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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, January 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19901
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	February 2, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Gary Johnson, Professional Member, President
Dr. Gordon DiRenzo, Professional Member, Vice President
Dr. Mark Fleming, Professional Member
Dr. Steve Eichel, Professional Member
Dr. Marcia Halperin, Professional Member
Joan McDonough, Public Member
Andrew Slater, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Eleanor Allione, Public Member
Hollis Anglin, Public Member, Secretary

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General
Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Jared Phillips

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Dr. Eichel, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Regulatory Hearing for Section 7.0

Ms. Reardon stated that the purpose of the hearing was to adopt the proposed amendments to section 7.0. The specific proposed changes will eliminate the limitation of qualifying experience from 25 percent to 60 percent direct service.

The Board members were introduced. The hearing announcement was published in two local newspapers whose ads were admitted as evidence. There were no written or verbal public comments. The Board went into deliberations.

After deliberations, a motion was made by Dr. Eichel, seconded by Dr. DiRenzo, to approve the regulations with amendments. The motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Dr. DiRenzo, seconded by Dr. Halperin, to accept the regulatory amendments. The motion unanimously carried.

The new regulations will be posted in the Delaware Regulations.

Re-submission of Supervisory Reference Form

At a previous meeting, the Board proposed to deny Dr. Christina Gallman's application for licensure because her supervisory reference form showed non-sufficient supervised hours. In lieu of a hearing, Dr. Gallman was permitted to submit a corrected and notarized supervisory reference forms from her supervisors. The Board reviewed the documents.

A motion was made by Dr. Halperin, seconded by Dr. Eichel, to accept the forms and approve Dr. Gallman for licensure. With Dr. Fleming abstaining, the motion carried.

Extension Request – Kathleen Rupertus

Ms. Rupertus made a written request to the Board asking them to postpone their final decision to proposal to deny her Psychologist application until a later date so that she could have time to receive a final transcript from her college, which should show graduation, commencement dates and her Doctoral degree.

A motion was made by Dr. Halperin, seconded by Dr. Eichel to grant her an extension until the following meeting on February 2, 2009, at which time she should appear before the Board at the hearing with transcript and any other necessary documents or to withdraw her application. The Board asked that a letter be mailed to Ms. Rupertus advising her of this information and also ordered her to cease and desist using the title Psy.D. or Doctor until she receives her Doctoral degree. Dr. Fleming and Dr. DiRenzo abstained. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Eichel, seconded by Dr. Fleming to send Dr. Boston, her supervising Psychologist, a letter advising her that they have ordered Ms. Rupertus to cease and desist using the title of Dr. or Psy.D.

Strategic Plan

The strategic plan was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application to Sit for EPPP

A motion was made by Dr. Eichel, seconded by Dr. Halperin to approve Kelly Hennessy's application for licensure as a Psychologist contingent upon receiving a passing score on the EPPP examination. Dr. Fleming abstained. The motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board members received a copy of Mr. James Collins', Division Director, letter advising the Board of how the current economic conditions are impacting the Division of Professional Regulation and the actions that needed to be made by the Division and the Boards in order to continue offering core services to the public. After reviewing the letter, the Board concluded that that paper copies of all applications for all of the Board members is "critically necessary" and that they do not want to delegate authority to the Division to issue licenses for routine applications due to the complexity of some of the applications.

Elections

A motion was made by Dr. Eichel, seconded by Dr. Halperin, to continue the slate of officers for the year 2009.

Other Business before the Board (For Discussion Only)

There was no other business before the Board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for February 2, 2009.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. McDonough, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II
Board of Examiners of Psychologists