

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009  
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 9:50 A.M.

**PRESENT:**

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair  
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D., Secretary  
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.

**ABSENT:**

T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board  
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS 2008-2009**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-13, the Board held Election of Officers. Executive Director Walker opened the floor to nominations for the Election of Board Officers for 2009-2010.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D. was re-elected by acclamation to serve as **Chair**. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

*Upon motion by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Roy, Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D. was re-elected by acclamation to serve as **Vice Chair**. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

*Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Roy, Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D. was elected by acclamation to serve as **Secretary**. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

### **CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

*Upon unanimous vote of all members present, the Board went 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:*

*Veronica Lenzi, Ph.D.*

*Cecilia D'Elia, Psy.D.*

*Shawn Blue, Psy.D.*

*Anne Tatti, Psy.D.*

*Anissa Moody, Ph.D.*

### **TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR**

*The following candidate was unanimously approved for a one-year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology:*

*Christopher Mosunic, Ph.D.*

### **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

*Ilana Tannenbaum, Ph.D.  
Anna Kress, Psy.D.  
Jouhaina Razzouk, Psy.D.  
Christina Kiel-Johnston, Psy.D.  
Eileen Senior, Psy.D.  
Maura L. Gomez, Ph.D.  
Anthony Petruzzello, Ph.D.  
Melissa Stevens, Psy.D.*

### **DEFERRAL OF EXAMINATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination for the following candidates pending submission and approval of a paper outlining the information a psychologist can share with third-party payors (insurance company) under the Act Concerning the Disclosure of Patient Information by Psychologist (a.k.a. New Jersey Peer Review Law).*

*Rebecca Eisenberg-Papka, Psy.D.  
Jonathan A. Schwartz, Psy.D.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Peter Lazzaro, Ph.D.

Dr. Lazzaro wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit his work sample for the oral examination beyond his July 20, 2009 due date.

Dr. Lazzaro stated that he is currently employed as a school psychologist. Because of his current work load he has been unable to meet the deadline.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board to grant Dr. Lazzaro an additional 90 days to submit his work sample. Dr. Lazzaro was advised that his*

*work sample is now due on or before October 20, 2009. Voting in favor of the motion: all*

Helit Atar-Greenfield, Ph.D.

Dr. Atar-Greenfield wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination beyond her September 2, 2009 due date.

Dr. Atar-Greenfield stated that she does not have a current work sample to submit for the oral examination since she has recently returned to work in the State of New York after taking three months off to care for her children.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to give Dr. Atar-Greenfield a one-year extension to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Atar-Greenfield was advised that her work sample is now due on or before June 1, 2010. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Gahan J. Pandina, Ph.D., TP #083-909

Dr. Pandina wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit (limited for one-year) which expired on May 13, 2009.

Dr. Pandina stated that he has just terminated with the client who will be the subject of his work sample on and will need at least until the end of July 2009 to submit his work sample.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Pandina's temporary permit for an additional six months contingent upon the submission of his work sample on or before August 1, 2009. Dr. Pandina was further advised that his temporary permit will be extended until November 13, 2009. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Melvin A. Rabin, Ed.D.

Dr. Rabin wrote requesting a delayed scheduling of his oral examination until October or November 2009 because of the death of his father.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board the voted to inform Dr. Rabin that scheduling of his oral examination could be delayed until October or November 2009; however, examiners may not be available for the specific dates he indicated. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards

The Board reviewed the January 30, 2009– February 1, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes in Palm Springs, California.

*The Board accepted the minutes as informational.*

Susan Beatty, Program Coordinator, New Jersey Psychological Association

Ms. Beatty wrote to thank the members of the Board of Psychological Examiners, Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D, and Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D. for presenting at NJPA's Spring Conference on April 18, 2009.

Additionally, Ms. Beatty expressed that their members appreciated the opportunity to communicate with the Board on a personal level and have their questions answered.

*The Board accepted the letter at informational.*

Melanie Callender, Ph.D., #2366 & Maureen O'Leary, MBA

Dr. Callender, Clinical Director of Family & Children's Services wrote requesting guidance from the Board with regard to what work the masters and doctoral level psychologists and LPC's they employ can do.

Dr. Callender further stated that they currently administer psychological evaluations to children and adults referred by DYFS, the court system, schools and other agencies. Dr. Callender wants to know specifically what types of evaluation they are prohibited from conducting, based upon the examiner's credentials.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to inform Dr. Callender that her letter, as outlined, appears to be acceptable; however, they can not make recommendations with regard to custody evaluations. Additionally, the Board advised Dr. Callender that she must use license numbers on all correspondence. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Peter Braverman, Psy.D./Patrick Connelly, Psy.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. Braverman failed his oral examination on January 16, 2009 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Braverman's temporary permit for an additional six months. Additionally, the Board recommended that Dr. Braverman not take on any additional patients until he passes his oral examination. Dr. Braverman was advised that his temporary permit will now expire on April 14, 2010. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Robert Vandercook, Psy.D./Lewis Alban, Ph.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. Vandercook failed the E.P.P.P. written examination on March 28, 2009 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Vandercook's temporary permit for an additional six months contingent upon him taking the E.P.P.P. written examination on or before August 31, 2009. Dr. Vandercook was advised that his temporary permit will now expire on May 8, 2010. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Melissa S. Zarin, Ph.D./Mark Seglin, Ph.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. Zarin failed her oral examination on February 21, 2009 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to extend Dr. Zarin's temporary permit for an additional six month and at her request to continue with no more than five (5) client hours per week. Dr. Zarin was advised that her temporary permit will now expire on December 7, 2009. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Regulations Committee

The regulations committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. at the Board office.

Respectfully submitted

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Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D.  
**Secretary**

APPROVED BY:

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