

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 3 February 2005

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Psychology (Board) was called to order at 8:30 A.M. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Maria Garrido, PSY.D

Peter Oppenheimer, Ph.D

Joan Retsinas, Ph.D

Joan Rollins, Ph.D.

Beverly Serabian, Ph.D.

Board members not in attendance:

None

Staff members in attendance:

Kelly Doyle, Board Administrator, Health Professions Regulation

Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel

Others in attendance:

None

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2004 were presented. On a motion by Dr. Retsinas and seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously Voted to accept the Open and Executive minutes as presented and that the Executive minutes to remain sealed pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Topics of Discussion

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following candidates for licensure by examination, to take the EPPP examination:

- Yana Wember**
- Jessica Ruffolo (post-doc not complete)**
- Sarah Fine (post-doc not complete)**
- Carlos Perez Benitez (post-doc not complete, request for PST permit**

approved)

- Allison Evans (post-doc not complete) * pending official transcripts

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following candidates for licensure by endorsement:

- Ellen Flannery Schroeder

- Jeffrey Wincze (by examination through MA)

Adjournment to Executive Session

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session and move to Executive Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed, or oral examinations administered. On a motion by Dr. Rollins, and seconded by Dr. Retsinas, it was unanimously so Voted to adjourn to Executive Session.

Return to Open Session

Dr. Oppenheimer called the Open Session back to Order at 10:00 A.M.

On motion of Dr. Oppenheimer, seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

The Board reported the following final actions:

2004-09-PS No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern

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Topics of Discussion (continued)

The Board and legal counsel reviewed and discussed correspondence received from a psychologist regarding questions relating to her supervised practice. The Board noted the following in response to the questions; 1) supervised practice may be fragmented, and 2) the 720 hours this applicant spent teaching is not acceptable and cannot be counted towards her postdoctoral supervised practice. Staff will notify the psychologist of the Board's decision regarding this matter.

The Board approved the following request for approval of continuing education credits:

Allan Brenman, Ed.D – “Six Educational Talks on a variety of psychology related topics sponsored by the Department of Human Services. The Board noted that the program is approved for Category I continuing education credits.

The Board and Staff discussed and clarified the following relating to the approval of continuing educations programs:

- As per Section 8.1 of the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Licensing of Psychologists any continuing education program relevant to psychology is approved by the Board for Category I programs, if the program is sponsored and/or approved by the listed professional organizations, including “other recognized professional psychological organizations”, and**
- If programs are not approved by the organizations noted in Section 8.1, the programs are acceptable for Category II credits.**

Old Business: None

New Business: Staff distributed to the Board, for their information, copies of the 2005 Board meeting schedule. No action by the Board was necessary.

Adjournment

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-42-5 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island. On a motion by Dr. Retsinas, and seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously so Voted to adjourn.

The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Doyle

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation