

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007
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 9:40 a.m. by Dr. Friedman, Chair.

PRESENT:

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D.
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Patricia A. Farrell, Ph.D.

ABSENT:

Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D., Secretary

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board approved the public session minutes of November 5, 2007, 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 unanimously approved for a three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology:

Marcelle Santiago-Serrano, Ph.D.
Heidi Jacobsen, Ph.D.
Maxine Bradshaw, Ph.D.
Stephanie Marcello, Ph.D.
Tara Lally, Ph.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:

Ida Jeltova, Ph.D.
Leora Heckelman, Ph.D.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

Peter P. Oropeza, Psy.D. Marie E. Briody, Ph.D.
Kerri L. Edelman, Psy.D. Kevin D. Brennan, Psy.D.
Joshua R. Cohen, Ph.D. Jennifer Romei, Ph.D.
Arline Shaffer, Ph.D. Amber M. Johnson, Psy.D.
Karen A. Tennyson, Ph.D. Karen Hefferman, Ph.D.
Margo Morgan, Ph.D. Janet Cahill, Ph.D.

DEFERRAL OF EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Farrell and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination of the following candidates pending submission and approval of papers outlining the information a psychologist can share with a third-party payor (insurance company) under the Act Concerning the Disclosure of Patient Information by Psychologists (a.k.a. New Jersey Peer Review Law) and a paper explaining their understanding of psychologist-patient privilege and "duty to warn" requirements.

Voting in favor of the motion:

LaTeisha Mason Callender, Ph.D.
Michael Silverstein, Ph.D.
Pamela Alkins-Guallab, Psy.D. (both)

CORRESPONDENCE

Jouhaina Razzouk, Psy.D.

Dr. Razzouk wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit that expired on November 15, 2007. Dr. Razzouk stated that she has not been able to take the E.P.P.P. written examination because of personal circumstances that have hindered her preparation. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to extend Dr. Razzouk's temporary permit for an additional year contingent upon taking the written examination within six months. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Lisabeth W. Gertner, Ph.D.

The Board reviewed Dr. Gertner's explanation supporting her request for an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to grant Dr. Gertner an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Nancy Blanco Melendez, Ed.D.

The Board reviewed Dr. Melendez's explanation supporting her request for an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to grant Dr. Melendez an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Darlene Kane, Budget Office, DCA

Darlene Kane, Budget Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs, submitted for the Board's review, its 2007 (final) Expenditures. The Board accepted the data as informational.

Maria Martone, Psy.D.

Dr. Martone wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Martone stated that she has a working draft of her work sample but has not had time to complete it due to child care responsibilities and beginning a new job. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted grant Dr. Martone an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

David Kreiss, Psy.D.

Dr. Kreiss wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit that expired on November 7, 2007. Dr. Kreiss stated that he has just been notified that he has passed the E.P.P.P. written examination administered on September 5, 2007 and needs an extension of his permit in order to continue seeing patients while preparing to submit his work sample for the oral examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to extend Dr. Kreiss's temporary permit for an additional year. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Providencia Benitez, Psy.D.

Dr. Benitez wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit that expired on October 13, 2007. Dr. Benitez stated that she has completed her supervision hours and is preparing to enroll in a preparation course for taking the E.P.P.P. written examination. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to extend Dr. Benitez's temporary permit for an additional year contingent upon taking the E.P.P.P. within six months. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Angela Clack, Psy.D.

Dr. Clack wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit which expires on December 31, 2007. Dr. Clack stated that she is scheduled to take the E.P.P.P. written examination at the end of December 2007 and the extension would allow her to continue seeing patients. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to extend Dr. Clack's temporary permit for an additional year contingent upon taking the E.P.P.P. written examination within six months. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Sharona Benoff, Psy.D.

Dr. Benoff's file was presented for the Board's review because she has never resubmitted a revised or new work sample for the oral examination as requested in a letter to her dated October 18, 2006. Her oral examination, scheduled for October 16, 2006, was canceled because her work sample was inadequate. Dr. Benoff is currently working under a three-year supervised permit that was extended "until she receives the results of her oral examination" by action of the Board at its February 24, 2006 meeting. Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to inform Dr. Benoff that her permit extension is no longer open-ended and that she has 90 days to submit a work sample for the oral examination. Dr. Benoff was further informed that if her work sample is not submitted as requested, her permit will immediately become null and void and she must cease all private practice work in the State of New Jersey. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Celina Kravic, Ph.D.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to deny acceptance of the supervision hours accrued by Dr. Kravic in an exempt setting before the issuance of a supervised temporary permit. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

William Boyd, Psy.D.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to deny acceptance of the supervision hours accrued by Dr. Boyd before his supervisor was approved. Voting in favor of the motion: Drs. Friedman, Brickfield, Roy, Groveman, Farrell. Dr. Patterson recused.

Ilana D. Rosenberg, Ph.D.

Dr. Rosenberg, Ph.D., an applicant for licensure with a one-year unsupervised temporary permit, wrote requesting permission from the Board to supervise an intern/extern in school psychology beginning in January 2008. Dr. Rosenberg stated that the intern is a participant in a master's degree program but is not accruing supervised hours for licensure by the Board. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to inform Dr. Rosenberg that she may supervise as long as she is not supervising the intern for the purpose of accruing supervised hours to be submitted to fulfill requirements for Board licensure. However, Dr. Rosenberg was also advised that she must inform the intern that the supervision hours accrued under her supervision will not count toward licensure should the intern decide to apply in the future. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

James S. Wulach, Esq.

Mr. Wulach wrote on behalf of an anonymous psychologist who is his client, expressing concerns about an internet issue that appears to unfairly single-out a small group of psychologists for continuing detriment to their careers.

Mr. Wulach asked the Board to implement an internet solution by restricting its public content to its own website.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Roy, the Board voted to inform Mr. Wulach that it has no authority to limit public information. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (NJ-AFCC)

Diana Sherwood, Esq. wrote a follow-up letter requesting further dialogue concerning the complaint process as it affects the New Jersey Family Court's ability to obtain needed psychological services. Ms. Sherwood submitted a draft agenda of topics relevant to the organization's future discussion with the Board. Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Ms. Sherwood that it has no authority to discuss these matters. Additionally, Ms. Sherwood will be informed that every citizen has the right to file a complaint and the Board no authority to limit one's right to complain. Voting in favor of the motion: all

Niloo Dardashti, Psy.D.

Dr. Dardashti wrote to inform the Board that the Tenaflly Psychiatric Associates, LLC will be hiring Samuel Menahem, Ph.D., a licensed psychologist, as an employee in order for him to be her supervisor. The Board accepted her response as informational.

New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)

Executive Director Walker shared an email from the New Jersey Psychological Association which contained an attachment in response to the Board's letter expressing dismay over the fact that the Association had informed its members that 40 hours of continuing education are required for renewal. The licensing act does not require or allow for continuing education. The Association responded that it is sending an email with an attached letter in which one sentence stated that the Board does not require continuing education. A statement to that effect will also be placed in the next journal. Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman and seconded by Dr. Roy, a new letter will be sent to the Association explaining that it is the law that does not allow for continuing education credit, not that the Board does not require it. Also, the Board is concerned that an email attachment is not an adequate notification because it would not be received by all NJPA members who received the original material by post. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCE HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2007

Michelle Hunt, Psy.D./Theodore Batlas, Psy.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. Hunt took and failed the E.P.P.P. written examination administered on October 1, 2007 and is currently working under a three-year supervised temporary permit. Upon motion made Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Farrell, the Board voted to extend Dr. Hunt's temporary permit for an additional year contingent upon her taking the E.P.P.P. written examination on or before April 30, 2008. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Susan Walker, Ph.D./Jaclyn Friedman-Lombardo, Ph.D., supervisors (not present)

Dr. Susan Walker appeared for her permit conference without her supervisor being present. She was informed by the committee that her supervisor's presence is required and her conference would be rescheduled.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O Irit Felsen, Ph.D.

Rosalind Forlen, Psy.D., board approved supervisor for Dr. Felsen, submitted her first report on the supervised practice of Dr. Felsen. Dr. Dorlen reported that she met with Dr. Felsen for weekly supervision of her psychological practice on July 12, 2007 for two sessions and upon Dr. Felsen's return from Israel in September 2007, for six sessions. Dr. Dorlen reports that all is going well and Dr. Felsen has gotten off to a good start in supervision. The Board accept the report as informational. Additionally, the Board requested that Dr. Felsen be informed that should anything change in the location and/or supervision from the current approved supervisor, she must get approval from the Board first prior to commencement.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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