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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

**January 6, 2017**

**7:30 a.m.**

1400 West Washington  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Application Review Committee was called to order by Madam Chair Mellott at 7:34 a.m. on January 6, 2017. No Executive Sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Participating by Telephone**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Chair  
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.

**Staff Present**

Dr. Cindy Olvey – Executive Director  
Heather Broaddus – Licensing Coordinator

**3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS**

**Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) Only**

Rachel Hunter, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Hunter's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Hunter's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

William Wood, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Wood's application and subsequent submission. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Wood's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Rachel Hunter, Psy.D., and William Wood, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP. The motion carried 2-0.

### **Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure**

Blake Schroedter, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Schroedter’s reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Schroedter’s reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Eboni Morris, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Morris’ reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Morris’ reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

G. Channing Harris, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Harris’ application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Harris’ application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Jayne Cooper, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Cooper’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Cooper’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Kade Johnson, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Johnson’s reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Johnson’s reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Maureen Keaveny, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Keaveny’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Keaveny’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Michael Anton, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Anton’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Anton’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Raman Saini, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Saini’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Saini answered “yes” to questions #19, 20 & 21. The Committee noted that Dr. Saini provided an explanation and documentation relating to her DUI and dismissal from Argosy University. After deliberation, it was the consensus of the

Committee to move Dr. Saini's application to the Board for further review of her "yes" responses. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Saini's education and experience meets the requirements of statutes and rules.

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Blake Schroedter, Psy.D., Eboni Morris, Psy.D., G. Channing Harris, Ph.D., Jayne Cooper, Ph.D., Kade Johnson, Ph.D., Maureen Keaveny, Ph.D., and Michael Anton, Psy.D., to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee. The motion carried 2-0.

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of Raman Saini, Psy.D., to the full Board for further review of her "yes" response to questions #19, 20 & 21 of the application. The motion carried 2-0.

### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver**

Caroline Pyevich, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Pyevich's application. Upon review of her reference submitted by Tucker Peck, Ph.D. the Committee noted that Dr. Peck indicated that he has never worked with Dr. Pyevich and has little knowledge of her abilities which may not meet the requirement of A.A.C. R4-23-203(A)(8)(b). The Committee is requesting a new reference that meets the requirement of R4-23-203(A)(8)(b).

Desiree Vega, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Vega's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Vega's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Marsha Ferreck Heiden, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Ferreck Heiden's application. Upon review of her Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from the University Hospitals Laurelwood Hospital & Counseling Centers, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Diane Wetzig, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Ferreck Heiden obtained a total of 2,193 internship hours from July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003. The Committee noted that it cannot accept more than 40 hours worked per week pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(H). The Committee noted that it can only accept 2,080 of her internship hours (40 hours per week for 52 weeks = 2,080). The Committee is requesting that a new Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form be completed that reflects the 2,080 internship hours she can apply toward licensure. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from the CCED, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Lucene Wisniewski, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Ferreck Heiden worked 40 hours per week for a total of 2,800 hours. Additionally, Dr. Wisniewski's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Ferreck Heiden obtained 100 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time Dr. Ferreck Heiden is 40 hours deficient in meeting the individual face-to-face supervision requirement. Additionally, the Committee noted that it can apply 2,080 internship hours and 769 preinternship hours toward licensure therefore Dr. Ferreck Heiden only needs an additional 151 supervised experience hours. She may wish to apply only 151 postdoctoral hours that meets the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G).

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the application of Desiree Vega, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee and to

issue additional information request letters to Caroline Pyevich, Ph.D., and Marsha Ferreck Heiden regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential**

Susan Phipps-Yonas, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Phipps-Yonas’ application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Phipps-Yonas’ application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Thomas Merrill, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Merrill’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Merrill’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Susan Phipps-Yonas, Ph.D., and Thomas Merrill, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **Requesting Approval of Supervised Work Experience**

Soffia Palsdottir, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Palsdottir’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Palsdottir’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon a passing score and receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the application of Soffia Palsdottir, Psy.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY LICENSE APPLICANTS AND APPROVAL OF POSTDOCTORAL WRITTEN TRAINING PLAN**

##### **Requesting Approval for Temporary Licensure & EPPP**

Deidra Angulo, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Angulo’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Angulo’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and for approval to sit for the EPPP.

Katherine Sanchez, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Sanchez’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Sanchez’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and for approval to sit for the EPPP.

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Deidra Angulo, Psy.D., and Katherine Sanchez, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee and for approval to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried 2-0.

## **5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS**

### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Experience**

Amy Harper, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Harper’s application. Upon review of her application, the Committee noted that she answered “yes” and “no” to question #9 of the application. The Committee is requesting that Dr. Harper provide one answer to question #9 and submit it to the Board office. Additionally, in the event that she answers “yes” the Committee is requesting an explanation and any relevant information/documentation.

Jennifer Huffman, M.A. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Huffman’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Ms. Huffman’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Nanette Pfeiffer, M.A. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Pfeiffer’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Ms. Pfeiffer’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Sabrina Daneshvar, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Daneshvar’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review, The Committee noted that her supervised experience does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2091.03 Section 3, as her supervisor was not a certified behavior analyst. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward her application to the full Board with a recommendation of denial.

Stephanie Gates, M.A. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Gates’ application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Ms. Gates’ application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Amy Harper, Ph.D., Jennifer Huffman, M.A., Nanette Pfeiffer, M.A., and Stephanie Gates, M.A., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and to move the application of Sabrina Daneshvar, Ph.D., to the full Board with a recommendation of denial due to the deficiency discussed in her application. The motion carried 2-0.

## **6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

There were no items for future meetings.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Brundage made motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 a.m. The motion carried 2-0.

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**Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.**  
**Application Review Committee Chair**