three months of her pregnancy, and this has prevented her from finding an appropriate case.

Dr. Goldberg expects to deliver at the end of May 2002.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to grant Dr. Goldberg an extension until August 2, 2002 to submit her work sample to the Board office. Dr. Goldberg was advised that if additional time is needed, she can request it. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Nadezhda Robinson, Ph.D.**

Dr. Robinson wrote requesting permission from the Board to submit a bonding evaluation work sample for her oral examination.

Dr. Robinson stated that performing bonding evaluations provider her with the opportunity to articulate very particular and associated theoretical and ethical issues.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to inform Dr. Robinson that she can submit a bonding evaluation case as long as she follows the oral examination guidelines. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Lorrie Demarest, Ph.D.**

Dr. Demarest wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, which expires on February 23, 2002.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to extend Dr. Demarest's temporary permit until March 4, 2002 at which time, the Board will make a final decision after her permit conference, which is scheduled for February 11, 2002. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Milton Fuentes, Psy.D.**

Dr. Fuentes wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary permit, supervised, which expires on February 18, 2002.

Dr. Fuentes stated that he intends to complete his supervision hours within the next three months and plans to take the E.P.P.P. written examination in April 2002.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to to extend Dr. Fuentes' three-year temporary permit, supervised, until April 2002 contingent upon taking the EPPP by April 2002. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **REVIEW OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

**I/M/O Paul J. Forti, Ph.D., #3071 (revoked)**

Robert Popkin, Esq., Acting Director, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services informed the Board that effective January 20, 2002, Dr. Forti's participation in any capacity in the New Jersey Medical Assistance and Health

Services (Medicaid) is suspended.

**I/M/O Claire Ciliotta, Ph.D., (unlicensed)**

The Board of Psychological Examiners filed an Administrative Action Consent Order on January 24, 2002.

**I/M/O John Rathouser, Ph.D., #1394**

Thomas Johnson, Ed.D. submitted his third monthly report to the Board on his supervision of Dr. Rathouser. Dr. Johnson is recommending that weekly contact hour restrictions on Dr. Rathouser@s caseload be lifted and that the supervision requirements be decreased to one supervision hour per week.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to inform Dr. Johnson that his request for modifications has been reviewed by the full Board and that this matter is being tabled pending receipt of Dr. Lewis Gantwerk's written report. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS**

**Family and Social Service Federation**

The Board reviewed the additional information submitted by Mitchell Schonfeld.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the additional information provided in the exemption notice form, upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board determined that Family and Social Service Federation is considered an exempt facility. Mr. Schonfeld was so advised that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm to the Board annually in January of its continuing exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Serv Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.**

The Board reviewed an exemption notice form from Gary Van Nostrand at Serv Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the exemption notice form, upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board determined that Serv Behavioral Health System, Inc. is considered an exempt facility. Mr. Van Nostrand was so advised that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm to the Board annually in January of its continuing exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**REVIEW OF LEGISLATION**

**Assembly, No. 190-An Act concerning certain professional boards, councils and committees**

Upon motion made by Mrs. Eckert-Casha and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to support this bill; however, the Board noted that this bill doesn't include psychologists. Since new requirements are already in place, the Board would support the bill. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D.  
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Date: Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.  
Chair