

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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, December 5, 2011. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 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

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:*

<i>Rachel Mahoney, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Joseph Cooper, Psy.D.</i>
<i>Mark Lyall, Psy.D.</i>	<i>Kirsten Byrnes, Psy.D.</i>
<i>Michael Atlas, Psy.D.</i>	<i>Randy Simon, Ph.D.</i>
<i>Christine McGinnis, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Jessica Shimberg, Ph.D.</i>

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:*

Clint Stankiewicz, Psy.D.
Eli Leiter, Ph.D.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

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

Paul Heaton, Psy.D.
Carter Cloyd, Psy.D.
Clint Stankiewicz, Psy.D.
Sheryl Markulin, Psy.D.
Dawn Raffa-Yoo, Ph.D.
Jennifer Cleveland, Ph.D.
Yaakov Siegel, Psy.D.
April Waller-Lomax, Psy.D.

Natalie Fisher, Ph.D.
Michele Horn-Alsberge, Ph.D.
Tracy Druckenbrod, Ph.D.
Patrice G. Rice, Psy.D.
Tamara Latawiec, Psy.D.
Rosemarie Stewart, Ph.D.
Jared Scherz, Ph.D.

FAILURE 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 candidate pending submission and approval of a paper outlining her understanding of psychologist-patient privilege and “duty to warn” requirements:

Kathy S. Howley, Psy.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lara Kassoff, Ph.D., TP #111-A013

Dr. Kassoff wrote requesting additional time to submit her work sample for the oral examination beyond the December 23, 2011 due date.

Dr. Kassoff stated that she was recently issued a one-year unsupervised temporary permit and currently has only one patient. Dr. Kassoff further stated that it is taking longer than expected to build her caseload.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to give Dr. Kassoff until December 23, 2012 to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Gregory Speth ,Ph.D., TP #083-963

Dr. Speth wrote requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the December 1, 2011 expiration date.

Dr. Speth stated that he has not accrued all of the required supervision hours because of a lack of clients.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to extend Dr. Speth's temporary permit for an additional year. Dr. Speth will be advised that his permit will now expire on December 1, 2012. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Eve P. Adams, Ph.D., TP # 083-966

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

Dr. Adams stated that she has accrued the required supervision hours to take the EPPP written examination, and has begun studying. A review of Dr. Adam's file revealed that, documentation of completion of post-doctoral hours, have been met; however, her file is lacking pre-doctoral supervision hours and her six-month written progress reports. Several requests have been made for this information.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to schedule Dr. Adams for a permit conference along with her supervisors, Emili Rambus, Psy.D. and Cheryl Thompson, Ph.D. Dr. Adams permit will be extended until January 9, 2012. The purpose of the conference is to discuss her letter of request, along with the issues surrounding the lack of submission of written progress reports to the Board office in a timely manner. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Miriam Zuniga, Psy.D., TP #113-016

Dr. Zuniga wrote requesting approval of post-doctoral hours accrued before the issuance of her three-year supervised temporary permit on March 10, 2011.

Dr. Zuniga stated that based on her licensure in Puerto Rico for 16 years she believes that she is ready to practice independently as a psychologist in the State of New Jersey.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to deny Dr. Zuniga's request. Additionally, Dr. Zuniga was advised that the regulations of the Board do not allow for flexibility to waive the supervision requirements and the regulations do not allow for experience to be substituted for supervision. Since 2005, supervision hours must be accrued under permit with a Board approved supervisor, even in an exempt setting. Furthermore, Dr. Babula, who supervised Dr. Zuniga's work in New Jersey, was not licensed as a psychologist until 2003 and would not have been qualified to provide supervision until 2005. The Board expressed its sympathy for the situation, but the regulatory requirements regarding supervision must be fulfilled. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Jasdeep S. Hundal, Psy.D.

Dr. Hundal wrote requesting approval of post-doctoral hours accrued before the issuance of his three-year supervised temporary permit on November 28, 2011.

Dr. Hundal stated that he misunderstood the requirements since he was working in an exempt setting and thought that a temporary permit was not needed.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to deny Dr. Hundal's request pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.2 which requires that all applicants for licensure who are working in an exempt setting must have a three-year temporary permit to obtain credit for their post-doctoral hours. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Division of Consumer Affairs–Revenue Report Review

The Board reviewed its expenditure report submitted by the Division of Consumer Affairs.

The Board accepted the report as informational.

David B. Frier, Esq.

The Board reviewed a response prepared by Deputy Attorney General Rodriguez to Mr. Frier with regard to the Peer Review Act.

The Board accepted the response as informational.

Jeffrey H. Axelbank, Psy.D., #3252

The Board reviewed a response prepared by Deputy Attorney General Rodriguez to Dr. Axelbank with regard to the Peer Review Act.

The Board accepted the response as informational.

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., #3227

Dr. Wolf-Mehlman wrote requesting guidance from the Board as to whether a conflict exists in providing multiple services to a family. Dr. Wolf-Mehlman has been providing

therapy for the purpose of reunifying a parent with a child and parenting education in the form of a didactic course of 8 weeks in group setting.

Additionally, Dr. Wolf-Mehlman stated that the Court has ordered that she not only provide reunification therapy, but family therapy for both parents and children. While there is considerable overlap in these roles, only one parent and one child is involved.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Dr. Wolf-Mehlman that more information is needed. Specifically, is she being asked to provide three services to a family: family therapy, reunification therapy and parenting education? Also, concerning the parenting education, what is the format? Do others attend? Is it strictly lecture or is there interaction with the participants? Is there evaluation involved? Dr. Wolf-Mehlman will be informed that the Board would revisit her request after having received the additional information. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Josephine Minardo of N.J.P.A.

Dr. Minardo wrote informing the Board that a company called License Direct which publishes licensure information for many different States and many different professions, is listing erroneous expiration dates for all psychologists.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board authorized Executive Director Walker to forward a letter to them requesting that they remove the State of New Jersey from the publishing list. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

John Kelly, Ph.D.

Dr. Kelly wrote inquiring if neuropsychometric technicians are able to administer individual subtests of intelligence tests.

Dr. Kelly stated the regulation specifically excludes the administration of “individual intelligence tests.”

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Dr. Kelly that neuropsychometric technicians would not be able to administer individual intelligence tests or subtests of intelligence tests. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Jacqueline Massa, Ph.D./Ilyse O'Desky, Psy.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. Massa took and failed the written examination administered on August 29, 2011 and is currently working on a three-year supervised temporary permit.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to extend Dr. Massa's temporary permit for an additional year. Dr. Massa will be advised that her permit will now expire on March 7, 2013 with no changes in case load. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Elizabeth Battinelli, Ph.D./Dennis Sandroek, Ph.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. Battinelli took and failed the written examination administered on October 27, 2011 and is currently working on a three-year supervised temporary permit.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to continue Dr. Battinelli's temporary permit with no changes or reduction in caseload. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

"2012" Board 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