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### **NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015**

### **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, 6<sup>th</sup> floor on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 9:40 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  
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice-Chair  
Sean Evers, Ph.D., Board Member  
Anne R. Farrar-Anton, Ph.D., Board Member  
Michael A. Siglag, Ph.D., Board Member  
Valerie D. Scott, Ed.D., Board Member  
Alan Groveman, Ph.D., Board Member

Absent:

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., Secretary

Also Attending:

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative

### **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **A. Election of Officers (June 2015 - June 2016) 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. Brickfield, the Board nominated Dr. Friedman for Board Chair. Voting in favor: all.*

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to close the nominations for Board Chair. Voting in favor: all, thereby electing Dr. Nancy Friedman as Chair.*

*Upon nomination made by Dr. Friedman, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board nominated Dr. Brickfield for Board Vice-Chair. Voting in favor: all.*

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

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board nominated Dr. Wolf-Mehlman for Board Secretary. Voting in favor: all.*

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

#### **B. Applications**

Executive Director Walker reported a 66% increase in applications between September 2012 and September 2015.

2012 was the last year of the oral exams. Dr. Walker attributes this change from the oral exams to the Jurisprudence exam. The staff has added more Jurisprudence exam dates to the schedule to ensure all applicants are able to take the exam in a timely manner.

### **IV. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the June 8, 2015 open session minutes.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve the June 8, 2015 public minutes, as amended. Voting in favor: all.*

The Board reviewed the August 3, 2015 open session minutes.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve the August 3, 2015 public 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. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.*

#### **September 11, 2015 9:30 A.M. Jurisprudence Examination**

Michael Haas, Psy.D.

Susan Blackwell-Nehlig, Psy.D.

Diane Evans, Ph.D.  
Vivian Altamura, Ph.D.  
Renuka Tanna, Psy.D.

Luba Abramsky, Ph.D.  
Meredith Townes, Psy.D.

**September 11, 2015 9:30 P.M. Jurisprudence Examination**

Ziaolu Jiang, Psy.D.  
Lisa Pithers, Ph.D.  
Pei-Chen Hsu, Ph.D.  
Yeraz Meschian, Ph.D.  
Kyoungsun Kim, Psy.D.

Rachael Felsenfeld, Psy.D.  
Carolyn Hartl, Ph.D.  
Andrea Quinn, Psy.D.  
Nathan McClelland, Ph.D.

**VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the three-year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Farrar-Anton abstained.*

Margaret Tobias, Psy.D.  
Jeremy Zane, Psy.D.  
Jacqueline Gola, Psy.D.  
Michael Gotlib, Psy.D.  
Jennifer Rodriguez, Psy.D.  
Stacie Shivers, Psy.D.  
Stacey Boyer, Psy.D.  
Jessica Oddo, Psy.D.  
Kathleen Hutchison, Psy.D.  
Tatyana Shchupak, Ph.D.  
Barbara Prempeh, Psy.D.  
Rochelle Rosenberg, Psy.D.

Daneille Forshee, Psy.D.  
Karen Aizaga, Ph.D.  
Tina Chen, Ph.D.  
Nicole Peniston, Psy.D.  
Susannah Smedresman, Psy.D.  
Christina Catanzaro, Psy.D.  
Matthew Liebman, Psy.D.  
Jennifer Presnall-Shvorin, Ph.D.  
Meridith Carter, Psy.D.  
Stephanie Lyon-Stirling, Ph.D.  
Karen Lopata, Psy.D.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Letter from Joane Perry, Psy.D., TP# 123-070**

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Perry requesting an extension of her 3-year temporary permit, which expired on September 9, 2015.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Perry for a six (6) month extension, from the date of this meeting, and she will be expected to complete the requirements within that time. Her permit will now expire on April 5, 2016. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Letter from Alyssa Johns, Psy.D., TP# 153-085**

The Board reviewed the application for Dr. Johns' proposed supervisor, Kenneth Schnieder. *Upon motion made by Dr. Scott, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted that more information was needed to make a determination and will ask Dr. Schnieder to submit information regarding both case load and where the patients will be seen. Dr. Johns works in a school setting and it was not clear if Dr. Schnieder was supervising cases from school, and the Board required more information to review. Voting in favor: all.*

**C. Letter from Brooke Zall-Crawford, Psy.D., #4538**

The Board reviewed Dr. Zall-Crawford's request to add a fourth supervisee. *Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Zall-Crawford's request for a fourth supervisee, for this specific circumstance, as there would only be a total of four (4) supervisees for three (3) months. Voting in favor: all.*

**D. Email from Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.**

The Board reviewed Dr. Wolf-Mehlman's email asking if it would be possible for a psychologist to switch roles with parents from a Parenting Coordinator to an Arbitrator for parenting issues with the same clients. *Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, and seconded by Dr. Scott, the Board voted that it did not see a conflict with the shift, however it would need to be explained clearly to the parents what the shift means, and the psychologist could not move back to the previous role. Voting in favor: all.*

**E. Letter from David Steinke, Ph.D., TP# 133-015**

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Steinke requesting an extension of his 3-year temporary permit, which will expire on February 2, 2016. *Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to inform Dr. Steinke to request an extension of his permit thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date, if necessary, and to show good cause for the request. Voting in favor: all.*

**F. Letter from Mariannette Bonet, Ph.D., TP# 123-008**

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Bonet requesting an extension of her 3-year temporary permit, which will expire on October 10, 2015. *Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve a final extension of Dr. Bonet's permit to take the E.P.P.P., for six (6) months, as she was already approved for a nine (9) month extension previously to sit for the exam, and did not. Her permit will now expire on April 10, 2016. Voting in favor: all.*

**G. Letter from Brenda Swartz, Psy.D., TP# 123-080**

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Swartz requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, which expired on September 26, 2015. *Upon motion made by Dr. Siglag, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve Dr. Swartz for a six (6) month extension, to sit for the Jurisprudence exam. Her permit will now expire on March 26, 2016. Voting in favor: all.*

**H. Letter from Kenneth Welsh, Ph.D., TP# 103-014**

The Board reviewed Dr. Welsh's response to the Board's previous request for additional information on why he was asking for an extension of his three-year permit, which will expire on July 1, 2015. *Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Welsh for a one (1) year extension to complete his client hours, as he was unable to accrue client contact hours under his first supervisee. His permit will now expire on July 1, 2016. Voting in favor: all.*

**I. Letter from Senya Mahler, Ph.D., TP# 103-036**

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Mahler requesting an extension of his 3-year temporary permit, which will expire on November 2, 2015.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve Dr. Mahler for a six (6) month extension, so that he can sit for the E.P.P.P., which is scheduled in October and sit for the Jurisprudence exam. His permit will now expire on May 2, 2016. Voting in favor: all.*

**J. Letter from Evan Jaffe, Psy.D., TP# 111-022**

The Board reviewed Dr. Jaffe's letter requesting additional time to prepare for the E.P.P.P. Dr. Jaffe was given a previous extension contingent upon taking the examination by October 31, 2015.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted that since Dr. Jaffe did not plan to fulfill the contingency by taking the exam by October, they would not revoke Dr. Jaffe's license, but will grant no further extensions. Therefore, if Dr. Jaffe does not complete the requirements for licensure before his permit expires on April 18, 2016, he will only be able to work in an exempt setting. Voting in favor: all.*

**VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES**

**A. Suzi Millar, Psy.D. / Diana Salvador, Psy.D.**

Dr. Millar appeared before a committee of the Board to discuss her plan for retaking the E.P.P.P. Dr. Millar informed the Committee she planned to retake the exam by December.

*Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Millar's plan for retaking the E.P.P.P. by the end of the year, with no changes made to her current caseload. Dr. Millar is currently working in an exempt setting and would not need to have her permit extended to continue working in her current position. Voting in favor: all.*

**C. Vonetta Kalieta, Ph.D. / Alan Cavaiola, Ph.D.**

*Dr. Kalieta asked to reschedule for the November 2, 2015 meeting so that she would be able to attend with her supervisor Dr. Cavaiola.*

**B. Letitia Pickel, Psy.D. / Jay Gordon, Ph.D.**

*The Board moved this discussion to executive session because it involved medical issues.*

**IX. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

*None to review.*

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

*Dr. Finger was present, but did not comment.*

**XI. REGULATORY REVIEW**

**A. Senate Bill 3153**

The Board reviewed Senate Bill 3153 which would require psychological examination of a person charged with unlawful possession of firearms and other weapons in certain circumstances.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

**XII. MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

*December 7, 2015*

**XIV. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon motion by Dr. Farrar-Anton, seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board moved to Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and potential disciplinary actions. Voting in favor all.*

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion by Dr. Farrar-Anton, seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m. Voting in favor: all.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.  
**Secretary**

APPROVED BY:

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