

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 9:40 A.M. Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Board Chair, opened the meeting by reading the following opening statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., Secretary
Francesca Peckman, Psy.D. (Arrived 9:42)

Also Attending:

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff
Alan Vallee, Intern

III. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to approve the public session minutes of April 13, 2015, with corrections. Voting in favor: all.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Executive Director reported that Division of Consumer Affairs Deputy Director Kim Ringler had resigned.
- Process of on line renewals has begun
- The only time there is a wait time to sit for the Jurisprudence exam is if the applicant for the exam cancels, they now go to the bottom of the rotation.

V. REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATIONS

Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into executive session for discussion of the jurisprudence examinations. The Board returned to open session.

VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

*Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the three-year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology:*

Renee Maucher, Psy.D.

Tara Calafiore, Psy.D.

Rebecca Lopatin, Psy.D.

Defna Fuchs, Ph.D.

Illana Barry, Psy.D.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the one-year temporary permit for the **unsupervised** practice of psychology:*

Yevegeniya Ratnovsky, Ph.D.

VII. LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Peckman the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.

Jurisprudence Examinations

Friday, April 17, 2015

Joshua Avondolgio, Ph.D.

Erik Dranoff, Ph.D.

Han Zhang Liang, Ph.D.

Priscilla Rogers-Fahy, Psy.D.

Nina Cooperman, Psy.D.

Jason Hunt, Psy.D.

Zachary Yeoman, Psy.D.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Gina Marie Restivo, Psy.D., TP# 113-018

The Board reviewed Dr. Restivo's request for extension of her three year supervised permit, which expires on May 22, 2015. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted that Dr. Restivo be sent a letter asking her to provide confirmation that her supervision is only in a school setting, not a private practice. The Board is also requesting her hours from her supervisor be submitted for review. The Board voted to extend Dr. Restivo's permit for six months to collect all documentation requested. Voting in favor: all.

2. Letter from Katharine Loeb, Ph.D.

The Board reviewed documentation verifying Dr. Loeb's New York pre-doctoral hours. *Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to accept the hours submitted as meeting the pre-doctoral requirement. Voting in favor: all.*

3. Letter from Elizabeth Saslow, Ph.D., TP# 123-056

The Board reviewed Dr. Saslow's credentials for reciprocity to NJ from PA. *Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to request that Dr. Saslow have her two supervisors Dr. Richard Selznick, Ph.D., and Dr. Yvonne Agazarian, Ph.D., send back NJ state supervision forms providing precise information for Board review. The Board will make its determination after the information has been received. If the supervision satisfies the hours, the Board can approve, if not the Board can review Dr. Saslow's experience of 20 years pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.5(e). Voting in favor: all.*

IX. REPORT ON TEMPORARY PERMIT CONFERENCE: MAY 7, 2015

Renuka Tanna, Psy.D./Carol Eigen, Ph.D., supervisor – confirmed

Dr. Tanna took and failed the E.P.P.P. written examination on May 4, 2015 and is currently working under a three year supervised temporary permit.

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Tanna's temporary permit for an additional six months with the no changes or reduction in her caseload. Additionally, Dr. Tanna was informed that the Board was made aware of her advertisement on GenPsych website. Dr. Tanna ensured the Board that the advertisement would be removed as soon as possible. Voting in favor: all.

X. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

1. I/M/O Marsha J. Kleinman, Psy.D., #2319 (revoked)

Dr. Kleinman submitted a written Motion for Reconsideration of the fines imposed in the Board of Psychological Examiners (the "Board") April 13, 2015 Final Decision and Order revoking her license and imposing a \$20,000 civil penalty and costs in the amount of \$56,250.00. The Motion sought reconsideration of the fines based on an accurate reading of her tax returns. Attached to the Dr. Kleinman's motion was 17 pages including tax returns for 2012 and 2013 with Schedules A-D and a letter from her accountant. Dr. Kleinman was concerned with a statement in the order that the Board reviewed tax returns without schedules.

The State responded with a Motion in Opposition to the Respondent's Motion for Reconsideration of the Board's Final Decision and Order. The State position is that Dr. Kleinman

(the "Respondent") presented tax return schedules not previously provided, the presentation of the materials was too late and the documentation did not contain any new

information justifying the Board's reexamination of the concluded matter. The State also argued that the Board accurately portrayed the tax returns provided at the hearing as the statement in the final order on page 35 indicated that "Respondent presented tax returns for 2012 and 2013 showing reduced income, but without schedules or certifications of assets she may hold." She also did not submit any certifications as to assets she held." In the alternative, the State argued that should the Board consider the additional schedules they do not warrant a change in the imposed penalty as the documents do not prove that the Respondent lacks assets. The State also recognized that the penalty of \$20,000 that was imposed by the Board took into consideration the respondent's financial condition.

The Board considered this matter on the papers. It recognized that the Respondent was not represented by an attorney in these proceedings and may have inadvertently forgotten to file the additional schedules A, B and D. During the hearing Respondent entered into evidence R-4 which included the 2012 and 2013 tax returns with only schedule C and the accountant's letter attached. The Board reviewed the attached Schedules A-D which included itemized deductions, interest and ordinary dividends, profit or loss from business, and capital gains and losses. The Board concluded that the information did not provide any new insight into the Respondent's financial information as it did not reflect any assets the Respondent's may have.

Having considered the documentation provided by the Respondent, a motion was made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Brickfield finding that the information supplied did not provide any new information as to the Respondent's financial situation which would warrant a modification of the previously filed Final Decision and Order. Consideration for the respondent's financial situation was taken by the Board when it imposed a \$20,000 civil penalty for unlicensed practice and for failure to report sexual abuse. The Board recognized that it could have imposed a civil penalty for each instance of unlicensed practice proved by the State which would have resulted in the imposition of a greater civil penalty but did not do so as a result of the Respondent financial position. Therefore the Final Decision and Order filed on April 13, 2015 is re-affirmed. Voting in favor: all

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Finger, Ed.D., New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)

Dr. Finger was present, had no comment.

XII. MEETING DATES FOR 2015

June 8, 2015

July 6, 2015

August 10, 2015

September 14, 2015

October 5, 2015

November 2, 2015
December 7, 2015

XIV. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:37 a.m.. Voting in favor all.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Date: Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Chair