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## **REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**November 1, 2019**

**7:45 a.m.**

1740 W. Adams St.  
Board Room C (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session meeting of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Dr. Bohanske at 7:49 a.m. on November 1, 2019. No Executive Sessions were held.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

#### **Board Members Present (Telephonically)**

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., FNAP – Chair  
Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D. – Vice-Chair  
Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA, Ph.D. – Secretary  
Matthew A. Meier, Psy.D.  
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.  
Tamara Shreeve, MPA

#### **Staff Present**

Jennifer Michaelsen, Interim Executive Director  
Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist

#### **Attorney General**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

#### **Board Members Absent**

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.  
Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D

### **3. REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **• Board Member and Staff Appreciation**

Dr. Bohanske expressed appreciation to the staff for preparing the meeting materials and thanked the Board members for the extra time and effort invested in the additional meetings.

### **4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one requested to speak.

## **5. COUNSEL UPDATE**

Ms. Galvin reminded the members that, during its October 23, 2019 meeting, the Board considered the complaint allegations against Dr. Rachele “Barrie” Wagner, determined that she was not safe to currently practice, and summarily suspended her license. Notice of such was promptly sent to Dr. Wagner, which included notification that the matter scheduled for a formal hearing on December 2, 2019 before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Ms. Galvin noted that counsel and staff efforts to contact Dr. Wagner have been unsuccessful.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA - DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ~~October 4, 2019 Regular Session~~
- ~~October 4, 2019 Executive Session (11:12 a.m. — 11:23 a.m.)~~
- ~~October 4, 2019 Executive Session (1:37 p.m. — 1:46 p.m.)~~
- ~~October 23, 2019 Regular Session~~
- ~~October 23, 2019 Executive Session (11:04 a.m. — 1:10 p.m.)~~
- ~~October 23, 2019 Executive Session (1:15 p.m. — 1:22 p.m.)~~

### **B. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS**

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

- a) Amanda Danielle Bono, Ph.D.
- b) Cynthia Turner, Psy.D.
- c) Jennifer R. Fowler, Psy.D.
- d) Laura Kerry-Henkel, Ph.D.
- e) Marilyn Wiley, Ph.D.
- f) Nicole Burr, Psy.D.
- g) Rosalba Mada, Ph.D.
- h) Sarah Norbeck, Psy.D.

#### **2) Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver**

- a) Aaron T. Barnes, Psy.D.
- b) Elsa Baena, Ph.D.
- c) Gabriella Marissa Santacruz, Psy.D.

#### **3) Requesting Approval of Supervised Experience for Licensure**

- a) Michelle O’Cleireachain, Psy.D.

#### **4) Requesting Approval for Temporary License and to Sit for EPPP**

- a) Zara Raskin, Psy.D.

#### **5) Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition**

- a) ~~Aldo Enrique Revilla Rivera, Ph.D.~~

- b) ~~Carol L. Gandolfo, Psy.D.~~
- c) Jill L. Marchi, Psy.D.
- d) Kamila G. Marrero, Psy.D.
- e) Richard S. Amada, Ph.D.
- f) Yolanda L. Hobbs, Ph.D.
- g) ~~Zaida Issel Garcia Yili, Ph.D.~~

**C. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS**

- 1) Alicia Gutierrez, M.Ed.
- 2) Brittany Nicole Barkus, M.S.
- 3) Brittney Ceballos, M.Ed.
- 4) Jessica Nicole (Boggs) Vedder, M.A.
- 5) Katelyn Paige Brown, M.Ed.
- 6) Landy Barwick, M.Ed.
- 7) LaQuisha S. Moore, M.Ed.
- 8) Leticia Lomeli, M.S.
- 9) Lysbeth Puente, M.Ed.
- 10) Morgan B. Davis, M.S.
- 11) Remington N. Miller, M.Ed.
- 12) Stephanie Bakazan, M.S.
- 13) Talia L. Davis, M.S.
- 14) Todd Hooe, Ph.D.

**D. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT SUBMISSIONS FORWARDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS AT ITS OCTOBER 28, 2019 MEETING**

- 1) Daniel Bullara
- 2) Robert Craighead

**E. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO RE-TAKE THE EPPP FROM CAROLYN JULIA BROWN, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE HOLDER PSY-T-000009**

**F. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO RE-TAKE THE EPPP FROM DANIELLE M. WESTON, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE HOLDER PSY-T-000013**

**G. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO RE-TAKE THE EPPP FROM GENARO HUERTA, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE HOLDER PSY-T-000007**

**H. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE FROM CHARLES BILBREY, PH.D.**

Dr. Bohanske asked if any member of the Board would like to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for independent discussion. Dr. Bohanske requested the Universal Recognition applications for Dr. Revilla Rivera and Dr. Carol Gandolfo be removed for independent review and discussion.

After considering recusals, Board member absences and board vacancies, the Board lacked a quorum to approve the October 4, 2019 meeting minutes and the October 23, 2019 meeting minutes. The Board removed all minutes from the consent agenda and the minutes were tabled until a future meeting.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mellott moved to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dr. Flowers.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 6-0.

The Board discussed the Universal Recognition applications, noting in particular the applicants licensed by Puerto Rico may not have not taken and passed the EPPP as the jurisdiction does not require that specific examination for licensure. In discussing the law with counsel, the board acknowledged A.R.S. §32-4302 is intended to provide efficient licensure for applicants who have recently established residency in Arizona. Both Dr. Revilla Rivera and Dr. Gandolfo are established residents in Arizona, not out-of-state applicants as addressed by the Universal Recognition statute. In the case of Dr. Gandolfo, she applied for a license in 2005, but was denied on the basis of not meeting the qualifications for licensure. The Board discussion reflected that these applicants are not new to Arizona and are attempting to obtain licensure when they would not otherwise meet the qualifications; this was not the Legislature's intent. Board discussion noted residents of Arizona are consistently denied licensure because they don't meet the standards of licensure. The Board noted Dr. Revilla Rivera could apply by the standard application, take the EPPP if he has not done so before, and meet all requirements. Ms. Galvin advised an applicant denied licensure may appeal a denial, and the matter would be heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings. Depending on the Board's final adjudication and following a request for rehearing, an applicant would have the right to appeal to Superior Court, the Court of Appeals, and ultimately the Supreme Court of Arizona. The Board noted this is an example of unintended consequences of new legislation. The intent of A.R.S. §32-4302 is not to lower the required standards for those professionals coming to Arizona from out-of-state, and that are different than the established standards Arizona applicants must meet.

**MOTION:** Dr. Bohanske moved to deny Dr. Revilla Rivera's application for licensure as he does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. 32-4203 in that he is not an out-of-state applicant and because he has not passed the EPPP as required of all Arizona residents; an additional issue to include in the notice of denial is that the applicant identified himself as a psychologist on his letter to the Board which is a title violation. The motion included the provision that Dr. Revilla Rivera may withdraw his application. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Additional discussion reflected that a case could be made that, under A.R.S. §32-4302, these applicants appear to meet the standards under Universal Recognition, but the law isn't clear. The new law presents not only unintended consequences and a blurring of the

standards, but Universal Recognition appears to impose a new set of standards. The members discussed the emerging knowledge concerning Puerto Rico not requiring a passing score on the EPPP for licensure. Ms. Fowkes identified for the Board the 2 pending applicants from Puerto Rico: Dr. Garcia-Yili and Dr. Revilla Rivera.

Dr. Bohanske withdrew his motion and Dr. Mellott withdrew her second. Dr. Bohanske moved to table action on the application of Dr. Revilla Rivera, and to direct staff to request additional information from the applicant specific to whether he has taken and passed the EPPP. The motion included action to deny licensure to Dr. Gandolfo with the basis of denial that as a 12-year resident of Arizona, she does not meet the Universal Recognition requirement of having established residency in Arizona. Dr. Mellott offered a friendly amendment to the motion that a second basis for denial of Dr. Gandolfo's application should be added: Dr. Gandolfo's doctoral degree education program in California was not accredited by an entity recognized by the Board and therefore she does not hold a license in another state at the same practice level as required in Arizona; additionally the applicant is allowed to withdraw her application. Dr. Bohanske accepted the friendly amendment, and Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** The motion carried 5-1 with Dr. Flowers voting no.

Dr. Bohanske moved to rescind the vote to approve Dr. Garcia-Yili's application and to table taking action on the application due to the fact that she has not provided evidence of having passed the EPPP, and to direct staff to request additional information from Dr. Garcia-Yili specific to whether she has taken and passed the EPPP. Ms. Shreeve seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** The motion carried 6-0.

## **8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO DRAFT OF RULE CHANGES FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS**

Ms. Michaelsen briefed the Board concerning the outcome of the 5-year rules review with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council. She noted that Ms. Jeanne Hann, the rules writer, was present on the line to address any questions. Ms. Michaelsen advised that the exemption to the rule making moratorium was previously submitted to the Governor's office, but staff was subsequently advised that an outline of the proposed changes was not sufficient and that the full proposed rule change text must be submitted. The proposed psychologist rule change text has been drafted by Ms. Hann. Ms. Michaelsen requested the Board's approval to submit the drafted rule changes as drafted to the Governor's office.

**MOTION:** Dr. Flowers moved to accept the proposed rules as drafted. Dr. Mellott seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 6-0.

## **9. STATUS UPDATE REGARDING PROCESS TO FILL THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION**

Ms. Michaelsen reminded the Board that, following the interviews on October 23, 2019 for the executive director position, the Board voted to offer the position to Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, who accepted the offer. Ms. Paakkonen's first day of service will be November 18, 2019. Ms.

Paakkonen was welcomed aboard.

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

The Board identified the following items for inclusion on the December 12, 2019 agenda:

- Inform ASPPB of the implications of Arizona’s Universal Recognition law.
- Consideration of the applications that have been tabled should they comply with the FAIR.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 a.m. The motion carried 6-0 on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA  
Secretary