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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

October 23, 2019

11:00 a.m.

1740 W. Adams St.
Board Room B (1st Floor)
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Dr. Bohanske at 11:03 a.m. on October 23, 2019. Two Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., FNAP – Chair
Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D. – Vice-Chair (*telephonic*)
Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA, Ph.D. – Secretary
Matthew A. Meier, Psy.D.
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.
Tamara Shreeve, MPA

Staff Present

Jennifer Michaelsen, Interim Executive Director
Krishna Poe, Administrative Assistant
(*left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.*)

Attorney General

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

Board Members Absent

Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INTERVIEWS OF THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES TO FILL THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION:

- Leanna DeKing
- Heidi Herbst Paakkonen
- Dane Ishihara

At 11:05 a.m., Ms. Shreeve moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing personnel matters (interviewing the candidates) and to receive confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

The Board returned to regular session at 1:10 p.m.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND POSSIBLE DECISION ON SELECTION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

Dr. Flowers moved that the Board offer employment to Heidi Herbst Paakkonen for the executive

director position at the salary discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Meier. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO COMPLAINT NO. 20-09 PERTAINING TO RACHELE “Barrie” WAGNER, PSY.D., INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED, TO THE POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF HER LICENSE TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY, REFERRAL TO FORMAL HEARING OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Michaelsen provided a summary of the matter, stating that the Board received a complaint against Dr. Wagner, which alleged that she may be currently unable to safely and competently practice psychology and had recent arrests. Ms. Michaelsen stated that Dr. Wagner was noticed of today’s meeting and that Ms. Michaelsen had been unable to get in contact with Dr. Wagner despite multiple attempts. Dr. Wagner was not present for the meeting.

At 1:15 p.m., Dr. Brundage made a motion to go into Executive Session to review confidential medical records and to obtain confidential legal advice from the Board’s legal counsel. Ms. Shreeve seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. Open session reconvened at 1:22 p.m.

Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to adopt the interim findings of fact and conclusions of law based on the evidence presented and as set forth in the interim findings of fact and conclusions of law. The motion carried 6-0 on a voice vote.

Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Meier, to find that the interim findings of fact and conclusions of law require emergency action in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The motion carried 6-0 on a voice vote.

Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Meier, to summarily suspend the license of Dr. Wagner, license no. 3269, given that the Board found that the interim findings of fact and conclusions of law require emergency action. Dr. Wagner’s license suspension becomes effective upon service of the Order. The motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Meier, that the Interim Executive Director move this matter to a formal hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings to be commenced as expeditiously as possible from the date of the issuance of this Order. The Board’s Assistant Attorney General, Jeanne Galvin, would seek that the suspension remain in effect until such time Dr. Wagner receives an independent evaluation by a preapproved provider and it is determined by the Board that Dr. Wagner is safe to return to the practice of psychology. The motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. The motion carried 6-0 on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA
Secretary