

# **NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

## **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order with no quorum of the Board members at 10:39a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by the Executive Director, J. Michael Walker.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **Present:**

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW  
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC  
Kathleen Ellis (public member)  
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW

#### **Absent:**

Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.  
Caroline Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC

#### **Late:**

Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW

#### **Also attending:**

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Alexis Goldberger, Deputy Attorney General  
Michela Ross, Government Rep  
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff  
Lucy Chalet, Administrative Staff

New board members Maureen Braun Scalera and Michelle Borden were signed in by DAG Alexis Goldberger at 11:02am.

### **Announcement of Quorum**

Board member Elizabeth Bowman, attended the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Executive Director J. Michael Walker announced that quorum existed for the meeting

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

**Nomination of Chair:**

Ms. Ellis nominated Ms. Lisboa, motion died for lack of a second at 11:05am  
Dr. Apgar nominated Ms. Scalera, motion died for lack of a second at 11:08am  
Ms. Scalera nominated Dr. Apgar with Ms. Bowman seconding at 11:08am. Motion that nominations cease by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Bowman. Voting in favor: Ms. Bowman, Ms. Scalera, Ms. Borden, Dr. Apgar. Ms. Lisboa and Ms. Ellis abstained.

**Nomination of Vice-Chair:**

Ms. Ellis nominated Ms. Lisboa with Ms. Lisboa declining at 11:10am. Dr. Apgar nominated Ms. Scalera with Ms. Bowman seconding at 11:11am.

**Meeting turned over to Dr. Apgar at 11:13am**

**III. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

*Ms. Ellis moved that the minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting be approved. Ms. Bowman seconded. Voting in favor: all*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, welcomed and introduced Michela Ross, the Government Rep. for all the mental health boards.*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public in attendance:

*Karun K. Singh, Director of MSW Rutgers Newark*

*Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW*

*Walter Kalman, Executive Director, NASW who welcomed the new board members*

**VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS**

*Upon motion made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Scalera, the Board voted to approve all of the supervisors' credentials applications submitted.*

**VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

*A motion made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Scalera, 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 review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks.  
Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Lori N. Barnett  
Jodi M. Bassett  
Laura K. Moffett-Siligato  
Maribeth Rourke

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Tara W. Cwierko  
Dana S. Holbrook  
Patricia McMullan  
Julie C. Messenger  
Dipal Patel

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Kia N. Alexander  
Rebecca Ashkenas  
Christopher M. Asmann  
Meghan Bacic  
Patricia Brown-Nima  
Myriam L. Cartagena  
Caryanne M. Cochran  
Jillian N. DeGroot  
Margo Eppelbaum  
Karen Formisano  
Tzi Hilsenrath  
Courtney M. Karp  
Svetlana Krichavets

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**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED cont'd:**

Katrina G Lundgren  
Widian A. Nicola  
Julie H. Patyk  
Valeriya Podlesnaya  
Rebekah A. Pratt  
Amy E. Saavedra  
Jacqueline M. Soboti  
Olusola E. Songonuga  
Jasmina Trnovska

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Rebecca J. Adler  
Gina D. Alphonse  
Mindy J. Altschul  
Carolyn Artale  
Ayala Back  
Alayna L. Berg  
Jamie Beritwieser  
Khayyam R. Bay  
Victoria V. Blom  
Jennifer M. Bonsall  
Katherine G. Burkes  
Racehel J. Canonico  
Jeffrey Caruana  
Dawn S. Chisholm  
Yun Jin Cho  
Amy M. Cortright  
Breann M. D'Alessandro  
Flavia DeAbreu  
Stacey DeCore  
Eileen E. DeFuria  
Willa H. Farley  
Demetrius Fincher  
Erica G. Fishman  
Alexander L. Fleischer  
Debbie G. Gomez  
Pnina M. Govrin  
Jamila H. Hammond  
Danielle C. Holmes

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Michele D. Inzelbuch  
Alison T. Israel  
Jennifer E. Jimenez  
Kathryn Johnston  
Julia F. Kelly  
Freyde Kogel  
Linda J. Landis  
Jessicalee A. Lugo  
Patricia Lundgren  
Lisa M. MacIntyre  
Jessica A. Mantecon  
Renee Martinez  
Christine M. McLean  
Raymond C. Meyers  
Erik J. Miller  
Tonya Y. Mustipher  
Nicole V. Neal  
Mary M. O’Crowley  
Deirdre M. O’Reilly  
Patricia A. Politi  
Linda C. Pumphrey  
Jessica L. Reinhardt  
Bashie Reiss  
Nadine L. Rementer  
Beverly Rogers  
Jomari D. Rosado  
Amber Ross  
Meg Rosenberg  
Kristen J. Sankpal  
Jessica I. Saramago  
Elisa Shemesh  
Elizabeth Siegel  
Danielle S. Tarzy  
Cristina Tebolt  
Katina Tripp  
Sandra Trzanowski-Gawley  
Veronia Velez  
Charlena Ware  
Anao Zhang

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Marygrace Amakwe

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Shannen C. Barros  
Christopher R. Cioffi  
Megan M. Fitzpatrick  
Lauren N. Galvano  
Jessica I Gavilanes  
Crystal R. Kellert  
Robin D. Murray  
Jennifer M. Passafiume

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Brett M. Ashton  
Stevie F. Campbell  
Christopher R. Cioffi  
Lisa Cordasco  
April T. Di Pietro  
Terry S. Doan  
Shontel M. Dowell  
Norine Earl  
Suzanne M. Engelke  
Christina Evans  
Megan E. Hemmann  
Jessica L. Hoffman  
Evelyn E. Lopez  
Ashley L. Martin  
Amanda L. Murray  
Soon D. Paik  
Karisa M. Pascall  
Jessica R. Pearson  
Reynell A. Price  
Jacvqueline E. Rivera  
Veroniaa A. Rizzuto  
Christina J. Rogers  
Elise C. Rutherford  
Djenane Sauls  
Theodore F. Seemuller  
Sonia Singh  
Lauren M. Swain  
Marcus Taylor  
Nathaniel Thompson

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING cont'd:**

Carrie L. Tucker  
Christina R. Walton

**VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

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

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter from Marianne Bennett, Program Coordinator of the Office of Continuing Professional Education at Rutgers University, confirming that the Office of Professional Education (OCPE) would be eligible under the umbrella of Rutgers University for issuing continuing education credits. *Per Michael, this request has been withdrawn.*

**X. MEETING DATES FOR 2012**

November 14, 2012- Monmouth Conference room, 7<sup>th</sup> FL  
December 12, 2012- Somerset Conference room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2013**

January 9, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
February 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
March 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
April 10, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
May 8, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
June 12, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
July 10, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
August 14, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
September 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
October 9, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
November 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
December 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Public session closed at 11:27am and the Board moved to executive session per Dr. Apgar. The Board re-entered public session at 2:31pm to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair