

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
AUGUST 4, 2003
OPEN 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 9:30 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.

ABSENT:

Jeffry H. Tindall, Ph.D.
Carole M. Harper, MA, RN, Public Member
Mark Glat, Psy.D. Secretary

ALSO ATTENDING:

Marilyn Bair, DAG, Counsel to Board
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carol Y. Clark, Executive Director
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-13, the Board elected the following officers for a one-year term:

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Leight, Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D. was re-elected by acclamation to serve as Chair. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Upon motion made by Dr. Cicerone and seconded by Dr. Roy, Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D. was re-elected by acclamation to serve as Vice Chair. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Roy, Mark Glat, Psy.D. was re-elected by acclamation to serve as Secretary. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Cicerone and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to approve the minutes of February 3, 2003 and March 3, 2003, with corrections. Voting in favor the motion: all.

CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to go into closed session for discussion of the oral examinations.

The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

Ambreen Shiekh, Ed.D.
Mona Birk, Ph.D.
Cynthia Bratman, Psy.D.
Keith J. Golin, Ph.D.
William Ernst, Psy.D.
Stacy Tuchin, Psy.D.
Milton Fuentes, Ph.D.
Nicole Waldron, Ph.D.
Titiana Gregor, Ed.D.
Judith L. Green, Psy.D.
Kerry Weiss, Ph.D.
Daniel LeGoff, Ph.D.
Anita McLean, Psy.D.
Theresa Wright, Ph.D.
Lorrie Demarest, Ph.D.
Linda M. Welsh, Ph.D.

FAILED ORAL EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board determined that the following candidate did not qualify for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Kelly Hargadon, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

The following candidates were issued three-year temporary permits for the supervised practice of psychology:

Amy Kavanaugh, Ph.D.
Jan Grayson, Psy.D.
Nina Cooperman, Psy.D.
Thomas Fowler, Psy.D.
Rita Posner, Ph.D.
Sajitha Sutton, Psy.D.
Dara Klein, Psy.D.
Ramesh Shah, Ph.D.
Carole Beyer, Ed.D.
Sam Khorrani, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

The following candidates were issued one-year temporary permits for the unsupervised practice of psychology:

Alicia Caputo, Ph.D.
David Kalal, Ph.D.
Manuel Iser, Psy.D.
Melissa Rochman, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Linda Kost, Psy.D.

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

Dr. Kost stated that because of increased job demands due to staffing shortages and persistent health problems in recent months, she has not been able to devote sufficient time to the preparation of her work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to grant Dr. Kost an additional 90-days to submit her work sample. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Alejandra Morales, Psy.D.

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

Dr. Morales stated that since she is the sole caretaker for her father who has recently undergone radiation therapy for the second time and her daughter recovering from a car accident, she has not been able to prepare her work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to grant Dr. Morales an additional 90-days to submit her work sample. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Lorrie Demarest, Ph.D.

Dr. Demarest wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, which was extended until receipt of her written examination results.

Dr. Demarest took and passed the E.P.P.P. written examination and is in the process of preparing her work sample for submission.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to extend Dr. Demarest*s permit until receipt of her oral examination results. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Judith Lentz, Ph.D.

Dr. Lentz wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, which expires on August 23, 2003.

Dr. Lentz stated that the permit extension would allow her to prepare her work sample for submission and allow time for the scheduling of the oral examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight, and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to extend Dr. Lentz*s permit for one year contingent upon her taking the E.P.P.P. written examination within 90 days. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Kathleen Torsney, Ph.D.

Dr. Torsney wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expired on July 18, 2003.

Dr. Torsney stated that her father had become very ill and she had to care for him. In doing so, she has not been able to study for the E.P.P.P written examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to extend Dr. Torsney*s three-year permit for an additional year, expiring on July 18, 2004, contingent upon her taking the written examination within 90 days. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Kim Altman Weiss, Ph.D.

Dr. Weiss wrote requesting that her oral examination be scheduled after October 21, 2003 since she would be unable to

meet before the date because her daughter is having several surgeries between August 2003 and October 2003.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to schedule Dr. Weiss*s oral examination after October 21, 2003. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Glen L. Sherman, Ph.D.

Dr. Sherman wrote requesting that the Board accept his Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) in Psychology in lieu of his taking the oral examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to inform Dr. Sherman that its new regulations, which contain the acceptance of the CPQ, goes in effect on October 13, 2003. Dr. Sherman was informed that he would be contacted after that date to schedule an oral interview before a committee of the Board. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Nomita Sonty, Ph.D.

Dr. Sonty wrote regarding the issue of foreign graduates obtaining licensure in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Sonty was informed by the Board that it deferred this issue to its regulation committee to address. Dr. Sonty further informed the Board that she has taken some action in that she has made Assemblywoman Loretta Winberg aware of this issue and she has been following the progress made thus far. Dr. Sonty had used Maryland as an example in an earlier letter. She contacted the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology and had them contact the New Jersey State Board with details of the process that facilitated this change in Maryland.

Dr. Sonty further provided the Board with some information about herself, stating that she graduated from the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, India and completed a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in Behavioral Medicine from St. Louis Health Sciences Center, MO. She is licensed in Washington, DC and practiced as a psychologist at the National Rehabilitation Hospital from many years. She is currently licensed in New York and practiced as a psychologist at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. She is also a registrant of the National Register and Health Service Providers in Psychology.

The Board voted unanimously to request that Dr. Sonty submit copies of her transcripts from the New York State Board and Washington, DC State Board to determine if she met New Jersey*s educational requirements and could be licensed in New Jersey based on her licensure in the another state. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Joan Kakascik, Ed.D., #1352

Dr. Kakascik wrote requesting that the Board limit the practice of permit holders in the private sector who are under supervision from preparing guardianship assessments and signing certifications for guardianship determination.

The Board voted unanimously to thank Dr. Kakascik for her letter and to inform her that the Board recognizes this as a valid issue and plans to address this issue through changes in the Board's regulations. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Michele Rabinowitz, Psy.D.

Dr. Rabinowitz wrote inquiring whether she can rent office space to a licensed veterinarian involved in research.

Upon motion made by Dr. Leight and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, the Board voted to inform Dr. Rabinowitz that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.8 the Board did not see any conflict with this arrangement. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Laura S. Rogers, Ed.D.

Dr. Rogers wrote requesting clarification on whether a follow-up of the managers on a project she worked on at AT&T would be a continuation of a case to meet the Board*s requirements of a "current" work sample.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to accept Dr. Rogers follow-up study as a continuation of the project. However, Dr. Rogers was advised that she must obtain a temporary permit, supervised, if she is not an employee of AT&T. Additionally, the Board voted to grant Dr. Rogers a one-year temporary permit contingent upon her work sample being received in the Board office within six months of the issuance of the permit. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Elisa B. Cruz, Ph.D.

Dr. Cruz submitted a work sample for the oral exam that was more than one year old prior to its submission to the Board office.

Dr. Cruz was informed that her work sample was not suitable for the oral exam and was advised that she has to submit a new one. Dr. Cruz has written requesting that the Board accept the year-old work sample since she has not been employed as of April 2002. Dr. Cruz stated that the case submitted was the last one that she completed prior to leaving her position in Connecticut.

The Board voted unanimously to deny Dr. Cruz's request to accept her old work sample and inform her that she must submit a *current* work sample that is either in progress or completed no more than one year prior to its submission to the Board office.

Meredith R. Rosenberg, Psy.D.

A review of Dr. Rosenberg's transcript revealed that part of the course work was for an Advanced Certificate Program and it was unclear to the Board if the courses were integrated into part of the doctoral program.

Ms. Gloria Cobo, Assistant Registrar at New York University, wrote to certify that Dr. Rosenberg was enrolled in The Steinhardt School of Education of New York University from September 1995 to September 2000. Dr. Rosenberg has completed and was awarded a Master of Arts degree and a Doctor of Psychology degree on May 15, 1997 and September 25, 2000, respectively.

Ms. Cobo further confirmed that Dr. Rosenberg has completed a total of 102 points. Thirty six points were applied to the Master of Arts degree and 66 towards the Doctor of Psychology degree.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the New York University transcript after reviewing the information provided by Ms. Cobo.

Gurprett Kimi LaFland

Ms. LaFland wrote inquiring whether she can accept a job at an agency that does not have a doctoral-level psychologist and get her supervision hours off-site.

The Board voted unanimously to request that Ms. LaFland inform the Board when she finds employment at a facility and also inform them how the off-site supervisor will screen her clients and how she is going to connect her supervisor with her clients at the facility.

Jacqueline Jove-Altman, Ph.D.

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

Dr. Jove-Altman stated that she has two young children who were off from school for the summer and she had very limited babysitting services. Therefore, she does not have the time necessary to dedicate to the completion of her work sample.

The Board unanimously voted to grant Dr. Jove-Altman an additional 90-days to submit her work sample.

Christina Treutler, Ph.D.

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

Dr. Treutler stated that she relocated from Kansas to New Jersey, applied for a one-year permit, which is granted on February 27, 2003 but did not start working until March 17, 2003. Since the beginning of her employment, she has assumed a caseload of 15 patients. Dr. Treutler stated that one of the patients would be the subject of her work sample but additional time is needed to complete a treatment plan for submission.

The Board unanimously voted to grant Dr. Treutler an additional 90-days to submit her work sample.

Junie J. Sato, Psy.D.

Dr. Sato wrote requesting an extension of her three-year permit which expires on July 28, 2003.

Dr. Sato stated that she has been approved to take the E.P.P.P. written in the State of Pennsylvania and plans to do by at the end of August 2003. Dr. Sato further stated that the dates for the E.P.P.P. have not been established yet due to the time limitations set by the companies administering the exam. Dr. Sato says that she continues to receive supervision from Dr. Alberts who is filing her progress reports to the Board.

The Board voted unanimously to extend Dr. Sato*s temporary permit contingent upon her taking the E.P.P.P. written exam within 90 days.

Jackson Bosley, Psy.D.

Dr. Bosley wrote requesting an extension of his three-year permit which expires on July 26, 2003.

Dr. Bosley stated that since the issuance of the permit on July 26, 2000, under the supervision of Dr. Gnassi, a psychiatrist, he never begun that supervisory relationship because Dr. Gnassi took ill. Dr. Bosley stated that he never informed the Board of this change nor did he put his permit on hold. When Dr. Gnassi returned to work, Dr. Bosley says he was offered another job at the Juvenile Justice Commission.

The Board voted unanimously to extend Dr. Bosley*s permit for one additional year expiring on July 26, 2004. Additionally, the Board informed Dr. Bosley that he may be given credit for supervision hours when the appropriate documentation has been submitted and reviewed.

Amy L. Kavanaugh, Ph.D.

Dr. Kavanaugh wrote requesting approval of supervision hours she accrued before the issuance of her three-year permit on June 24, 2003.

The Board voted unanimously to deny Dr. Kavanaugh's request to retroactively accept supervision hours she accrued before the issuance of her temporary permit.

Denise Verones, Ph.D.

Dr. Verones wrote advising the Board of her difficulty in locating the supervisors from her internship since they have either retired or moved to other locations.

Dr. Verones is requesting that the Board accept the supervision forms she submitted to the Florida State Board of Psychology verifying supervision hours she accrued.

The Board voted unanimously to inform Dr. Verones that it was unclear from her correspondence whether she holds a license in the State of Florida. If so, she must forward a copy of the Florida requirements for licensure including a breakdown of the required supervision hours at the time she was licensed.

REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS

Wynona M. Lipman Education & Training Center

The Board reviewed an exempt setting application form submitted by Nicholas Scalera.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3, after review of the additional information provided in the exemption notice form, upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board determined that Wynona Lipman Education & Training Center is considered an exempt facility. Mr. Scalera was so advised that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm to the Board annually in January of its continuing exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON JULY 14, 2003*Dr. Roy

Lucy Quatrella, Ph.D./Lona Whitmarsh, Ed.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. Quatrella took and failed the E.P.P.P. computerized examination administered on March 12, 2003

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to extend Dr. Quatrella*s permit for an additional year, expiring on August 23, 2004, contingent upon her taking the written exam on or before October 1, 2003. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Ralph Piper, Ph.D./Carol Tracy, Ph.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. Piper took and failed the E.P.P.P. computerized examination administered on March 17, 2003.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to continue Dr. Piper*s permit with no changes. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O John Rathouser, Ph.D., #1394

Dr. Johnson wrote regarding his supervision of Dr. Rathouser.

Dr. Johnson stated that he has been supervising Dr. Rathouser since September 2001 as per the requirements of the Consent Order filed July 23, 2001.

Dr. Johnson is recommending that supervision of Dr. Rathouser be terminated since he has no concerns about his clinical or professional practices.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to inform Dr. Johnson that Dr. Rathouser must continue in supervision until July 2004. Additionally, the Board advised Dr. Johnson that if he wishes to terminate his role as supervisor, Dr. Rathouser must submit additional names for Board approval. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

David M. Fink, Ph.D., #354 (revoked)

Dr. Helfmann responded to the Board's request for a copy of the Independent Medical Evaluation (IME) report performed by Dr. Fink.

Dr. Helfmann reported that he never received a copy of the report but was called by a fellow New Jersey psychologist stating that he had a report from Dr. Fink using the letterhead. Dr. Helfmann further stated that he called Dr. Fink who confirmed that he did use the letterhead in an IME report.

The Board voted unanimously to authorized Susan Berger, DAG to file with the Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division a Final Judgment of unlicensed practice against Dr. Fink.

Andrew Cangelosi, Ph.D., #3118

Elaine Belz, Ph.D. submitted her quarterly report on the supervision of Dr. Cangelosi as required by the Consent Order filed May 3, 1996.

Fred Gross, Ph.D., #3020

Janet Berson, Ph.D., submitted her report on the supervision of Dr. Gross as required by the Consent Order filed January 29, 2002.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE BILL

-Assembly, No. 3782*An Act establishing the New Jersey Medical Service

The Board determined after review of this bill, that it would prohibit civil action against licensees. The Bill is unclear as to whether a Board could take action against its licensees.

APPROVED BY:

Date: Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D.
Chair