

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with a quorum of the Board members at 10:10 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by the Board's Chair, Ms. Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, (Chair)
Kathleen Ellis
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW
Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq

Absent:

Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW (Vice Chair)
Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW

Also attending:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff
Lucy Chalet, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum

The Chair also announced that 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 mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Open minutes from March 23, 2011 meeting were reviewed by the Board. *Upon motion made by Ms. Kathleen Ellis seconded by Ms. Doreen Bobby, the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, informed the Board that the office has begun to receive applications for licensure from LSW applicants who have fulfilled their requirements for licensure except for graduating. There are approximately 20 applications. Letters were mailed to the heads of the four New Jersey schools of social work explaining the process and offering to answer any questions, however none have responded.

Jill Soderman- DAG Krugman explained to the Board that Ms. Soderman's suit concerning the suspension of her license against many employees and officials of the State of New Jersey has been dismissed by the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Ms. Soderman's application for reinstatement is still pending, because so far she has refused to comply with the terms of the Consent Order that she signed. *Accepted as informational.*

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was attended by Ms. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director (NASW-NJ).

- 1- Ms. Mary Jean Weston- Ms. Weston thanked the Board on a job well done in the LSW application process and she asked to have a copy of the letter that was sent to the schools of social work. Ms. Weston also informed the Board that NASW is having its annual conference next month in Atlantic City, NJ.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion made by Dr. Apgar, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board voted to approve all of the supervisors' credentials applications submitted, except one applicant's supervisor:

Janet Fairchild- LCSW, Dr. Apgar requesting more information from both supervisors

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

A motion made by Ms. Doreen Bobby, seconded by Ms. Kathleen Ellis, the Board voted to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and regulations and subject to renew in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Elaine R. Bonifacic

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Cynthia Endredy
Lonjete T. Garland
Shelene M. Gross
Stacey A. Lampert
Jeffrey M. Melman
Christine L. Motta
Nancy Segelstein

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Renee J. Bennett-Holmes
Colleen M. Cech Stevens
Ralph G. Cuseglio
Leigh S. Goldman-Hammer
Kathleen M. Haughey
Joanna C. Henry
Amy K. Hiraldo
Blanca Klein
Camille J. O'Brien
Ronald G. Redmond

LSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Lori A. Abbaleo
Lisa B. Arnold
Jaime L. Barrett
Heather C. Bense
Paul D. Bowie
Jodi L. Brodsky
Katherine E. Clarke
Lauren M. Cleary
Elizabeth A. Craft
Shannon L. Frecon
Danielle R. Ferrone
Myra M. Gomez

Tara M. Grimsley
Katelyn A. Hammond
Wendy A. Harris
Alison Hinds
Melissa N. Jacobs

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Shannon B. Kiry
Cheryl L. Langfeld
Daniel F. Leal-Diaz
Jodi B. Maltzman
Kelly J. McGlynn
Stephen c. Midouhas
Alexis L. Moreno
Christina M. Moyer
Jalilah M. Muhammadi
Jacqueline Nemeth
Jennifer A. O'Brien
Joseph A. O'Brien
Monica L. Oliver
Maureen G. Pathe
Meredith H. Razen
Laura L. Richardson
David Singh
Joanne L. Solari
Lauren E. Van Velson
Elizabeth O' Woghren
Wendy S. Zagha

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Maurice Abramczk
Jana R. Bova
Christine E. Boylan
Megan M. Cannone
Ruslana Church
Josephine Cooper
Teresa M. Costantini
Rhaysa M. Cruz
Geraldine Dierking
Karen Donofrio
Kristin M. Dube
Jillian N. Ehardt
Deanna L. Friedland
Gretchen A. Fry
Tiawanda L. Garvin
Julissa Gil-Loaiza
Hilda Guzman
Ashley S. Hansen
Michelle Hernandez

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Ninette H. Hupp
Laura A. Karlsen
Emily M. Kaufman
Megan L. Kuhn
Lisa M. LaMana
Ellen C. McCormick
Christine D. Minerva
Ingrid S. Nadell
Katie A. Ozolins
Marina Pejic
John H. Rubin
Karen L. Sabur
Lesley San Filippo
Damaris Santiago
Jennifer M. Smejkal
Deborah A. Solomons
Anne-Marie Spricigo
Erica M. Stuppler
Kimberly B. Such
Vetrosa E. Thompson
Latisha M. Torres
Shari Victor
Amanda L. Wahl
Kristin M. Will
Juan B. Williams
Linda Wilson
Deanne L. Yaklin
Yelena Zaychik
Elissa A. Zlasney

CSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Mettina M. Carroll
Elizabeth Conde

Jocelyn A. Firsichbaum
Jennifer L. Giatka
Jewel V. Hodge
Anyelina D. Martinez
Wesley C. McFarlin
John A. Meehan

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Erin B. Ritter
Victor L. Vilchez
O'Sheila S. Wallace

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

El-Shabazz U. Abdullah
Nadine Ammirato
Tynesha D. Barnes
Disiree L. Belinsky
Barbara Cid
Kandice N. Cooper
Judy Z. Dixon
Kristin J. Dykhouse
Kaitlyn V. English
Carleen N. Evans
Pamela A. Gormley
Sean A. Macon
Nicole Mejia
Juan F. Moreno
Mary Ellen Pannone
Janet K. Porter
Natalya Reshetne
Laura A. Sachetti
Shaheem D. Shabazz
Dana M. Walsh

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upon motion made by Ms. Lisboa, seconded by Ms. Bobby, the Board voted to accept all CE courses submitted to the Board. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1- Adopted New Rules, Disposition of Consumer Complaints. The Board reviewed this information and was *accepted as informational*.
- 2- Memo from Mary Jean Weston:
 - 1- Ms. Weston raised a question as to whether supervision courses taken before 2004 would count for 20-hour course required after July 2004 in order to qualify to supervise LSWs seeking hours for LCSW licensure. *Upon motion made by Ms. Bobby, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board voted yes those courses can be counted toward the 20 hours*

course required after July 2004. Voting in favor of the motion: All.

- 2- Several LCSW's from New York State are taking the NASW-NJ's supervision course now. They have been working for many years as LCSWs in NY and would like to know if these years count toward the 3 year requirement for licensure to. *Upon motion made by Ms. Lisboa, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board stated that the NY experience could be applied, but that the supervisor would have to be licensed in New Jersey if the supervision takes place in New Jersey. The Board has no jurisdiction over supervision taking place in another state. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*
- 3- Memo from Donna D'Angelis, LCSW- From ASWB regarding 2010 ASWB examination pass rates. The Board reviewed this information and it was *accepted as informational.*
- 4- Assembly, # 2721, 214th Legislature- changes the 5-year sunseting requirement for regulations to 7 years. The Board reviewed the submitted information and it was *accepted as informational.*

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2011

May 25, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
June 15, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
July 27, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
August 24, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
September 28, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
October 26, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
November 16, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
December 21, 2011- Hudson Conference Room

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 10:50 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session. The Board re-entered public session at 1:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Chair