

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS**  
**MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012**  
**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, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, on Monday, May 7, 2012. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M.

**PRESENT:**

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair  
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Daniel N. Watter, Ed.D., Secretary  
Robert Korwin, DMD  
Francesca Peckman, Psy.D.  
Joanne VanNest, Ph.D.

**ABSENT:**

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.  
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.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. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board approved the public session minutes of April 2, 2012, 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 a three-year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology:*

*April Bickoff, Psy.D.*

*Dione Johnson, Ph.D.*

*Laura Silverstein, Psy.D.*

*Carly Mayer, Ph.D.*

*Laura Guth, Psy.D.*

*Olga Nikelshpur, Ph.D.*

*Matthew Brightman, Psy.D.*

**TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR**

*The following candidates were unanimously approved for a one-year **unsupervised** temporary permit to practice:*

*Danielle DiGregorio, Psy.D.*

*Tara Kakaty, Psy.D.*

*Christopher Cunningham, 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.*

*Ayorkor Gaba, Psy.D.  
David Grandcolas, Ph.D.  
Georgianna Dart, Psy.D.  
Gregory W. Krauss, Psy.D.  
Cristina Laurita, Ph.D.  
Margaret Lundrigan, Psy.D.*

*Joshua Fink, Psy.D.  
Michael Liebenstein, Ph.D.  
Barbara Couvadelli, Ph.D.  
Sarah L. Allen, Ph.D.  
Joanna M. Salmon, Ph.D.  
Melanie Freedman, 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 which outlines rules concerning sexual involvement with patients. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

*Jolene Arasz, Psy.D.*

### **FAILURE OF EXAMINATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Peckman and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board determined that the following candidate did not qualify for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

*Marisa N. Spann, Ph.D.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Sharese Dawes, Ph.D., TP #113-700**

Dr. Dawes wrote requesting an extension of her three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the August 17, 2012 expiration date.

Dr. Dawes stated that she planned to take the E.P.P.P. written examination before the expiration of her temporary permit; however, she was not able to complete her supervision hours due to a recent family emergency.

*Upon motion made Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Dawes's temporary permit for an additional year. Dr. Dawes will be advised that her temporary permit will now expire on August 17, 2013. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

### **Michael Wiltsey, Ph.D., TP #083-897**

Dr. Wiltsey requested that his appearance before a committee of the Board on June 4, 2012 be resolved via submission of late reports. Dr. Wiltsey had previously requested an extension of his temporary permit.

Dr. Wiltsey and his supervisors, Drs. Deibler and Atkins, submitted all of their late reports. Dr. Wiltsey requested that the Board accept all of the outstanding reports in lieu of attending the required conference along with his supervisors.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Wiltsey's temporary permit until September 30, 2012 with a contingency that he take the written examination on or before the expiration of his temporary permit. Additionally, the Board voted to accept the written communication submitted in lieu of the appearances from Dr. Wiltsey, Dr. Deibler and Dr. Atkins. Dr. Wiltsey was advised that his attendance at a conference will be required for any extensions beyond September 30, 2012. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

### **Notice to All Professional Boards and Committees–DCA**

Effective April 16, 2012, professional and occupational boards and committees in the Division of Consumer Affairs are authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:45C-2 to waive compliance with, or relax, a specific regulatory requirement upon the request of a licensee or applicant, or on its own initiative, within specific guidelines.

*The Board accepted the notice as informational.*

**Joshua Shifrin, Ph.D., TP #103-096**

The Board reviewed the final response received from Robert Goodkin, Ph.D. concerning the submission of corrected supervision forms for Dr. Shifrin.

After review of all responses, *upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to accept the explanations and kept them as part of Dr. Shifrin's licensing file. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**APA Commission on Accreditation (CoA)**

The Board reviewed the information submitted by Ms. Pippin relating to the proposed revisions to the APA Commission on Accreditation's Accreditation Operating Procedures (AOP).

*The Board accepted it as informational.*

**Review of public comments received: N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6 and 6.1**

The Board received and reviewed all 14 of the public comments submitted in support of the Boards proposed regulations to eliminate the oral examination and replace it with a jurisprudence examination.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Watter, the Board voted to proceed with the adoption of the proposed regulations. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**Candice Hudson, Psy.D., TP #103-023**

The Board reviewed late progress reports submitted by Anthony D'Urso, Psy.D. for his permit holder, Dr. Hudson.

The late reports submitted raised concerns with the office staff because the letters were identical in content, except for the date.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to schedule Dr. D'Urso for a conference to discuss the late submission of identical progress reports. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES HELD ON MAY 7, 2012 AT BOARD**

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

Dr. DiMarco took and failed the E.P.P.P. written examination taken on September 9, 2011 and is currently working under temporary permit.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to extend Dr. DiMarco's temporary permit for an additional year with no change or reduction in caseload. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Linda June, Ph.D./Mark Seglin, Ph.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. June took and failed the E.P.P.P. written examination taken on March 13, 2012 and is currently working under temporary permit.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to continue Dr. June's temporary permit with no change or reduction in caseload. Dr. June's temporary permit will expire on April 28, 2013. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Azilde Sanchez, Ph.D./Larry Gingold, Psy.D., supervisor (Present)

Dr. Sanchez took and failed the E.P.P.P. written examination taken on January 31, 2012 and is currently working under temporary permit.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Watter and seconded by Dr. Korwin, the Board voted to continue Dr. Sanchez's temporary permit with no change or reduction in caseload. Dr. Sanchez will be advised that her temporary permit will now expire on December 13, 2012. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Daniel N. Watter, Ed.D.  
**Secretary**

APPROVED BY:

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