

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS**  
**JUNE 4, 2007**  
**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 10:00 A.M. by Dr. Jeffers, Chair.

**PRESENT:**

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair  
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Vice Chair  
Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Secretary  
Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D.  
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.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, Secretarial Assistant

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS 2007-2008**

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 2007-2008.

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

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

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D. was elected by acclamation to serve as Secretary. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board approved the public session minutes of May 7, 2007, 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 unanimously approved for a three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice

of psychology:

Jason Gold, Ph.D.

Roxanne McCarthy, Ph.D.

Rachel Fite, Ph.D.

Jeffrey Uhl, Psy.D.

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

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

Anthony Lequerica, Ph.D.

Susan Gordon, Ph.D.

Jane Gooen-Piels, Ph.D.

### **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

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

Monica J. Indart, Psy.D.

Brooke Sorger, Ph.D.

Nicole Attaway, Ph.D.

Martha Temple, Psy.D.

Paul D. Kesselman, Ph.D.

### **DEFERRAL OF ORAL EXAMINATION**

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination of the following candidates pending submission and approval of a paper. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Deniz M. Colak, Ph.D.

Kelly L. Gilrain, Ph.D.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Michelle Deering, Ed.D.**

Dr. Deering wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit that expires on June 25, 2007.

Dr. Deering stated that she has completed the required number of post-doctoral supervised hours and is currently studying to take the E.P.P.P. written examination before the end of December 2007. Dr. Deering further stated that having become the mother of twins and due to changes in her current position at Rutgers University, she has not been able to finish the requirements for licensure before the expiration of her temporary permit.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Deering's temporary permit for an additional year. The permit will now expire on June 25, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

#### **Arline Fusco, Psy.D.**

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

Dr. Fusco stated that her recovery from a recent surgery in March 2007 has hindered her from completing her work sample for submission.

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

**Karyn C. Smarz, Ph.D.**

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

Dr. Smarz stated that due to recent increases in her work responsibilities as well as personal family issues, she has been unable to complete her work sample for submission.

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

**Sonja Ramirez-Nahass, Ph.D.**

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

Dr. Ramirez-Nahass stated that she is currently licensed in the State of New York and does not have a current case to submit for the oral examination. Dr. Ramirez-Nahass further stated that she has not engaged in clinical work with clients for the past few years as she been a full-time mother.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to grant Dr. Ramirez-Nahass an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**New Jersey Psychological Association**

The Board reviewed the agenda outline submitted by Ms. Wahler and Dr. Helfmann who would like to meet with the Board to discuss issues they feel are important to their membership.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to schedule representatives from NJPA for Monday, July 2, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. limiting their presentation to 30 minutes. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Maria Marchese-Mazzeo, Psy.D.**

Dr. Marchese-Mazzeo wrote requesting special consideration for submission of a work sample for which the patient was last seen in September 2005 for the oral examination.

Dr. Marchese-Mazzeo stated that she has taken the last year and a half off and this case is the only case she has to submit.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to deny Dr. Marchese-Mazzeo's request pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-5.1(b)1 which states that a "current" work sample is defined to mean a work sample either in progress or where the treatment services were terminated within one year before submission of the work sample. Additionally, the Board voted to give Dr. Marchese-Mazzeo an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral exam. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Michael Shrem, Psy.D.**

Dr. Shrem wrote requesting retroactive approval of post-doctoral supervision hours accrued beginning April 10, 2007 under the supervision of Dr. Janc.

Dr. Shrem stated that correspondence mailed from the Board office on April 10, 2007 was not received until May 20, 2007 because his mail was delivered to a neighbor's house in error. Therefore, his request to add an additional supervisor was not processed because the Board did not receive payment.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to retroactively accept the supervision hours Dr. Shrem has accrued under the supervision of Dr. Janc beginning April 10, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Patricia Connors, Ph.D., #4124**

Dr. Connors wrote expressing concern with possibility of someone using her name and license number which she discovered when reading the Board's open session minutes of March 2007 with regard to the Youth Services Center.

Executive Director Walker did a search of the Board's minutes and discovered that the Patricia Connors associated with Youth Services Center is a medical doctor. Mr. Walker immediately sent a letter to Patricia Connors, Ph.D. explaining the clerical error and thanking her for bringing this matter to the attention of the Board.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board directed Board staff to do an addendum to the March 2007 minutes to reference back to the June 4, 2007 minutes with the correction. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Alfred A. Borrelli, LPC**

Mr. Borrelli wrote to inform the Board of an error he found in the Board's open session minutes of August 6, 2001 which indicated that he received his Masters degree in 1996. It should have stated 1966.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Jeffers, the Board voted to thank Mr. Borrelli for his letter and to inform him that it's no longer possible to correct the minutes from 2001 that appear online; however, the correction will be made to the hard copy that is kept in the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Lisa Saraydarian, Ph.D., #3040**

Dr. Saraydarian wrote expressing the difficulty she experienced when trying to renew her license online.

Dr. Saraydarian stated that after at least eight attempts to renew online from three different computers using two credit cards, the system failed to process her application. Dr. Saraydarian further stated that she then called the telephone number provided to request a paper renewal application form which took a total of four phone calls over three days to accomplish because the phone system was also not working. In essence, Dr. Saraydarian is outraged at the inefficiency of the state office handling renewals and welcomes a response to her complaint.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Orozco the Board voted to have the Executive Director send a letter to Dr. Saraydarian informing her that the Board is aware of the problem, apologizing for the inconvenience and informing her that the grace period for late registration has been extended until the end of September. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**Essie Larson, Ph.D.**

Dr. Larson wrote concerning a letter she received from Executive Director Walker denying acceptance of post-doctoral supervision hours she accrued at Trinitas Hospital from April 18, 2005 to September 18, 2006 under the supervision of Dr. Goddard and Dr. Janc pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.2(a) in that she failed to request a permit and name a supervisor. She also informed the Board that she is licensed in New York and provided the appropriate documentation.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to accept the supervision hours Dr.

Larson accrued since she is licensed in the State of New York as a practicing psychologist. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCE HELD ON JUNE 4, 2007|ROY**

### **Daniel Lee, Psy.D., #061-A299**

Dr. Lee took and failed his oral examination administered on February 26, 2007 and is currently working under a one-year unsupervised temporary permit issued on September 8, 2006.

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Lee's temporary permit (previously unsupervised), with supervision, contingent upon his obtaining a supervisor and submitting the required paperwork for Board approval. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **New Jersey Psychological Association (N.J.P.A.)**

Upon motion made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to rescind its previous approval giving Dr. Roy approval to attend the NJPA Task Force Meeting since he was advised by the Division's ethics officer that he can not attend this meeting in his capacity as a Board member. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Former Board Chair**

The Board expressed its gratitude to Dr. Jeffers for her years of service as Chair of the Board of Psychological Examiners.

Respectfully submitted,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D.  
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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

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