

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

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, January 7, 2013. At 10:21 a.m. Chair, Dr. Nancy Friedman opened the meeting by reading the following opening statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D, Chair
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D, Vice Chair
Robert Korwin, DMD, public member
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D
Joanne Van Nest, Ph.D
Francesca Peckman. Psy.D

Absent:

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D

Also Attending:

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

III. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The open session minutes for August 6, 2012, September 10, 2012, October 22, 2012, November 5, 2012, and December 3, 2012 were tabled due to the volume of items on agenda until the February 4, 2013 meeting of the Board due to the volume of items on the agenda.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Assembly Bill No. 3618** ~ Bill requires certain disclosures in advertisements by health care professionals.

Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to comment that the Bill implies that only medical doctors and podiatrists are board certified when there are several other board certifications including psychologists and other mental health professions.

V. REPORT ON ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into closed session for discussion of the oral examinations. Upon a motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board determined to approve the oral examination results. Voting in favor: all. The Board returned to open session.

VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

*Upon a motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the following candidates were unanimously approved for a three year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology: Voting in favor: all.*

*Jessica Linick, Ph.D
Erica Zucker, Ph.D
Victoria Dietz, Psy.D
Melanie Eckhoff, Ph.D
Philip Reicherter, Psy.D
Katherine Vijtko, Psy.D
Jennifer Neyhard, Psy.D
Kristin Conlon, Psy.D*

*James Glynn, Psy.D
Yair Kramer, Ph.D
Nina Cooperman, Ph.D
Ruby Yedloutsching, Ph.D
Carolyn Reganm Ph.D
Jennifer Foster, Psy.D
David Goldstein, Psy.D
Michele LaCouture, Ph.D*

*Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the following candidates were unanimously approved for a one year **unsupervised** temporary permit to practice psychology: Voting in favor: all.*

*Emily Perlis, Psy.D
Larisa Wainer, Psy.D
Dvora Freund, Psy.D
Barbara Leavy, Ph.D
Michele Opper, Ph.D*

*Jennifer Mautone, Ph.D
Leah Spero, Psy.D
Candice Hudson, Psy.D
Lisa Issac, Ph.D
Kris Stankiewicz, Psy.D*

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

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

The Board reviewed Dr. Lee's December 4, 2012 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the November 10, 2012 expiration date in order to properly prepare herself for the E.P.P.P exam. *Upon a motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to schedule a permit conference with Dr. Lee and her supervisor. Dr. Lee's permit will be extended until this conference. The Board requested Dr. Lee supply the original request for an extension at the permit conference. The Board will also inquire if Ms. Lee was seeing patients during the time her permit expired. Voting in favor: all.*

B. Ashley Strathern, Psy.D., TP #093-049

The Board reviewed Dr. Strathern's letter dated December 10, 2012 requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the January 27, 2013 expiration date in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P. *Upon a motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Strathern an extension contingent upon sitting for the examination by the end of March 2013. Voting in favor all.*

C. Lale Bilginer, Ph.D.

The Board reviewed Dr. Bilginer's letter dated December 13, 2012 requesting an extension to submit her work sample which she was unable to complete due to family obligations. *Upon a motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Bilginer a ninety (90) day extension. The Board also requested Dr. Bilginer provide the required information regarding employment. Voting in favor: all.*

D. Steven Myers, Ph.D., TP #93-988

The Board reviewed Dr. Wiltsey's letter dated December 12, 2012 inquiring about his Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) license to practice and if he needs to obtain a new supervisor to see clients as Dr. Wolf-Mehlman was his supervisor. *Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to inform Dr. Myers he may work without supervision as long as he practices within the scope of his LPC only. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Wolf-Mehlman recused because she was his previous supervisor.*

E. Janet Pippin of The Association of Ste and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)

Information was provided concerning the ASPPB's study of interjurisdictional telepsychology practice. The Board accepted this as informational.

F. Samarra K. Bell, Psy.D., TP #103-012

The Board reviewed Dr. Bell's letter dated December 13, 2012 requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the February 5, 2013 expiration date in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P. written examination. *Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Bell a six (6) month extension. Voting in favor all.*

G. Susan Beatty of The New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)

The Board reviewed a request for several Board members and staff to speak at the NJPA's spring conference held on April 20, 2013. *Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board declined to speak at the spring conference due to scheduling constraints but will be willing to speak at the NJPA's fall conference when they have more information regarding the jurist prudence exam. The Board requested NJPA send their request for the fall conference in time to be included on the February 4, 2013 agenda to provide ample time for approval by the Division of Consumer Affairs. Voting in favor: all.*

H. Tanya Gambert, Ph.D TP #093-987

The Board reviewed Dr. Gambert's letter dated December 17, 2012 requesting extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the December 31, 2012 expiration date in order to properly prepare herself for the E.P.P.P exam. *Upon a motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board granted Dr. Gambert a one (1) year extension. Voting in favor: all.*

I. Marilyn Powell, Ph.D., of Walden University

The Board was presented with Walden University's new clinical and counseling programs launched in the Fall quarter of 2011. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

J. Mona Krishan, Ph.D TP #093-022

The Board reviewed Dr. Krishan's letter dated November 14, 2012 requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the December 4, 2012 expiration date in order to obtain her required supervision hours. *Upon a motion by Dr. Korwin, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to grant Dr. Krishan a one (1) year extension. Dr. Krishan will be informed her permit will now expire on December 4, 2013. Voting in favor: all.*

K. Joanna F. Morrow, Psy.D TP #103-007

The Board reviewed Dr. Morrow's letter dated January 2, 2012 requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the January 15, 2013 expiration date. *Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Morrow a one (1) year extension Dr. Morrow will be informed her permit will*

now expire on January 15, 2014. Voting in favor: all.

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VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2013

Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted as recommended below. Voting in favor: all.

A. Annamarie Wacha-Montes/Patricia Woodin-Weaver, Ed., supervisor

Dr. Wacha-Montes failed the E.P.P.P for the first time. She is currently taking a review course. Dr. Wacha-Montes works forty (40) hours a week at Rutgers University. She plans to re-take the exam within the next six (6) months. Dr. Wacha-Montes' permit expires in August 2013. *The Board recommended no changes to Dr. Wacha-Montes' work load.*

B. Cynthia McNevin, Ph.D./Gary Dushkin, Psy.D., supervisor

Dr. Cynthia McNevin failed the E.P.P.P. She anticipates re-taking the exam within the next six months. Dr. McNevin's temporary three year permit expired on December 17, 2012. *The Board recommended to extend Dr. McNevin's permit for one (1) year.*

C. Margaret Farrelly, Ph.D./Andrew Lester, Ph.D

Dr. Margaret Farrelly's permit expired in 2010, but she did not realize until July 2012 and her clients were subsequently transferred. The Board did not receive Dr. Farrelly's post doctorate hours and Dr. Farrelly will re-send. *The Board recommended to reinstate Dr. Farrelly's permit for one (1) year and will send her the forms to document her post doctoral hours.*

D. Thomas Tyrrell, Ph.D (oral interview)

Dr. Thomas Tyrrell has his Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) and is except from the oral exam. He has been licensed in Pennsylvania, Florida, New Mexico, and Massachusetts. Dr. Tyrrell would like to come out of retirement to do pro bono work in crisis intervention work with several churches down the shore specifically dealing with congregants who have lost their homes due to Hurricane Sandy. *Upon a motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to license Dr. Tyrrell. Voting in favor: all.*

E. Pamela Keenan, Ph.D (oral interview)

Dr. Pamela Keenan is ABAP in neuro-psychology and is a neuro-nurse. She is interested in working with the elderly specifically those suffering from Alzheimers. *Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to approve her for licensure. Voting in favor: all.*

IX. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

A. Marsha Kleinman, Psy.D., #2319

The Board reviewed a copy of the Final Order and Decision. The Board reviewed correspondence from Dr. Kleinman requesting an arrangement to pay the \$60,000.00 penalty imposed by the Final Order. She lost her job as adjunct professor at Kean University. Dr. Kleinman also sought a refund of her license fee. *Upon a motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to deny Dr. Kleinman's request to have her license fees refunded. The Board also voted to grant Dr. Kleinman an 18-month payment plan for paying the \$60,000 penalty and the costs of \$242,644.00. The Board voted to send Dr. Kleinman a letter reminding her that she is required to return her wall certificate to them as well as modify her website to indicate she is no longer a licensed psychologist. Dr. Kleinman will also be informed she may not do any pro bono work or counseling with former clients. Voting in favor: all.*

B. David Berkovitz, Ph.D., #2319

The Board reviewed Dr. Gerald Fishbein's letter dated December 4, 2012 regarding Dr. David Berkovitz. *Upon a motion by Dr. Peckman, Dr. Wolf-Mehlman seconded, the Board voted to send Dr. Fishbein a letter inquiring why he only met with Dr. Berkovitz seven (7) times in a year when the Consent Order required a minimum of once a month for a minimum of a year. The Board requested Dr. Fishbein provide the exact dates he met with Dr. Berkovitz. The Board also voted to ask Dr. Fishbein for clarification regarding some of the comments in his reports. Voting in favor: all.*

C. Thomas J. PlaHovinsak, Ph.D., #2796

The Board reviewed Dr. Thomas J. PlaHovinsak's December 13, 2012 letter and the submitted course concerning couples counseling. *Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to approve the submitted course. Voting in favor: all.*

D. Ronald S. Gruen, Ed.D, #1129

The Board reviewed the November 29, 2012 Consent Agreement and Order for Pennsylvania. *Upon a motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to accept this as information and to put in Dr. Gruen's file for future reference. Voting in favor: all.*

E. Samuelle Klein-Von Reiche, Psy.D #3246

The Board reviewed the December 26, 2012 letter from the American Psychological Association informing the Board Dr. Samuelle Klein-Von Reiche has been expelled from membership. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

X. REVIEW OF EXEMPT STATUS FORMS (RENEWAL)

Upon a motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to approve all exemption forms submitted with the exception of The Cooper Health System for the reason set forth below. Voting in favor: all.

A. Barnabas Health-Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Barbara Caspi, Ph.D.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board determined that **Barnabas Health - Newark Beth Israel Medical Center** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Caspi will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor: all.*

B. Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Michael Blatt.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board determined that **Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Caspi will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor: all.*

C. The Cooper Health System/Sharon Dostmann, Esq.

Upon a motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield the Board voted to ask for clarification concerning Dr. Caroline Edderding's position as a pediatric physician at The Cooper Health System because she cannot supervise if she is not a mental health provider as required by N.J.A.C 13:42-1.3(e)2.

D. St. Peter's University Hospital

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Jamila Irons-Johnson, Psy.D.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board determined that **St. Peter's University Hospital** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Caspi will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor: all.*

E. West Bergen Mental Healthcare

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Michael Tozzoli, MSW, LCSW.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board determined that **West Bergen Mental Healthcare** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Caspi will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor: all.*

F. NewBridge Services, Inc.

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Michelle Borden, LCSW.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board determined that **NewBridge Services, Inc.** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Caspi will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor: all.*

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Walden University was present to explain the course work included in the residency component of the on-line doctoral program. Walden also explained to the Board that full time is considered two (2) courses per quarter with a quarter being twelve weeks
The Board accepted this as informational.

XII. MEETING DATES FOR 2013

February 4, 2013	
March 4, 2013	August 5, 2013
April 1, 2013	September 9, 2013
May 6, 2013	October 7, 2013
June 3, 2013	November 4, 2013
July 1, 2013	December 2, 2013

XIII. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board moved to Executive Session at 11:46am to discuss consumer complaints and potential disciplinary action. Voting in favor all.

IXV. ADJOURNMENT

In a motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman the Board voted to return to Public Session at 3:21pm to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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

