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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016
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, June 6, 2016 at 9:41 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, 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
Alan Groveman, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., Secretary
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Board Member
Anne R. Farrar-Anton, Ph.D., Board Member
Sean Evers, Ph.D., Board Member
Michael A. Siglag, Ph.D., Board Member

Excused:

Valerie D. Scott, Ed.D., Board Member

Also Attending:

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Confidential Assistant
David Campanile - Law Intern
Kristine Coopman - Law Intern
Josh Plevoy - Law Intern

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Election of Officers (June 2016 - June 2017) N.J.S.A. 45:14B-13

Executive Director Walker announced the annual Elections of Officers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-13.

Upon nomination made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board nominated Dr. Friedman for Chair.

Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to close the nominations for Board Chair. Voting in favor: all, thereby electing Dr. Nancy Friedman as Chair.

Dr. Groveman nominated Dr. Brickfield for Vice-Chair, but she declined the nomination and will step down as Board Vice-Chair.

Upon nomination made by Dr. Friedman, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board nominated Dr. Groveman for Vice-Chair.

Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to close the nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Voting in favor: all, thereby electing Dr. Alan Groveman as Vice Chair.

Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board nominated Dr. Wolf-Mehlman for Secretary.

Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to close the nominations for Board Secretary. Voting in favor: all, thereby electing Dr. Amy Wolf-Mehlman as Secretary.

IV. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board reviewed the revised May 2, 2016 public session minutes.

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve the May 2, 2016 public session minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

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.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

May 25, 2016 9:30 A.M. Jurisprudence Examination

Kerri Petrone, Psy.D.

Michael Caiazzo, Psy.D.

Joanna Feinman, Ph.D.

Rachel Thuer, Psy.D.

Gurpreet Bhomia, Psy.D.

Ellen Israel, Ph.D.

Jennifer Gola, Psy.D.

Karen Nadel, Psy.D.

Joanne Festa, Ph.D.

VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

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

Dana Parsons, Ph.D.

Mayra Nunez Sapata, Psy.D.

Sara Flood, Ph.D.

Karen Lenard, Psy.D.

Alexandra Gordon, Ph.D.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the one-year temporary permit for the **un-supervised** practice of psychology. Voting in favor: all.*

Nicole Sestito, Ph.D.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Lisa Tomasini, Ph.D., #4307

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Tomasini requesting clarification regarding of using her maiden name on her license instead of her legal married name.

The Board tabled this matter for response pending the formal review of the Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) current policy on use of legal name for licensure.

2. The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)

The Board reviewed the ASPPB skills exam proposal forwarded by Board member Dr. Siglag. The ASPPB informed the Board last month that they have approved the development and implementation of an examination to assess the competency-based skills necessary at entry-level licensure. This skills based examination will be designed to augment and complement the E.P.P.P. exam, which assesses core knowledge necessary for the practice of psychology. The new exam will provide a comprehensive examination package by which to assess competency to practice independently. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

3. Email from Barry Katz, Ph.D. & Keira Boetzel-Smith, JD

The Board reviewed the email from Dr. Katz and Ms. Boetzel-Smith requesting clarification of using ones maiden name on ones license instead of ones legal married name.

The Board tabled this matter for response pending the formal review of the Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) current policy on use of legal name for licensure.

4. Letter from Yesenia Flores-Pinos, Psy.D., #4928

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Flores-Pinos requesting assistance and advice for a billboard advertisement for her practice.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to inform Dr. Flores-Pinos that the information she has suggested to post is acceptable, but she is required to include her license number on all advertisements. Voting in favor: all.

5. Review of Supervisory Form for Psychology Candidate

The Board reviewed the Supervisory Form for Donald Corr, Psy.D., TP#143-018 which shows supervised hours accrued without a permit. Dr. Corr was supervised by Maurice J. Elias, Ph.D. from September 1987 through June 1989. *Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve the supervision for Dr. Corr as he complied with the regulations for licensure requirements at the time of supervision. Voting in favor: all.*

VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES

No items to review.

IX. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

A. Re-adoption of N.J.A.C. 13:42

The Board approved the re-adoption of N.J.A.C. 13:42 at the May 2, 2016 meeting. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

B. Renewal Proposal: N.J.A.C. 13:42-10.20 (continuing education)

The Board approved the adoption of the proposed regulations for continuing education, N.J.A.C. 13:42-10.20 at the May 2, 2016 meeting. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

C. Assembly Bill 3712

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 3712, which seeks to require certain health benefit plans to provide treatment for substance abuse and dependency when determined medically necessary by a physician or psychologist. *Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to support the bill and recommend the addition of LCSW's and LCADC's listed to treat as well. Voting in favor: all.*

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Dr. Finger asked for a copy of the Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) policy for the requirement of using the person's legal name for licensure. The Board will review a copy of the Division wide policy for all professional licenses to be issued under the licensee's legal name at the July 11, 2016 meeting. The reason for this is to protect the public for complaints that may be filed, background checks license verification and insurance. Licensee are required to use their legal name for their professional license.

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2016

*August - no meeting
September 12, 2016
October 3, 2016
November 7, 2016
December 5, 2016*

XII. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:27 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and potential

disciplinary actions. Voting in favor all.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Evers, seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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