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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

I. **Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act**

The Open Session Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Monday May 6, 2019 at 9:33 a.m. Alan Groveman, Ph.D., Board Chair, opened the meeting by reading the following statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, the Record and the Courier Post.

II. **Roll Call**

Present:

Alan M. Groveman, Ph.D. (Chair)
Sean Evers, Ph.D. (Vice-Chair)
Anne Farrar-Anton, Ph.D. (Secretary)
Valerie D. Scott, Ed.D. (Board Member)
Marsha Nagelberg, MA, RN (Public Member)
Daniel N. Watter, Ed.D. (Board Member)
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D. (Board Member)

Excused:

Peter Slocum, Esq. (Public Member)

Also in Attendance:

Carmen Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General
Susan Rischawy, Acting Executive Director
Indira Nunez, Government Representative, Division of Consumer Affairs

III. PUBLIC MINUTES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to approve the April 1, 2019 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: All.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Susan Rischawy, Acting Executive Director, reported that there are a total of 3,872 active licensed psychologists; 913 pending applications; 539 expired licensees; 255 active three-year permit holders; 156 pending applications for three-year permits; 21 active one-year permit holders; and 43 pending applications of one-year permits. The pending applications also include applications that may have been abandoned by the applicant.

V. Report on Jurisprudence Examinations

Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into executive session for discussion of the jurisprudence examinations held on April 12, 2019. The Board returned to open session.

Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, and seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.

Michael Adler, Psy.D.

Gregory Bartoszek, Ph.D.

Gabriela Brown, Psy.D.

Oshra Cohen, Ph.D.

Courtney Dougherty, Psy.D.

Christina Goodwin, Ph.D.

Robin Li-Lang, Ph.D.

Erica Miller, Ph.D.

Angela Gonnella, Psy.D.

Paula Guerra, Ph.D.

Nicole Lacherza, Psy.D.

Deborah Ohm, Psy.D.

Adina Seidenfeld, Ph.D.

Carinna Scotti-Degnan, Ph.D.

Yoko Takebayashi, Ph.D.

VI. Request for Temporary Permits—Not to Exceed Three Years

Upon motion made by Dr. Scott, seconded by Dr. Watter, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology. Voting in favor: all.

Debeka Bennett, Ph.D.

Jessica Cascalheira, Psy.D.

Alison O'Connor, Psy.D.

Deanna Ellie, Psy.D.

Cassia Mosdell, Psy.D.

Bianca Kazoun, Ph.D.

Request for Temporary Permits—Not to Exceed One Year

Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, seconded by Dr. Watter, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the one-year temporary permit for the unsupervised practice of psychology. Voting in favor: all.

Christina Goodwin, Ph.D.

Wendy Wilson-Poth, Ph.D.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1- Tom Wahlund, Psy.D.

The Board reviewed the letter from Tom Wahlund, Psy.D., licensed in Massachusetts seeking clarification of temporary permission. Dr. Wahlund seeks to provide teletherapy to a client who is temporarily residing in New Jersey.

Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, seconded by Ms. Nagelberg, the Board voted to request additional information as to the time frame the client will be in New Jersey and how many appointments will be offered to the client. Voting in favor: all.

2 – Caitlin Lostan, Ph.D., TP #183-080, currently inactive

The Board reviewed a letter from Caitlin Lostan, Psy.D. seeking clarification as to whether the Board would accept hours accrued in her role as a behavioral analyst.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter, seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to allow Dr. Lostan to submit paperwork to the Board explaining what types of services she will be providing and under what supervisor. Additionally, Dr. Lostan will be informed that she needs to have an active temporary permit to perform these services in a for-profit setting and if she intends to use the experience towards licensure. Voting in favor: all.

3 – Elizabeth Kera, Ph.D., # 4627

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Kera requesting clarification on an Application for Proposed Supervisor for Dr. Friedman, specifically as to face-to-face screening of clients.

Dr. Farrar-Anton was recused for professional reasons.

Upon motion made by Dr. Scott, seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board determined that Dr. Kera must provide face-to-face screen clients as required by N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.1, et. seq. Voting in favor: all.

4 – Sandra Feldman, Ph.D., # 2436

The Board reviewed the settlement letter in lieu of filing a Formal Disciplinary Complaint signed by Dr. Feldman.

The Board accepted this as informational.

5 – Dana Barowsky, Psy.D. # 5425

The Board reviewed the letter submitted by Dr. Barowsky requesting waiver of continuing education requirements because she was not practicing for an extended period

of time during the 2017-2019 cycle.

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to deny Dr. Barowsky's request for waiver as she had an active license and continued to practice for the duration of the license cycle. Voting in favor: all.

6 – Doreen Sperber-Weiss, Ph.D. # 1006

The Board reviewed Dr. Sperber-Weiss' completed continuing education requirements as determined in a previous meeting.

The Board determined to approve ten (10) continuing education courses submitted, but requested that Dr. Sperber-Weiss submit a total list of all continuing education courses. Dr. Sperber-Weiss will also be directed to submit courses to the Board for pre-approval prior to registering for them as per paragraph three (3) of the November 17, 2017 consent order. Voting in favor: All.

7 – Edna Rodriguez, Psy.D., TP #163-078

The Board reviewed Dr. Rodriguez's request for special accommodation for the EPPP examination.

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Scott, the Board determined to grant Dr. Rodriguez's request for a special accommodation for the EPPP examination. Voting in favor: All.

VIII. REVIEW EXEMPTION NOTICES (RENEWAL)

None.

IX. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES

- 1- Ingrid Diaz, Ph.D./James Reynolds, Ph.D., supervisor
Dr. Groveman held a telephonic conference with Dr. Diaz and her supervisor Dr. Reynolds. Dr. Diaz failed the EPPP and is requesting permission to retake the examination. Dr. Diaz's temporary permit expired on March 31, 2019, but she is no longer seeing any clients.

Upon motion made by Dr. Watter, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to allow Dr. Diaz to re-take the EPPP examination. Voting in favor: all.

- 2 - Siobhan Berger, Psy.D./ Donald Brooke, Psy.D., supervisor
Dr. Farrar-Anton held a telephonic conference with Dr. Berger and her supervisor, Dr. Reynolds. Dr. Berger failed the EPPP and is requesting permission to retake the examination. Dr. Berger's permit expires on September 22, 2020.

Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to allow Dr. Berger to re-take the EPPP examination with no reduction on case load. Voting in favor: all.

X. REVIEW OF LEGISLATION

- 1 – Senate Bill No. 3602 – Expands list of health care professional authorized to provide certain services and supports in connection with stillbirth.

Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board determined to accept this as informational.

- 2 – Review of Regulations: N.J.A.C. 13:42

The Board discussed various portions of the regulations with Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst. Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve the changes as discussed for adoption. Voting in favor: All.

- 3 – Assembly Bill No. 1504 – “Medical Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act,” which was signed into law.

The Board reviewed the Bill as it was signed and will take the recommendation to regulate under advisement.

- 4- Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst, asked the Board to discuss the effective date for continuing education regulation to include one credit in topics concerning prescription opioid drugs, including the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion.

Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, seconded by Ms. Nagelberg, the Board voted to make the requirement effective at the 2019-2021 renewal cycle. Voting in favor: All

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people attended the public session:

- Dennis Finger, Ed.D., New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)
- Morgan Murray, Ph.D., NJPA President
- Keira Boertzel-Smith, NJPA Executive Director
- Ron Sinkovitz, Ph.D., NJPA Board Liaison
- Jacy Lance, Lobbyist

Members of the public offered comments and input in the regulatory discussion. The public asked for clarification concerning the Board’s acceptance courses offered by the ACME (Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education) which is the entity that accredits the American Medical Association (AMA). *The Board stated that as long as the courses meet the criteria stipulated in N.J.A.C. 13:42-10.21 the Board will recognize them as approved courses.*

Members of the public on behalf of the NJPA requested the Board to offer a time to further discuss exempt settings. *Dr. Groveman, Board Chair, agreed to allow NJPA to further discuss this matter at a future meeting.*

2019 AGENDA DATES

Monday, May 6, 2019
Monday, June 3, 2019
Monday, July 1, 2019
Monday, August 5, 2019

Monday, September 9, 2019
Monday, October 7, 2019
Monday, November 4, 2019
Monday, December 2, 2019

XI. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to move to the executive session at 11:08 a.m. for investigations, deliberations, and advice of counsel. Voting in favor: all.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Watter, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m. Voting in favor: all.