

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MAY 8, 2006
PUBLIC AGENDA MEETING 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 11:30 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Chair.

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Secretary
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D.
Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D.
Marina Maier, Public Member

ABSENT:

T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Vice Chair

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board approved the public session minutes of April 3, 2006, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

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 approved for a three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology:

Sara Timmerman, Psy.D.
Lisabeth Gertner, Ph.D.
JoAnn Garcia-Warren, Ed.D.
Daniello Filoso, Psy.D.
Amber Johnson, Psy.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

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

Stacie Vernick, Ph.D. Peter Oropeza, Psy.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

James P. Mahan, Psy.D.

Dr. Mahan wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on May 9, 2006. Dr. Mahan stated that he is in the process of completing his work sample for submission for the oral exam; however, he has recently been diagnosed with a serious medical condition for which he requires treatment. Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Maier, the Board voted to extend Dr. Mahan's temporary permit for an additional year expiring on May 9, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Margaret Humes-Bartlo, Ph.D.

Dr. Humes-Bartlo wrote requesting the issuance of a one-year temporary permit under the supervision of Jane Healey, Ph.D. Dr. Humes-Bartlo stated that the permit is needed in order to obtain a case to submit as a work sample for the oral examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Maier, the Board voted to deny Dr. Humes-Bartlo's request pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.4 (b) which states that a supervisor shall supervise no more than three permit holders at any one time. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Reena R. Kolar, Ph.D.

Dr. Kolar wrote requesting approval of post-doctoral hours accrued in an exempt setting without obtaining a temporary permit and a Board approved supervisor. Dr. Kolar stated that her initial intent was not to obtain New Jersey licensure. However, she and her husband unexpectedly moved to the State of New Jersey and she is now applying. Dr. Kolar further stated that had she known much early about her move to New Jersey she would have applied for a permit. Upon motion made by Dr. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to accept the 1500 hours Dr. Kolar has accrued in the State of Pennsylvania toward the New Jersey supervision requirement. Dr. Kolar will be informed that she must obtain a three-year permit and accrue and submit of the additional 250 supervision hours in order to meet the supervision requirement in New Jersey, in addition to submitting verification of licensure in Pennsylvania. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

David S. MacIsaac, Ph.D., #1287

Dr. MacIsaac inquired as to whether a licensed psychologist, who is also a psychoanalyst, is allowed to supervise psychoanalytic trainees who have no license. He also asked if the supervising psychoanalyst is able to do this in his/her private office. Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to refer the matter to DAG Carmen Rodriguez for a review of the psychoanalysts statutes a recommendation. This matter was tabled until the June 5, 2006 meeting. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Christopher J. Barker, Ph.D.

Dr. Barker wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on May 24, 2006. Dr. Barker stated that he is in the process of completing his work sample for submission and is requesting additional time. Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Maier, the Board voted to extend Dr. Barker's temporary permit for an additional year expiring on May 24, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Howard Becker, Psy.D.

Dr. Becker wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit his work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Becker stated that he has recently been diagnosed with a serious medical condition for which he requires treatment. Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Maier, the Board voted to grant Dr. Becker an additional 90 days to submit his work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter Committee

Ms. Maier was appointed by the Board Chair, Dr. Jeffers, to serve as chair of the Newsletter Committee. Ms. Maier accepted. Ms. Maier stated that she has reviewed the material given to her by former board member, Ms. Harper, and is requesting that each Board member provide her with a copy of their personal biography by the June 5, 2006 meeting to put in the newsletter.

REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCE HELD ON 4-10-06 AND 5-8-06

Brett Holeman, Psy.D./Marshall Mintz, Ph.D., supervisor (not present)

Dr. Holeman failed the E.P.P.P. written examination on October 21, 2005 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit. Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to extend Dr. Holeman's permit for an additional year contingent upon his obtaining a new supervisor. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Nicole Safonte-Strumolo, Ph.D./Louis Barretti, Ph.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. Safonte-Strumolo failed the E.P.P.P. written examination on April 1, 2006 and is currently working under a three-year temporary permit. Upon motion made by Ms. Maier and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to continue Dr. Safonte-Strumolo's temporary permit with no change. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Arthur Hochberg, Ph.D.

A committee of the Board met with Dr. Hochberg with regard to a paper he submitted demonstrating his knowledge of what a psychologist can share with a third party provider under the Act Concerning the Disclosure of Patient Information as well as the role of DYFS and the law relating to child abuse. Upon motion made by Dr. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board reiterated to Dr. Hochberg that he must submit another typed paper specifically outlining his knowledge of the peer review law and the law as it relates to child abuse as the previous submission was rejected by the Board. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS

Youth Consultation Service

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Gerard Costa, Ph.D. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:15B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Youth Consultation Service is still considered an exempt facility. Dr. Costa was reminded, the agency is required to confirm annually in writing that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

OPEN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O Colleen M. Peruo, Ph.D., #3181

Dr. Peruo submitted documentation of having successfully completed a Home Study Credit Ethics course "Setting Clear & Ethical Boundaries with Clients" (10 CEUs) for the Board's review. Upon motion made and seconded, the Board accepted the documentation as satisfying the ethics course requirement. However, the Board is requesting that Dr. Goodman submit a letter stating he reviewed the content of the course with Dr. Peruo and approved it. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Date: Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D.

Chair