

# State Board of Psychological Examiners

October 15, 2001

## Public Session Minutes

The general public 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 9:45 A.M. by Kenneth Roy, Ed.D., Chair.

### **PRESENT:**

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Chair  
Victoria W. Jeffers, PhD., Vice Chair  
Kenneth A. Leight, PhD., Secretary  
Margery B. Manheim, Ph.D.  
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member  
Jeffry H. Tindall, Ph.D.  
Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.  
Debra Eckert-Casha, Esq., Public Member  
Carol Harper, RN, Public Member

### **ABSENT:**

Mark Glat, Psy.D.

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

Paul C. Brush, Executive Director  
Kathy Rohr, S.D.A.G., Counsel to Board  
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant  
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

### **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. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

The Board returned to open session.

### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

#### **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

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

Ron Handelman, Ph.D.  
Karen Bekker, Ph.D.  
Margaret DeLong, Psy.D.  
Joel Szkrybalo, Ph.D.

## **TEMPORARY PERMIT \* NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS**

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

Jonathan Frolich, Ph.D.  
Elissa Rozov, Ph.D.  
Jonathan Peretz, Psy.D.  
Nansie Silbert, Psy.D.  
Nicole Baker, Psy.D.

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

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

Daniel Davenport, Psy.D.  
Alan Filippi, Ph.D.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **John McGovern, Ph.D.**

Dr. McGovern wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit his work sample for the oral examination. Dr. McGovern stated that he has been assisting his best friend with the care of his dying mother and has not been able to devote quality time to the preparation of his work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Manheim and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to grant Dr. McGovern a two-month extension to submit his work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Maryann McCoul, Ph.D.**

Dr. McCoul wrote requesting an extension of her one-year temporary, supervised, which was extended by the Board, until she received her results from the October 17, 2001 E.P.P.P. written examination.

Dr. McCoul informed the Board that she would not be able to take the October 17, 2001 written examination because her companion underwent unexpected major surgery and the recovery period has been exhaustive for her.

Upon motion made by Dr. Manheim and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to inform Dr. McCoul that her permit would be extended until April 30, 2002. However, Dr. McCoul was informed that she must complete the written examination process before the expiration of the permit since no further extensions would be granted. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Karen A. Steinfield, Psy.D.**

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

Dr. Steinfield stated that since she moved to New Jersey from out of state, she has not had any professional client contact which would enable her to prepare a work sample for the oral examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Manheim and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to grant Dr. Steinfield an three-month extension for submission of her work sample in order to acquire more time with clients. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Wilson McDermut, Ph.D.**

Dr. McDermut has a deficiency of three credits on his doctoral transcript from St. John's University.

Dr. McDermut stated that he is a faculty member at St. John's University and can take courses there at no cost. However, the university has a policy that faculty may only audit courses. Dr. McDermut is requesting that the Board accept the audit course as satisfying the three credit deficiency.

Upon motion made by Dr. Manheim and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to deny Dr. McDermut's request. Dr. McDermut was advised that auditing is not acceptable and course requirements must be fulfilled for credit courses. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Ernest A. Villa, Jr., Esq.**

Mr. Villa wrote requesting clarification of the Board's regulation N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.6(k) which indicates that a one year unsupervised permit holder is prohibited from performing evaluations in custody cases and the Board's statute N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a) (3) which states any individual who is not a licensed practicing psychologist shall not be limited in his/her activities.

Mr. Villa, who is representing Family and Social Service Federation, wants to advise his client of the Board's position in this matter in order to avoid any potential conflicts that may arise as a result of the adoption of the Board's new regulation on December 4, 2000.

Upon motion made by Dr. Manheim and seconded by Dr. Leight, the Board voted to advise Mr. Villa that applicants for licensure, supervised or unsupervised, are not permitted to perform custody evaluations. Additionally, unlicensed psychologists, who are not applicants and who are employed in an exempt or non-profit settings, are not subject to the Board's prohibition. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **Computer Based Testing \* E.P.P.P. Examination**

Executive Director Brush reported that he spoke with Robert Lipkins, Program Director at the Professional Examination Service, regarding the various Plans available for CBT.

Mr. Lipkins stated that certain conditions apply to all plans, e.g. the basic exam fee to PES, \$450.00; Prometric, the testing center gets \$65.00 directly from the applicant; the jurisdiction (State Board) must provide PES with a list of eligible applicants. If the applicant pays by credit card, there is an additional fee of \$9.00.

Mr. Brush reported that the following plans are available for the Board to choose from:

Basic Plan A; Basic Plan B; Enhanced Plan #1; Enhanced Plan #2; Enhanced Plan #3.

Upon motion made by Dr. Manheim and seconded by Dr. Cicerone, after careful review of each plan, the Board voted to adopt the use of **Enhanced Plan #3**, which requires no Board involvement other than providing PES with the eligibility list. The total cost to the applicant would be \$565.00. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORM FROM NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY AGENCIES**

### **Family and Social Service Federation**

The Board reviewed the exemption notice form from Mitchell Schonfeld.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3, after review of the information provided in the exemption notice form, upon motion made and seconded, the Board directed Executive Director Brush to request their Fiscal Year 2001 documentation for further review. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

### **Oral Examination Committee**

Dr. Tindall reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2001 at the Board office.

### **Regulation Committee**

DAG Rohr that the committee worked on a second draft of the Board's regulations.

### **Newsletter Committee**

The committee members reported that there has been no changes since last month's report.

### **Judicial Education Committee**

Mrs. Eckert-Casha reported that the Board is still waiting to receive the summary evaluations from the judges. Mrs. Eckert-Casha asked Executive Director Brush to make a followup telephone call to William Woodworth, Jr.

### **Insurance Committee**

Dr. Tindall reported that the meeting, scheduled for September 11, 2001, was canceled due to the bombing of the World Trade Center. The meeting was rescheduled for October 2, 2001.

### **ASPPB's 41ST Annual Meeting**

Dr. Roy reported that he and Dr. Jeffers attend ASPPB's 41st Annual Meeting in Quebec City, Quebec on October 10-14, 2001. This year's topic was 2001: A Regulatory Odyssey.

Dr. Roy reported that this was Dr. Jeffers first time attending an ASPPB's meeting. Dr. Roy reported that some of the topics discussed at the meeting was CPQ, the complaint process across all state boards and the use of the Data Bank.

## **REINSTATEMENT CONFERENCE**

### **Jacob T. Brown, Ph.D.**

Dr. Brown wrote a letter requesting reinstatement of his license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Brown's original licensure application file was destroyed since it was on inactive status for more than eight years. Dr. Brown was asked to complete another application form and submit character references.

Dr. Brown met with a committee of the Board on October 15, 2001 to discuss his intentions with regards to the practice of psychology in New Jersey.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board approved the reinstatement and renewal of Dr. Brown's license. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE**

**Senate, No. 2564\***An Act concerning licensees of professional boards

This bill would prohibit public release of professional licensee's home address.

Upon motion made by Dr. Manheim and seconded by Dr. Tindall, after careful review, the Board voted to strongly supported this bill since psychologists often work out of their homes as well as in agencies. Voting in favor of the

motion: all.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D.  
**Secretary**

APPROVED BY:

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Date: Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.  
**Chair**



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