

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009**

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order with a quorum of the Board members at 10:10 am in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> 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)  
Louise A. Murray, Ph.D., LSW,  
Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW (Vice-Chair)  
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW  
Kathleen Ellis  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.

**Absent:**

Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW  
Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW  
Wanetta Williams, BSW, CSW

**Also attending:**

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General  
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff  
Lucy Chalet, Administrative Staff  
Alexis Goldberger, (Law Intern)

**Announcement of Quorum**

The Chair announced that a quorum was present.

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**

Review of September 23 Minutes *The minutes were accepted as corrected.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, reminded the Board again about the employment issue the state has been facing, one of the Board's temp employees quit and was replaced by another new hired employee. He also informed the Board that there are still no improvements in the phone system and e-mail system, and that he spends a tremendous amount of time each day responding to e-mails from consumers and candidates. Dr. Walker informed the Board also that State Analyst, Charles Manning, will be in later today to discuss with the Board some issues regarding Continuing Education. Board member Louise Murray, Ph.D. asked how we might approve our website, she been approached many times regarding that. Dr. Walker responded that the State is in the process of installing new software to update the Boards' website's but it has been delayed.

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

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

*A motion was made by Dr. Louise Murray and seconded by Ms. Maxine Lisboa 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. All in favor of the motion.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:**

Augusta A. D'Amico  
Moses Gelfand  
Alana J. Goebel  
Samantha A. Majak  
Barbara A. Majoros  
Patricia E. Mullings-Thomas  
Nicole B. Neiman  
Jennifer L. Peelman  
Christine E. Schaeztl  
Amy B. Sterman

**PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:**

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Maya C. Berhan  
Jill A. Connolly  
Jennifer L. Ellis  
Mildred C. Francisco  
Linda D. Hall  
Tracey J. Huff  
Johnson, Jason  
Kimberly A. Keyes  
Pamela S. Khan  
Brigit Lee  
Marissa M. Marrucca  
Amanda L. Matlee  
Michael G. Moran  
Jennifer M. Porter  
Yogesh Shingala  
Sherry B. Wells-Hines

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED**

Marion Fitzgerald  
Rebecca C. Schochet  
Kristen A. Tozzi  
Kristen Ungar

**CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

Amy J. Adler  
Andrews, Karamoko  
Erinn Barnes  
Donovan W. Bedward  
Cheryl H. Bennett  
Whitney E. Bracco  
Lois Carmichael  
Gina M. Cherneski  
Teresa A. Colombrito

David A. Cooper  
Lori S. Fortunato

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Ivonne Gallego  
Denise Good  
Rachel B. Gordon  
Tracy L. Gordon  
Kristin A. Hahn  
Susan T. Hannullah  
Aneesa T. Holliday  
Maryarha A. Houston  
Marissa G. Jackson  
Kristin R. Kantner  
Michelle K. Keating  
Carol Levin  
Katie A. Lutz  
Carolyn G. Miggins  
Christine L. Newman  
Jessica L. Nichols  
Judy Nichols  
Janine E. Oliver  
Melissa C. Pater  
Marcos A. Quinones  
Steven W. Rego  
Laura T. Rinck  
Tara A. Roberts  
Zev s. Safran  
James L. Somers  
Rebecca Stevenson  
Elizabeth A. Thomas  
Jill C. Young- McMurchie  
Jessica R. Zak  
Melanie A. Zeman  
Seth A. Arkush  
Lisa Corbett  
Danielle L. DiMatteo  
Stephanie Simmons  
Talia S. Sinsi

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**CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED**

Maria E. Chiari-Pace  
James F. Walsh  
Marinarda Herrera  
Margaret E. Hoffman  
Stephanie Iannelli  
Dorthy M. King  
Christine Krauzlis-Brounell  
Brianna M. Lermond  
Erin K. Mongan  
Juliany Merejo  
Kimberly C. Morague-Artis  
Laura M. Rothermel

**CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

Tejumola F. Akinruli  
Jessenia Alston  
Rekishia L. Beans  
Alyssa J. Biedermann  
Allison B. Brown  
Samantha N. Fields  
Shawntel L. Gray  
Veronica M. Klapmuts  
Adlyn Nelson-Nugent  
Deborah A. Picott  
Danielle E. Schaffer  
Victoria A. Schmidt  
Patricia H. Severino  
Yaniece S. Spencer  
Tiffany M. Summersett  
Caitlin A. Tamayo  
Jenna Wendolowski  
Linda L. Wilson

**VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**A. Problematic CEU's**

The Board will discuss continuing Education when Board Analyst, Charles Manning is able to attend the meeting. Currently there are several boards meeting at the same time that also require his attendance.

**B. Vote on Recommendation.**

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1- Memo from Board member, Henry Acosta- regarding reduction in fees and program format change *was accepted as informational.*
- 2- Discussion of CE Course Approval Regulation Change *was tabled until Regulatory Analyst, Charles Manning is able to attend the meeting.*
- 3- Budget report for the final half of budget year 2009 from Darlene Kane, Budget Officer. *The Board accepted this report as informational.*
- 4- Memo from Suzan Turley- ASWB. Ms. Turley resigned from the ASWB. *The Board accepted this letter as informational.*
- 5- Letter from Michele G. Weisman, Ph.D., LCSW asking the Board to accept her supervision course work. *Upon motion made by Mr. Acosta, seconded by Dr. Murray the Board voted to approve her course work. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*
- 6- Barbara Hock, LSW- Question about LCSW eligibility requirements. The Board reviewed her request and *upon motion made by Ms. Ellis, Seconded by Dr. Murray, the Board voted to send a letter to Ms. Hock granting her a six-month extension so she can work outside the State in PA and in New Jersey as soon as she is able to find appropriate supervisors. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*

**IX PUBLIC COMMENT**

Today's session was attended by representatives from New Jersey's Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers New Jersey Chapter (NASW) Mr. Walter Kalman, LSW, Executive Director, Mary Jean Weston, LCSW Assistant Executive Director, Caitlin Helmstetter and Carrie S. Moore, Interns from NASW, Latesha S. Holmes, Continuing Education Coordinator for NASW. Also attending Ms. Maureen Braun Scalera, LCSW from Family

International Services and Mr. Michael Townsend from Gateway Counseling Centre.

- 1- Maureen Braun Scalera, LCSW spoke about mobile responses, specifically the staff in non-profit organizations making responses over the telephone. DAG Krugman asked Ms. Scalera if she had anything in writing regarding these issues, Ms. Scalera responded that she does not have anything in writing. DAG Krugman responded that Bachelor level workers should not be making diagnoses and that a qualified Social Worker with a license should be involved in psychotherapy.
- 2- Walter Kalman, LSW- Mr. Kalman asked about the status of the state contracting with a company that can review CE's for the Social Work Board. The matter will be discussed again when the regulatory analyst is able to be present.

**X. MEETING DATES FOR 2009**

11/18/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

12/16/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> F

**XI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Chair, Doreen Bobby, recognized Executive Director Walker for the purpose of conducting the election of officers for a one year term.

- A- Doreen Bobby was nominated by Maxine Lisboa for Chair, Dr. Murray seconded the nomination. Ms. Bobby was elected by acclamation.
- B- Nomination for Mr. Henry Acosta for the position of Vice-Chair by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Lisboa. Mr. Acosta was elected by acclamation.

Dr. Walker returned control of the meeting to the Chair, Ms. Bobby.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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Public session concluded at 11:10 am. The Board re-entered public session at 4:30 to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW  
Chair