



## **Examining Board of Psychology Special Meeting Minutes**

**February 7, 2022**

Virtual Special Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Board members present: Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair  
Ruth Varkovitzky, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair  
Patience McGinnis, Psy.D.  
Shari Roberts, Public Member  
Phillip Hawley, Psy.D.  
Elena Lopez, Psy.D.  
Cedar O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Board members absent: Leslie Cohn, Ph.D.  
Michelle Brandon, Ph.D.

Staff members present: James Chaney, Executive Director  
Stacey Saunders, Program Director  
Karen Gohlsen, Program Support  
Lilia Lopez, Assistant Attorney General

Guests: None

On February 7, 2022, the Examining Board of Psychology met online via Microsoft Teams for an unscheduled special meeting. Notice of the meeting was published on the Examining Board of Psychology [profession website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

**Open Session:**

**1. Opening of Public Meeting – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair**

- 1.1. Call to Order: The chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. followed by introductions of board members, DOH staff, and the AAG.
- 1.2. Approval of the Agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda, seconded, vote 7-0.*

**2. Public Member Candidate Ranking – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair**

- 2.1. The board discussed the ranking of three candidates who were interviewed for the public member vacancy. The board’s recommendation will be forwarded to the governor’s office for the final decision on the appointment. *Motion to rank candidate #2 as first choice, candidate #1 as second choice, and candidate #3 as third choice, seconded, vote 6-0, with one abstention\*.*

*\*Chair Florence Katz Burstein abstained from voting*

**3. Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

**Submitted by:**  
Stacey Saunders, Program Director  
Examining Board of Psychology

**Approved by:**  
Florence Katz Burstein, Chair  
Examining Board of Psychology

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