

**NEW JERSEY STATE  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008  
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 9:40A.M.

**PRESENT:**

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair  
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D., Secretary  
Patricia A. Farrell, Ph.D.

**ABSENT:**

T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member  
Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D.  
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board  
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

Upon motion made by Dr. Farrell and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board approved the public session minutes of October 6, 2008, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

**CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon unanimous vote of all members present, the Board went 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:

Victoria Wilson, Ph.D. Daniel Saland, Psy.D.  
David Grandcolas, Ph.D. Chris Mesopotanese, Ph.D.  
Karyn Tappe, Ph.D. Laura Zilli-Richardson, Ph.D.  
Melissa Fiorito-Grafman, Ph.D. Brian Cox, Psy.D.  
Priyanka Upadhyaya, Psy.D. Thomas McGrath, 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:

Amilia Kaplan, Psy.D.  
Scott Poltrock, Ph.D.  
Adam Kaplan, Ph.D.

### **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Sherri Kauderer, Ph.D.  
Yahaira Marquez, Ph.D.  
Amy D. Gulino, Psy.D.  
Tanya Romasz-McDonald, Psy.D.  
Mary Brownsberger, Psy.D.  
Noelle Carlozzi, Ph.D.  
Elizabeth Kera, Ph.D.  
Danielle Chase, Ph.D.  
Susan M. Walker, Ph.D.  
Guiliana Capone, Psy.D.

### **FAILED ORAL EXAMINATION**

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

John J. Janko, Ph.D.  
Ann C. Niles, Psy.D.  
Linda Pasternack, Ph.D.

### **DEFERRAL OF ORAL EXAMINATION**

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination of the following candidate pending submission and approval of a paper outlining his understanding of the psychologist-patient privilege and "duty to warn" requirement. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

David Helfgott, Psy.D.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Darlene Kane, Budget Office, DCA

Darlene Kane, Budget Office, Division of Consumer Affairs, submitted for the Board's review, its (final) FY2008 Budget Report. The Board accepted the data as informational.

New York State Board of Psychology

The Board reviewed a memo from the New York State Board of Psychology calling for all Member Boards to cast their vote for Dr. Fred Millan as Member-at-Large for the Board of Directors of ASPPB. The Board accepted the memo as informational.

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards

The Board received and reviewed a copy of ASPPB's Task Force on Practicum Guidelines. The Board had no comments and accepted the report as informational.

William Boyd, Jr., Psy.D., TP #081-A384

Dr. Boyd wrote requesting a 30-day extension for the submission of his work sample for the oral examination. He stated that due to his recent work transfer to Bayside State Prison, and the adjustment to the work environment and procedures, he needs additional time to complete his work sample for submission. Upon motion made by Dr. Farrell and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to grant his request for an additional 30 days to submit his work sample. His work sample is now due in the Board office on or before December 5, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Christine Ferri, Ph.D., TP #043-524

Dr. Ferri wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised permit beyond the December 1, 2008 expiration date in order to take the E.P.P.P. written exam and remain under permit as she awaits the oral examination, if she passes the written examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Farrell and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to grant the extension of her permit for an additional year contingent upon her taking the written examination on or before January 31, 2009. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Meredith Lippman, Psy.D., TP #053-643

Dr. Lippman wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised permit which expires December 7, 2008 in order to submit her work sample and be scheduled to take her oral examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to grant the extension of her permit for an additional year. Dr. Lippman's permit will now expire on December 7, 2009. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Lisa Kestler, Ph.D., TP #053-632

Dr. Kestler wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised permit beyond the November 10, 2008 expiration date in order to take the E.P.P.P. written exam and remain under permit as she awaits the oral examination, if she passes the written exam. Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to grant the extension of her permit for an additional year. Dr. Kestler's permit will now expire on November 10, 2009. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Catherine Yeager, Ph.D., TP # 073-776

Dr. Hyer submitted a supervision form for Dr. Yeager documenting post-doctoral hours accrued under his supervision. A review of the form raised the following issues:

1. the average of 1.7 hours per week in face-to-face individual supervisory activities reported seemed unusual;
2. since accepting supervisory responsibilities with Dr. Yeager, Dr. Hyer moved out of state;

Because Dr. Hyer had moved to the State of Georgia after supervision began, he was asked to explain how he was able to fulfill the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.1(b)2 which requires at least 100 hours of individual face-to-face supervision and 100 hours that may be individual or group supervision. Additionally, Dr. Hyer was asked how he was able to fulfill the other requirements of a supervisor such as retaining full professional responsibility for setting fees, billing, and collecting fees from clients as well as assigning clients to the permit holder. The Board reviewed Dr. Hyer's response to questions regarding how the requirement for face-to-face supervision of Dr. Yeager was accomplished since his move to Georgia. Upon motion made by Dr. Farrell and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to inform Dr. Hyer that it does not approve of supervision hours accrued by video conferencing to fulfill the face-to-face requirement and directed him to complete another supervision form to document Dr. Yeager's face-to-face hours during the first six (6) months of her supervision when Dr. Hyer was still in New Jersey. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Dara S. Querimit, Ph.D.

Dr. Querimit wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised permit beyond the November 10, 2008 expiration date in order to take the E.P.P.P. written exam and remain under permit as she awaits the oral examination, if she passes the written examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to grant the extension of her permit for an additional year. Dr. Querimit's permit will now expire on November 10, 2009. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Andrea C. Cruz, Psy.D., TP #083-752

Dr. Cruz wrote requesting that the Board officially approve Lynette Johnson, Ph.D. as an additional supervisor on her three-year supervised permit and that they accept supervision hours she accrued under Dr. Johnson before she was listed as an approved supervisor. Dr. Friedman recused, therefore, due to lack of a quorum, the matter was tabled until the December 2008 meeting.

Michael S. Keren, Psy.D., #3325

Dr. Keren wrote requesting permission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.4 (b) to increase his number of permit holders under his supervision from three (3) to four (4). Dr. Keren stated that he currently has two openings in his department which they are attempting to fill. Traditionally, the positions have been filled by either ABD psychologists or permit holders. While the combined salary and benefits packages are attractive to new graduates, they do not tend to attract those who already hold licenses to practice. Unfortunately, the salaries are set by a combination of civil service guidelines and union contracts so he is unable to move toward increasing the salaries. Dr. Keren further stated this primary responsibility is to supervise his staff. As such, over half of his time is committed to their supervision and training, and ample time is available to him to supervise 4 permit holders. Upon motion made by Dr. Farrell and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted, for good cause shown, to grant Dr. Keren permission to supervise a fourth permit holder because there is enough time allotted in his job description and because there are no available funds to hire a licensee. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Janet DiGiorgio-Miller, Ph.D., #3469

Dr. DiGiorgio-Miller wrote requesting permission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.4 (b) to increase her number of permit holders under her supervision from three (3) to four (4). Dr. DiGiorgio-Miller stated that recently another licensed psychologist left the facility and is not interested in continuing supervision. Dr. DiGiorgio-Miller state that until a new psychologist is hired she would like to continue providing supervision to the candidate now that the psychologist has left. Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to deny her request to supervise a fourth permit holder because the explanation has failed to provide good cause as she had not demonstrated why a licensed psychologist could not be hired. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Linda P. Erlich, MA

Ms. Erlich wrote requesting clarification of N.J.A.C. 13:42-10.11, Prohibition of excessive fees. Specifically, Ms. Erlich is questioning a \$140.00 fee for failure to give at least 24 hours notice for cancellation of an appointment. Ms. Erlich's other concern is that her daughter was given a contract to sign obligating her to pay this cancellation fee together with many of other papers and she did not realize she agreed to paying any cancellation fees. Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Ms. Erlich that the issues that she raised appear to be within the acceptable standard of the practice and the Board did not find any violations of the practice act or regulations. The matter was dismissed. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Norman R. Mosley, Ph.D., #3011

Dr. Mosley, Director of Psychology Internship Training at the Department of Veterans Affairs, wrote requesting that Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Board Chair, be given permission by the Division of Consumer

Affairs, to conduct a two hour seminar on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 with his pre-doctoral psychology interns. Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the committee of the Board approved the submitted request pending the result of polling Dr. Roy, due to a lack of quorum. Voting in favor of the motion: Drs. Farrell, Brickfield, Groveman. Dr. Friedman recused.

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

Ms. Wahler and Dr. Helfmann wrote requesting that the Board provide an opinion as to whether the previous ruling with regard to Green Spring and Prudential Insurance Company must now be adhered by Horizon and Magellan. Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board requested that Dr. Helfmann obtain this information through an OPRA request. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2008–ROY/GROVEMAN**

Marcel Tabone, Psy.D./Mariann Pokalo, Ph.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. Tabone failed the E.P.P.P. written examination administered on August 13, 2008 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit that will expire on October 23, 2009. Upon motion made Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to continue Dr. Tabone's temporary permit with no change contingent upon taking the E.P.P.P. written exam on or before February 28, 2009. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

### **PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

I/M/O George Ackely, Ph.D., #3028

A Consent Order was filed with the Board of Psychological Examiners on July 24, 2008. The Consent Order, signed by Dr. Ackley, reprimanded Dr. Ackley for violation of the conflict of interest/dual relationships statute N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) and N.J.A.C. 13:41-10.13(d). The Order requires six months of supervision by a Board-approved supervisor with monthly reports to the Board by the supervisor and assesses a penalty of \$500.00 and costs of \$236.00.

### **'2009' BOARD MEETING DATES**

Monday, January 5, 2009 Monday, July 13, 2009  
Monday, February 2, 2009 Monday, August 3, 2009  
Monday, March 2, 2009 Monday, September 14, 2009  
Monday, April 6, 2009 Monday, October 5, 2009  
Monday, May 4, 2009 Monday, November 2, 2009  
Monday, June 1, 2009 Monday, December 7, 2009

APPROVED BY:

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D.  
Secretary