

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

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, 6th floor, on Monday, November 7, 2011. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order at 9:37 A.M.

PRESENT:

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Daniel N. Watter, Ed.D., Secretary

ABSENT:

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. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to approve the public session minutes of September 12, 2011 and October 3, 2011, 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 the three-year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology:*

Victoria Wacha, Ph.D.

Eva Lazar-Sultanik, Ph.D.

Joseph Kabali, Ph.D.

Eric Rose, Ph.D.

Dorota Novitskie, Ph.D.

Rachel Miller, Psy.D.

Mary Elbersen, Psy.D.

Stephanie Sugar, Psy.D.

Racha Fares, Psy.D.

Stephon Proctor, Ph.D.

Eileen Kurowski, Psy.D.

Rebecca Yun, Ph.D.

Reesa Weingold, Ph.D.

Kristen Ihde, Psy.D.

Mikaela Kilker, Psy.D.

Theresa Schmitz, Psy.D.

Janette Herbers, Ph.D.

Danielle Ager, Psy.D.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

Anna Breytman, Ph.D.

Romy Nesin, Ph.D.

Carolyn Carbone-Magnero, Ph.D.

DEFERRAL OF LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination for the following candidates pending submission and approval of a paper outlining the information a psychologist can share with a third-party provider (insurance company) under the Act Concerning the Disclosure of Patient Information by Psychologists (a.k.a. New Jersey Peer Review Law) and a paper outline and expressing his with respect to the role of DYFS and the law relating to child abuse. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Paul Heaton, Psy.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brian Kaufman, Psy.D., TP #083-934

Dr. Kaufman wrote requesting an extension of time to take the E.P.P.P. written examination beyond the October 31, 2011 deadline.

Dr. Kaufman stated that he does not feel he will be fully prepared to take the exam on such short notice.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to give Dr. Kaufman until December 31, 2011 to take the written examination. The Board further informed Dr. Kaufman that any further request for extensions to time to take the written examination will require a conference with a committee of the Board. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Azilde Sanchez, Ph.D., TP #073-862

Dr. Sanchez wrote requesting an extension of time to take the E.P.P.P. written examination beyond her October 31, 2011 deadline.

Dr. Sanchez stated that she requested the Feedback by Role report from the Board in August 2011 but the office had not received it. Board contacted PES who immediately forwarded another copy. The new copy was mailed to Dr. Sanchez on September 26, 2011. PES immediately forwarded another copy to the Board office which was then mailed out to Dr. Sanchez on September 26, 2011.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to give Dr. Sanchez until January 31, 2012 to take the written examination. Voting in favor of

the motion: all.

Jamie Lee, Psy.D., TP #083-965

Dr. Lee wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the November 10, 2011 expiration date.

Dr. Lee stated that she has accrued the required supervision hours and is currently studying to take the E.P.P.P. written examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Lee's temporary permit for an additional year contingent upon taking the E.P.P.P. written examination on or before February 28, 2012. Dr. Lee will be advised that her permit will now expire on November 10, 2012. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Angela S. Cain, Ph.D.

Dr. Cain wrote requesting the issuance of a three-year supervised temporary permit until she is scheduled to take her oral examination.

Dr. Cain submitted her work sample on September 12, 2011 and is not eligible for a one-year unsupervised permit since she is not licensed in another state. Dr. Cain wants the permit to work under the supervision of Victoria Width, Ph.D.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to approve the issuance of a three-year supervised temporary permit for a period of one year under the supervision of Dr. Width when all of the required paperwork has been submitted and approved. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Marcel M. Tabone, Psy.D., TP #063-728

Dr. Tabone wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the October 23, 2011 expiration date.

Dr. Tabone stated that he has just taken and passed the E.P.P.P. written examination and needs an extension of allow him to complete and submit his work sample for the oral examination while he remains under supervision.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Tabone's temporary permit for an additional year. Dr. Tabone will be advised that his permit will now expire on October 23, 2012. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Stephanie Polishook, Psy.D., TP #073-840

Dr. Polishook wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the November 30, 2011 expiration date.

Dr. Polishook stated that she still has to accrue at least 50 additional supervision hours. Dr. Polishook further stated that the economy has slowed referrals and her caseload has significantly decreased.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Polishook's temporary permit for an additional year. Dr. Polishook will be advised that her permit will now expire on November 30, 2012. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Marc L. Steinberg, Ph.D., TP #083-368

Dr. Steinberg wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the October 28, 2011 expiration date.

Dr. Steinberg stated he as just completed his supervised hours and was admitted to the written examination on October 7, 2011.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Steinberg's temporary permit for an additional year. Dr. Steinberg will be advised that his permit will now expire on October 28, 2012. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Melissa Acquavella-Lightfoot, Psy.D., TP #083-971

Dr. Acquavella-Lightfoot wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the December 8, 2011 expiration date.

Dr. Acquavella-Lightfoot stated that she was on maternity leave from February 14, 2011 to August 29, 2011 and during that period she could not devote sufficient time for the preparation and submission of her work sample. Dr. Acquavella-Lightfoot is requesting an extension of her permit and of the deadline for the submission of her work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Acquavella-Lightfoot's temporary permit until November 30, 2012, at which time her work sample is due in the Board office. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Priyanka Upadhyaya, Psy.D., TP #083-952

Dr. Upadhyaya wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary

permit beyond its October 16, 2011 expiration date.

Dr. Upadhyaya stated that she has had several personal interruptions in her life that have delayed completion of the licensing requirements. Dr. Upadhyaya is now preparing her work sample for submission for the oral examination and is requesting an eighteen-month extension of her permit which would allow her to submit her work sample and continue seeing her clients while waiting to be scheduled.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Upadhyaya's temporary permit for an additional 18 months. Dr. Upadhyaya will be advised that her permit will now expire on April 28, 2013.

Kathy A. Gainor, Ph.D., TP #103-069

Dr. Gainor wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the October 7, 2011 expiration date.

Dr. Gainor stated that was give an one-year extension to submit her work sample and would like the permit to extended until the submission of her work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Gainor's temporary permit until September 30, 2012. Dr. Gainor will be advised that her permit will not expire on September 20, 2012. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Kevin Lawlor, Psy.D.

Dr. Lawlor requested a waiver for the submission of pre-doctoral supervision verification forms because the office where he interned no longer exists.

Dr. Lawlor stated that he is licensed in Pennsylvania and Maryland and is not seeking permanent licensure in the State of New Jersey. He plans to consult briefly in New Jersey with clinicians already licensed in the New Jersey for MedOptions.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to grant Dr. Lawlor permission to practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (d), not to exceed 10 consecutive business days or 15 business days in any 90-day period, if he resides outside, and his major practice is outside, of the State of New Jersey. However, the Board also informed Dr. Lawlor that if he requires more than temporary permission according to N.J.S.A. 45:14b-6 (d), he is directed to contact the Maryland or Pennsylvania State Boards for copies of the supervision documentation. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Jessica DiMarco, Psy.D./Wade Johnston, Psy.D., supervisor (Canceled)

Dr. DiMarco failed the E.P.P.P. written examination on September 9, 2011. Dr. DiMarco and her supervisor, Dr. Johnston were scheduled to appear for a permit conference on November 7, 2011 to discuss the possible continuation of her three-year supervised temporary permit.

Dr. DiMarco submitted a letter requesting that their appearance be waived and that the conference be conducted over the telephone because they both have hardships that effect their ability to travel a long distance for the conference. Dr. DiMarco stated that she has just had a baby and is unable to travel long distance due to the baby's feeding schedule. Dr. Johnston is unable to travel due to a health condition.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to inform Dr. DiMarco that she should put her temporary permit on "inactive" status since she is on maternity leave and not working. However, before the permit can be reinstated and before she can be re-certified to take the E.P.P.P. written examination, the permit conference is required. The Board requested that Dr. Johnston provide information regarding his health issues that would prevent him from attending a required conference with his permit holders. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O Frank MacArthur, Psy.D., #3723

Dr. MacArthur meet with the full Board, as required by the Consent Order filed on January 4, 1010, to discuss the future practice of psychotherapy upon reinstatement of his license to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey.

The Board reviewed letters from Dr. MacArthur's therapist and his supervisor.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to permit Dr. MacArthur's return to regular practice on a probationary basis. However, the Board has accepted the recommendation of his therapist, Dr. Cabush that he remain in supervision. Therefore, the Board recommends that he remain in supervision by a psychologist licensed in New Jersey or a peer group comprised of New Jersey psychologists. The board further recommends that the supervision focus on self disclosure and boundary issues. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

"2012" AGENDA MEETING DATES

Monday, January 9, 2012
Monday, February 6, 2012
Monday, March 5, 2012
Monday, April 2, 2012
Monday, May 7, 2012
Monday, June 4, 2012

Monday, July 2, 2012
Monday, August 6, 2012
Monday, September 10, 2012
Monday, October 1, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012
Monday, December 3, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel N. Watter, Ed.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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