

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, on Monday, February 4, 2013. At 10:24 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 Open Public Meetings Act, 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.

**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**

**A. August 6, 2012**

*Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to approve the August 6, 2012 public minutes as corrected. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. September 10, 2012**

*Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to approve the September 10, 2012 public minutes as corrected. Voting in favor: all.*

**C. January 7, 2013**

*Upon motion by Dr. Korwin, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to approve the January 7, 2013 public minutes as corrected. Voting in favor: all.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Election of Board Secretary**

*Dr. Peckman nominated Dr. Wolf-Mehlman for Board secretary to fulfill the vacancy left by Dr. Watters, Dr. Brickfield seconded. Dr. Korwin moved to close nominations and formally elect Dr. Wolf-Mehlman as Board secretary by acclamation, Dr. Peckman seconded. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Permit Conferences**

*Executive Director, J. Michael Walker requested Board members arrive by 9am to conduct permit conferences.*

**C. Dr. Marsha Kleinman appeal**

*Dr. Kleinman has filed an appeal with the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.*

**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 motion by Dr. Korwin, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board determined to approve the oral examination results. Voting in favor: all. The Board returned to open session.*

**LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Korwin and seconded by Dr. Van Nest the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.*

*Kris Stankiewicz, Psy.*

*D. Victoria Leavitt, Ph.D*

*Tara Kakaty, Psy.D*

*Thomas Schimpf, Ph.D*

*Leah Lagos, Psy.D*

*Valerie Galante, Ph.D (oral interview)*

*Nitsana Moyal, Psy.D*

**DEFERRAL OF LICENSURE**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Korwin, and seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to defer final consideration of the oral examination for the following candidate 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 which outlines rules concerning sexual involvement with patients. Voting in favor: all.*

*Barbara Leavy, Ph.D*

**VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT**

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

*Donica Romero, Ph.D  
Cassie Berger, Ph.D  
Sarah West, Ph.D  
Srishti Reddy, Psy.D*

*Anna Maleson, Ph.D  
Anthony Aquino, Ph.D  
Vonetta Kalieta, Ph.D  
Milton Villafane-Bernard, Ph.D*

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

*Bancroft Davis, Psy.D  
Matthew Hocking, Ph.D*

*Jill Zablocki, Psy.D*

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Melissa Hartke, Psy.D., #TP 093-037**

The Board reviewed Dr. Hartke's January 3, 2013 letter requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the January 31, 2013 expiration date in order to prepare herself for the E.P.P.P exam. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. Hartke's permit until March 15, 2013. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Anna Maleson, Ph.D., TP #133-003**

The Board reviewed Dr. Maleson's letter dated January 10, 2013 requesting that the Board accept the hours accrued before the issuance of her permit. Dr. Maleson's file reflects her permit was issued January 13, 2012 after Walden University had answered the Board's questions regarding transcripts and Dr. Maleson had satisfied the requirements for issuance of a permit. Dr. Maleson is employed in an exempt setting. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to deny Dr.*

*Maleson's request pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:42-3. Voting in favor all.*

**C. Alexander S. Wright, Psy.D., TP #103-021**

The Board reviewed Dr. Wright's letter dated December 15, 2012 requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the January 22, 2013 expiration date in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Wright's permit for one (1) year contingent upon him taking the exam by March 31, 2013. Dr. Wright will be informed his permit will expire on January 22, 2014. Voting in favor: all.*

**D. Darren M. Caffery, Ph.D., TP #083-868**

The Board reviewed Dr. Caffery's letter dated January 5, 2013 requesting extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the February 7, 2013 expiration date due to a death in the family and problems caused by Hurricane Sandy. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to grant Dr. Caffery a one (1) year extension contingent upon taking the exam by July 31, 2013. The Board will inform Dr. Caffery that this is the last extension that will be granted without a permit conference. Dr. Caffery will be informed his permit will expire on February 7, 2014. Voting in favor: all.*

**E. Angela Fairweather, Ph.D**

The Board reviewed Dr. Fairweather's letter dated December 7, 2012 requesting the Board accept the hours accrued before the issuance of her permit. The Board reviewed her file to determine when all information was received. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to deny Dr. Fairweather's request to accept these hours because the permit was granted in a timely manner once all the information was received. Voting in favor all.*

**F. Wendy Lichtenthal, Ph.D**

The Board reviewed Dr. Lichtenthal's email dated January 2, 2013 requesting to use cancer patients in the State of New Jersey as part of a research study through Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to approve this program provided that all participating psychologists are granted temporary permission to work in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:14B-6(d) which allows the Board to grant a psychologist licensed in another state to practice psychology in New Jersey for a limited period of time. Voting in favor all.*

**G. Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards**

The Board reviewed Dr Fred Millan's January 8, 2013 letter regarding telepsychotherapy and his request for the Board to complete a survey regarding it's practice.

*Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to table this matter until their March 4, 2013 meeting.*

**H. Approval of Walden Univerity's Doctoral Program**

The Board reviewed the information provided by Walden University regarding their revised doctoral program.

*Upon motion by Dr. Korwin seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to table this matter until their March 4, 2013 meeting.*

**VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

**A. Valerie Galante, Ph.D**

Dr. Galante is currently licensed in five (5) states and has been practicing for twenty (20) years without any disciplinary actions. The Board previously admitted her to the oral interview because she passed oral exams in other states. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Galante for licensure.*

**B. Peter Donnelly, Ph.D/Michael Andronico, Ph.D., supervisor**

Dr. Donnelly came before a sub-Committee of the Board to discuss his plans for retaking the E.P.P.P after his initial failure. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. Donnelly's permit until December 31, 2013 and recommended no changes in case load. Voting in favor: all.*

**C. Jon Lyman, Psy.D/Victoria Width, Ph.D., supervisor**

Dr. Lyman came before a sub-Committee of the Board to discuss his plans for retaking the E.P.P.P after failing it. He reduced his case load to allow for more study time. Dr. Lyman is planning on taking the exam by the end of April. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Lyman's permit until December 31, 2013 with no further changes to his case load. Voting in favor: all.*

**D. Jesse Glassman, Psy.D/Stephen Kuwent, Psy.D., supervisor**

Dr. Glassman came before a sub-Committee of the Board to discuss his plans for retaking the E.P.P.P after failing it. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. Glassman's permit until December 31, 2013 with no changes to his case load. Voting in favor: all.*

**E. Deborah Mattei, Ph.D./David Mednick, Psy.D., supervisor**

Dr. Mattei came before a sub-Committee of the Board to discuss her plans for retaking the E.P.P.P after her initial failure. Her supervisor was present by phone due to recent surgery. Dr. Mattei made adjustments to her workload in order to have more time to study. She requested to put her permit on inactive status. Dr. Mattei plans to take the exam by June 2013. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to request that Dr. Mattei send her permit back to the Board and to request that Dr. Mednick send in his final supervision report. Voting in favor: all.*

**IX. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

**A. Nancy B. Gallina Ph.D., #2831**

The Board reviewed Dr. Michael A. D'Anton's December 13, 2012 letter regarding Dr. Gallina's supervision. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

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

The Board reviewed Dr. Gerald Fishbein's letter regarding his supervision of Dr. Berkovitz. *The Board determined to wait until they received the information requested of Dr. Fishbein at the January 7, 2013 meeting before they act on Dr. Berkovitz's matter.*

**C. David Berkovitz, Ph.D., #2319**

The Board reviewed Dr. Berkovitz's December 29, 2012 letter requesting to come before the Board to request modification of his Consent Order. *The Board determined to wait until they received the information requested of Dr. Fishbein at their January 7, 2013 meeting before they act on Dr. Berkovitz's matter.*

**D. Thomas J. PlaHovinsack, Ph.D., #2796**

The Board reviewed Dr. Thomas Frio's January 6, 2013 letter regarding Dr.

PlaHovinsack's supervision. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

**E. Thomas J. PlaHovinsack, Ph.D., #2796**

The Board reviewed Dr. PlaHovinsack's January 3, 2013 letter and supporting documentation showing he completed a course in couples counseling as required by the Consent Order. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

**G. Andrew Cangelosi, Ph.D., #3118**

The Board reviewed the December 13, 2012 letter from Joseph Ganz, Ph.D regarding the supervision of Dr. Cangelosi. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

**X. REVIEW OF EXEMPT STATUS FORMS (RENEWAL)**

**A. Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Richard J. Kathrins, 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 **Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Kathrins 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 of the motion: all.*

**B. Bancroft**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Jennifer DeLuca.

*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 **Bancroft** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. DeLuca 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 of the motion: all.*

**C. Family & Children's Services**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Maureen O'Leary.

*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 **Family & Children's Services** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. O'Leary 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 of the motion: all.*

**D. Center for Evaluation & Counseling, Inc.**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Margaret Pittaluga, MSW.

*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 **Center for Evaluation & Counseling, Inc.** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Pittaluga 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 of the motion: all.*

**E. Children's Specialized Hospital**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Patricia Foley.

*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 **Children's Specialized Hospital** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Foley 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 of the motion: all.*

**F. Liberty Health**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Linda Sacco, 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 **Liberty Health** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Sacco 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 of the motion: all.*

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No members of the public were present.*

**XII. MEETING DATES FOR 2013**

March 4, 2013	August 5, 2013
April 8, 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 motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board moved to Executive Session at 12:48 p.m. to discuss consumer complaints and other potential discipline matters. Voting in favor all.*

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

*In a motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m. Voting in favor: all.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.  
**Secretary**

APPROVED BY:

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