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**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**November 6, 2015, 7:45 a.m.**  
1400 W. Washington  
Basement, Conference Room B-1  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairman Wechsler at 7:45 a.m. on November 6, 2015.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present**

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP – Chair  
Rob Robichaud, M.A. CJ, SHRM-CP, PHR - Vice-Chair  
Tamara Shreeve, MPA – Secretary (left at 9:10 a.m.)  
Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN  
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D. (joined at 7:46 a.m.)  
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.  
Joseph C. Donaldson  
Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D.  
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. (joined at 7:47 a.m.)

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**Attorney General's Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**3. RECOGNITION OF DR. BOB BOHANSKE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

Dr. Wechsler announced that Dr. Bohanske was re-appointed to serve a second term on the Board. Dr. Wechsler thanked Dr. Bohanske and presented him with a plaque for his work over the past two years to commemorate the Board's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Additionally, Dr. Wechsler thanked Dr. Bohanske and Dr. Brundage for providing the funds to purchase commemorative pins that were distributed at the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Annual Meeting held in Tempe, Arizona in October.

**4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no requests.

**5. COUNSEL REPORT**

Ms. Galvin did not have a counsel report for the Board.

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

Dr. Wechsler recused from the October 7, 2015, Executive Session Minutes – 10:28 a.m. – 10:41 a.m. Dr. Brundage recused from reviewing the application submitted by Tucker Peck, Ph.D. Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 9-0.

- a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - August 14, 2015, Regular Session
  - August 14, 2015, Executive Session (10:00 a.m. – 10:23 a.m.)
  - August 14, 2015, Executive Session (2:42 p.m. – 2:58 p.m.)
  - October 7, 2015, Regular Session
  - October 7, 2015, Executive Session (9:01 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.)
  - October 7, 2015, Executive Session (10:28 a.m. – 10:41 a.m.) (Dr. Wechsler recused)
  - October 7, 2015, Executive Session (3:29 p.m. – 3:48 p.m.)
  
- b. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS**
  - i. REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SIT FOR EPPP ONLY**
    - Emily Strang, Ph.D.
    - Tucker Peck, Ph.D. (Dr. Brundage recused)
  
  - ii. REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SIT FOR EPPP AND LICENSURE**
    - Adrian Fletcher, Psy.D.
    - Andrea Saathoff, Ph.D.
    - Ashtin Adkins, Psy.D.
    - Catherine Asber, Psy.D.
    - Miguel Iracheta, Ph.D.
  
  - iii. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**
    - Kristy Klein, Ph.D.
    - Leslie O’Neill, Ph.D.
  
  - iv. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**
    - C. Girvani Leerer, Ph.D.
  
  - v. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HOURS AND LICENSURE**
    - Mallory Brown, Ph.D.
  
- c. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS**
  - Jill Haglund, M.A.
  - Mat Luehring, M.A.
  
- d. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM KADE JOHNSON, PH.D.**

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE BOARD WISHES TO DEVELOP LEGISLATION FOR THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that each year the Board is asked to determine whether it wishes to seek legislation in the upcoming legislative session. Dr. Olvey indicated that the Board previously expressed interest in seeking legislative approval to participate in the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT).

Stuart Goodman with Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs was present telephonically and discussed options for developing legislation regarding the PSYPACT. Mr. Goodman explained that starting the legislative process would involve creating a place holder if the Board chooses to move forward with legislation.

After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to direct Mr. Goodman to proceed with the initial steps to start the process for developing legislation by creating a placeholder in the event the Board chooses to move forward. Additionally, the Board requested that an analysis of the cost and benefits of the PSYPACT be conducted. The motion carried 9-0.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RFI 15-39 RELATING TO DEBORAH HUGHES, PSY.D. AND A PROPOSED INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER FOR VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION**

Ms. Chapman summarized the employment termination of Dr. Deborah Hughes by her previous employer and indicated that Dr. Hughes, through her legal counsel, has proposed an interim Consent Agreement and Order for Voluntary Suspension of her license. Ms. Chapman stated that the proposed Consent Agreement and Order is before the Board for consideration.

Dr. Hughes was not present but her legal counsel, David Derickson, was present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members' questions. Mr. Derickson stated that he made some modifications to the original Consent Agreement and Order developed by Board Counsel and summarized the modifications for the Board.

Board members expressed concern with the modifications to the proposed Consent Agreement and Order because the allegations brought forth against Dr. Hughes are severe. After deliberation, Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, not to accept the interim Consent Agreement and Order for Voluntary Suspension. The motion carried 9-0 on a roll call vote.

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO RFI 15-39 PERTAINING TO DEBORAH HUGHES, PSY.D., BUT NOT LIMITED, TO THE POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF HER LICENSE TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD**

Dr. Hughes was not present but her attorney, David Derickson, was present. The Board deliberated and expressed concern regarding the reasons Dr. Hughes' previous employer provided regarding her termination from employment. Board members asked Mr. Derickson if Dr. Hughes resides in Arizona and whether she is currently practicing as a psychologist in Arizona. Mr. Derickson stated that Dr. Hughes resides in Arizona and is gainfully employed as a psychologist. Mr. Derickson

attested that he is unable to provide a description of Dr. Hughes employment duties/responsibilities. Board members noted other concerns relevant to various documents. Board members expressed concern that Dr. Hughes' was not responsive to supervision, according to documentation from her supervisor.

After deliberation, Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, that the Board accept, based upon the evidence presented, the Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The motion carried 9-0.

Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, that the Board find 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 9-0.

Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, that the Board summarily suspend Dr. Hughes license upon service of the Order if she does not sign the Consent Agreement and Order for Voluntary Suspension by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015. The motion carried 9-0 on a roll call vote.

Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, that the Board's Executive Director refer this matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for Formal Hearing to be commenced as expeditiously as possible if Dr. Hughes does not sign the Consent Agreement and Order for Voluntary Suspension by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015. The motion carried 9-0.

Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to give Dr. Hughes the opportunity to sign the original proposed Consent Agreement and Order for Voluntary Suspension by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015. If Dr. Hughes does not sign the Consent Agreement and Order for Voluntary Suspension the summary suspension will become effective. The motion carried 9-0.

Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to direct Board staff to request and obtain Dr. Hughes current employer's address, phone number, and a description of her job duties, and to direct Board staff to contact Dr. Hughes current supervisor and administrator and apprise them of the Board's decision in this matter. The motion carried 9-0.

## **10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS (1965-2015) SINCE ENACTMENT OF ENABLING LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING PSYCHOLOGY AS A PROFESSION IN ARIZONA**

Dr. Bohanske provided a summary to the Board stating that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) annual meeting was held in Arizona, October 7-11, 2015, to help celebrate the Board's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dr. Bohanske stated that Governor Ducey and Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell's proclamations were present at the ASPPB meeting. Dr. Bohanske stated that pins recognizing the Board were distributed at the ASPPB meeting. He stated the Board had an exhibit recognizing the Board's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Arizona Psychological Association's annual convention held in October 2015. Additionally, he stated that the Board's December in-person meeting will celebrate the Board's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Board members directed that letters be sent to Governor Ducey and Mayor Mitchell thanking them for the proclamations.

*Ms. Shreeve left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.*

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO THE CLAIM FORM USED PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §32-2081(C) INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INQUIRING ABOUT COMPLAINTS THE CLAIMANT HAS FILED WITH THE COURT AGAINST A LICENSEE**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that the Board had previously passed a motion that included adding a question to the claim form asking whether the claimant had filed a complaint against the licensee with the Court. That motion was later rescinded by the Board. The Board was asked whether the Board would like to add that question to the claim form. Following deliberation, Dr. Beljan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to add the question to the claim form. The motion carried 8-0.

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2016 AND ROTATION OF BOARD MEMBERS SERVING ON THE APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE AND COMPLAINT SCREENING COMMITTEE**

Dr. Olvey summarized stating the meeting calendar and Committee rotations for 2016 are before the Board for review. Board members did not have any changes to the meeting calendar or Committee rotation for 2016.

**13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE**

Aleksandr Levitan, Psy.D.

Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing Dr. Levitan's application. Dr. Flowers summarized Dr. Levitan's application for the Board. Board members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Levitan's application. Upon review, the Board noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules.

Glenda Eklund, Psy.D.

Dr. Beljan and Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing Dr. Eklund's application. Dr. Flowers summarized Dr. Eklund's application for the Board. Board members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Eklund's application. Upon review, the Board noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules.

Nagisa Kondo, Psy.D.

Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing Dr. Kondo's application. Dr. Flowers summarized Dr. Kondo's application for the Board. Board members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Kondo's application. Upon review, the Board noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules.

Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve the applications of Aleksandr Levitan, Psy.D., Glenda Eklund, Psy.D., and Nagisa Kondo, Psy.D., to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 7-0-1 for Drs. Levitan and Kondo with Dr. Wechsler recused, and 6-0-2 for Dr. Eklund with Dr. Wechsler and Dr. Beljan recused from Dr. Eklund's application.

**14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF LICENSED ASSOCIATE PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICANT, JEREMIAH ISBELL, PSY.D. AND APPROVAL OF HIS POSTDOCTORAL WRITTEN TRAINING PLAN**

Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing Dr. Isbell's application. Dr. Flowers summarized Dr. Isbell's application. After deliberation, Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve Dr. Isbell's postdoctoral training plan, request for licensure and request to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried 7-0-1 with Dr. Wechsler recused.

**15. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.**

There were no new items for future meetings.

**16. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 a.m. The Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Robichaud, M.A. CJ, SHRM-CP, PHR  
Vice-Chair