

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
NOVEMBER 6, 2006
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 11:10 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Chair

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Vice Chair
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Secretary
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D.
Marina Maier, Public Member

ABSENT:

Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D.

ALSO ATTENDING:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board
Wanda Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Maier, the Board approved the public session minutes of September 11, 2006, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board voted unanimously to go 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 approved for a three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology:

Stella Castelli, Psy.D. Erain Applewhite-Coney, Psy.D.
Jeffrey Leoni, Psy.D. Joseph Guidice, Psy.D.
Michael Juriga, Ph.D. Kinya Swanson, Psy.D.
Yasemin Sohtorik, Psy.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

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

Teissy Meza, Ph.D. Joan Marie Sackles, Ph.D.
Michelle McCoy Barrett, Ph.D. Stacey Cahn, Ph.D.
Suzanne Mulcahy James, Psy.D. Mancini Dante, Ph.D.
Kelly Gilrain, Ph.D. Brian Farran, Ph.D.
Daniel Lee, Psy.D. Jennifer Jackson, Ph.D.
Robyn Fox, Ph.D.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

all.

Thomas Fowler, Psy.D. Joel Nunez, Ph.D.
Turhan Floyd, Ph.D. Waymon Benton, Ed.D.
Janice M. Peters, Ph.D. Nicole R. Kremer, Psy.D.
David Appelbaum, Psy.D. Allyson Goldstein Elbogen, Psy.D.
Alexandra Mandel, Psy.D. Lana Farina, Psy.D.
Stacie H. Vernick, Ph.D. Alissa Glickman, Ph.D.
Marla W. Deibler, Psy.D. John O'Connor, Psy.D.

FAILURE OF EXAMINATION

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

Cherie Young, Psy.D.
Leah Isler, Psy.D.

DEFERRAL OF ORAL EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination of the following candidates pending further review. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jody Kashden, Ph.D.
Lauren Rogers-Sirin, Ph.D.
Adinah Liss-Bialik, Ph.D.
Sophia Kary, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

David S. Kreiss, Psy.D.

Dr. Kreiss wrote requesting an extension of his three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on November 7, 2006.

Dr. Kreiss stated that he has completed and documented his supervision hours and is currently waiting for his request to take the E.P.P.P. written examination to be processed.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Kreiss' temporary permit for an additional year expiring on November 7, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Rachel Golum, Psy.D.

Dr. Golum wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expired on October 28, 2006.

Dr. Golum stated that she had changed jobs since applying for the temporary permit which delayed her completion of the licensure requirements. Dr. Golum further stated that she has taken and passed the E.P.P.P. written examination and now must submit her work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Maier, the Board voted to extend Dr. Golum's temporary permit for an additional year expiring on October 28, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Tanya Romasz-McDonald, Psy.D.

Dr. Romasz-McDonald wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expired on October 7, 2006.

Dr. Romasz-McDonald stated that she is scheduled to take the E.P.P.P. written examination on October 17, 2006. Dr. Romasz-McDonald further stated that the permit extension would allow her to continue seeing patients until she receives favorable results on the written examination and allow her to prepare and submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Diana Salvador, Psy.D.

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

Dr. Salvador stated that she started a new job and has not had adequate time to prepare her work sample for submission.

Upon motion made by Ms. Maier and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to grant Dr. Salvador an additional 90 days to submit her work sample to the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Maria Karavidas, Psy.D.

Dr. Karavidas wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expired on October 22, 2006.

Dr. Karavidas stated that she has completed her supervision hours and has taken the E.P.P.P. written examination. Dr. Karavidas further stated that the permit extension would allow her to continue seeing patients while she prepares her work sample for submission.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to extend Dr. Karavidas' temporary permit for an additional year expiring on October 22, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Maura T. Tuite, Ph.D.

Dr. Tuite wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on November 17, 2006.

Dr. Tuite stated that she did not start receiving supervision until March 2004. Dr. Tuite further stated that an extension would allow her to continue receiving supervision, take the E.P.P.P. written examination and take the oral examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Tuite's temporary permit for an additional year expiring on November 17, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Michelle McCoy Barrett, Ph.D.

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

Dr. Barrett stated that she currently is seeing one patient. This patient was seen for only one session and she is unclear whether that patient will remain in treatment with her.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted Dr. Barrett an additional 90 days to submit work sample to the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Michael Brustein, Psy.D.

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

Dr. Brustein stated that due to a personal health issue with a close family member he was not able to devote ample time toward the preparation of his work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Brustein an additional 90 days to submit work sample to the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Erica Minde, Psy.D.

Dr. Minde wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on November 20, 2006.

Dr. Minde stated that an extension would allow her to finish preparing for both the written and oral examinations.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Minde's temporary permit for an additional year expiring on November 20, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Fiscal Year 2006, Budget Report (Final)

Darlene Kane, Budget Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs, submitted for the Board's review its Expenditures. The Board accepted the data as informational.

Alan M. Levinson, Psy.D.

Dr. Levinson wrote requesting that the Board accept supervision hours accrued in an exempt setting before the issuance of his three-year temporary permit.

Dr. Levinson stated that he is currently short 65 supervision hours. Board approval of these hours would allow him to take the E.P.P.P. written examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to deny Dr. Levinson's request pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.2 (a) which states that an applicant for licensure who has not completed the requirement for post-doctoral supervised experience, shall be required to obtain a three-year temporary permit, including those obtaining experience in an exempt setting, in order for the hours to count toward the required supervision hours. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Yolanda Hawkins-Rodgers, Ed.D.

Dr. Hawkins-Rodgers wrote requesting that her oral examination be scheduled as soon as possible for her current employment.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to inform Dr. Hawkins-Rodgers that in November 2005, the Acting Governor appointed new members to the Board. The new members had to go through a training period before they could do oral examinations. Unfortunately, this created a backlog in the scheduling of oral exams. Additionally, the Board advised Dr. Hawkins-Rodgers that they are working diligently to take care of the backlog and she will be scheduled in the near future. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Charles Zaroff, Ph.D.

Dr. Zaroff wrote inquiring whether certification by the American Board of Professional Psychology would satisfy the deficiency of six credits he needs in the area of Psychological Therapy/Counseling or Industrial/Organization Psychology and six credits in Personality Theory and/or Human Development Theory to allow him obtain a license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Dr. Zaroff that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13-42-5.4 (a) a psychologist who holds a diploma from the American Board of Professional Psychology awarded by examination, and who meets all other requirements of New Jersey licensure, shall be licensed following satisfactory completion of an oral interview. The Board further informed Dr. Zaroff that it can not waive the educational requirements for licensure. Having a diploma from ABPP would waive the requirement of having to submit a work sample and the oral examination before a committee of the Board, provided all other requirements are met.

Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Gerard W. Lee, Jr., Ed.D.

The Board of Marriage & Family Therapy Examiners forwarded a letter from Dr. Lee which indicates that he is using the title of Psychological Counselor. The the name of his organization is Psychological Counseling Services.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to inform Dr. Lee that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 which states that commencing January 1, 1968, a person who is not licensed under the practicing act can not represent himself to be a licensed psychologist, use a title or description, including the term "psychology" and any of its derivatives such as "psychologist" or "psychological." Additionally, the Board requested that Dr. Lee submit a list of all staff members along with their credentials and license numbers to determine whether there is a psychologist on the staff. The Board also requested that Dr. Lee submit a copy of his credentials. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

William F. Ivory, Ph.D.

Dr. Ivory wrote requesting clarification of services that can be provided by a New Jersey doctoral level Certified School Psychologist on behalf of a school district in which the individual is not employed.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the Board voted to inform Dr. Ivory that he can work independently and provide services that he would normally provide as a certified school psychologists as long as he is being paid directly by the school district. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Memo from Burt Liebman, Consumer Affairs

Mr. Liebman reported that during the Third Quarter Legislation Report for 2006 which ended September 30, 2006, no action was taken on any of this session's bills submitted to the Board of Psychological Examiners for comment.

The Board accepted the memo as informational.

Blair Blender, Ph.D.

Dr. Blender's file was brought before the Board to review her Abstract of Dissertation to determine whether it is psychological in nature in order to satisfy the deficiency of three credits needs in the area of Psychopathology

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to forward Dr. Blender's dissertation to Susan Esquilin, Ph.D. for review in determining if it is psychological in nature. Voting in favor of the motion: Drs. Brickfield, Jeffers, Friedman, Patterson and Ms. Maier. Dr. Roy opposed.

REVIEW OF SUBCHAPTER 12, CUSTODY/PARENTING TIME EVALUATIONS

Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson discussed N.J.A.C. 13:42-12.1 (b), Custody/Parenting time Evaluations. Ms. Swenson reported that the Division of Law has concerns with this particular section. After discussion with Ms. Swenson, upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board determined to remove this entire section from its proposed regulations. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Margaret Courtney-Lambe, Psy.D.

Dr. Courtney-Lambe's file was brought before the Board to review the abstract of her dissertation to determine whether it is psychological in nature in order to satisfy the deficiencies in her course work.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to request that Dr. Courtney-Lambe submit a copy of the abstract of her doctoral dissertation as published in Dissertation Abstracts International for further review. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

OPEN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O Judith Page a/k/a/ Judith Yorio, (unlicensed)

A Consent Order with Permanent Restraints was filed on July 31, 2006 by the Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division: Somerset County, against Ms. Page for unlicensed practice.

I/M/O Thomas Merlo, Jr., Ph.D., #3840

Kathleen Gialanella, Esq., attorney for Dr. Merlo, wrote informing the Board that Dr. Merlo enrolled in a course that is affiliated with the Department of Psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Psychoanalytic Techniques I, which included subject matter regarding transference and countertransference. Additionally, Ms. Gialanella is requesting that the Board approve this course as fulfilling the requirement of the Consent Order.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to accept the course as meeting and fulfilling the requirement pursuant to the Consent Order. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

AGENDA MEETING DATES FOR '2007'

January 8, 2007 July 2, 2007

February 5, 2007 August 6, 2007

March 5, 2007 September 10, 2007

April 2, 2007 October 1, 2007

May 7, 2007 November 5, 2007

June 4, 2007 December 3, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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

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