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Application Review Committee

## **MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

*December 1, 2017*

*7:30 a.m.*

1400 West Washington, Suite 240  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Application Review Committee was called to order by Chairman Wechsler at 7:30 a.m. on December 1, 2017. No Executive Sessions were held.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

#### **Committee Members Participating by Telephone**

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP – Chair  
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.

#### **Staff Present**

Heather Broaddus – Deputy Director  
Krishna Poe – Interim Licensing Coordinator

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- October 31, 2017, Regular Session

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to approve the October 31, 2017, regular session minutes as drafted. The motion carried 2-0.

### **4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS**

#### **Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) ONLY**

Nicole Burt, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Burt'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. Burt's application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the application of Nicole Burt, Ph.D., to the Board for review and approval to take the EPPP. The motion carried 2-0.

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

Bethany Bates, Psy.D. – Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing this application. Due to lack of a quorum, her application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

Chad Mosher, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Mosher'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. Mosher's reapplication to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Karie Gaska, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gaska'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. Gaska's application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Kelsey Walsh, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Walsh'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. Walsh's application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Kristen Becker, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Becker's application. Upon review, the Committee requested clarification from the Board's Assistant Attorney General, Jeanne Galvin, regarding Dr. Becker's postdoctoral hours. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Becker's application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee once Ms. Galvin provides clarification of the postdoctoral hours.

Rachel Schwartz, Psy.D. – Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing this application. Due to lack of a quorum, her application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

Robert Beattey, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Beattey'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. Beattey's application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Sonya Willis, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Willis' 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. Willis' application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Thomas Bybee, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bybee's application. Upon review of his Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from Dr. David Hubbard, Tree of Life, LLC, the Committee noted that his Supervisor, Benjamin Bushman, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Bybee worked 38 hours per week for a total of 496.5 preinternship

hours. Dr. Bushman's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Bybee obtained a total of 104 direct patient/client contact hours and received 16 hours of individual supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(b)(c). At this time Dr. Bybee is 20.13 hours deficient in meeting the direct client contact requirement and 7.5 hours deficient in meeting the individual supervision requirement. Upon review of his Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from the offices of Dr. Benjamin Bushman, the Committee noted that his Supervisor, Benjamin Bushman, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Bybee worked 38 hours per week for a total of 430 preinternship hours. Dr. Bushman's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Bybee received a total of 12 hours of individual supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c). At this time Dr. Bybee is 8.4 hours deficient in meeting the individual supervision requirement. Upon review of his Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from the Offices of Dr. Benjamin Bushman, the Committee noted that his supervisor, Benjamin Bushman, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Bybee worked 35 hours per week for a total of 1,750 hours from December 5, 2011 – November 25, 2012. Dr. Bushman's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Bybee obtained 417 hours of direct client contact which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F). At this time, Dr. Bybee is 20.5 hours in meeting the direct client contact requirement.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the applications of Chad Mosher, Ph.D., Karie Gaska, Ph.D., Kelsey Walsh, Ph.D., Kristen Becker, Psy.D., Robert Beattey, Ph.D. and Sonya Willis, Psy.D., to the Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee, to move the applications of Bethany Bates, Psy.D. and Rachel Schwartz, Psy.D., for review due to lack of a quorum and to request additional information from Thomas Bybee, Ph.D regarding the deficiency discussed in his application. The motion carried 2-0.

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

Linda Pettit, Ed.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Pettit'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. Pettit's application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

Maylin Griffiths, Ph.D. – Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing this application. Due to lack of a quorum, her application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

Meredith Smith, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Smith's application. Upon review of her Core Program Requirements, the Committee noted that she answered, "Yes", to question #35. The Committee noted that her graduate program at the United States International University was not APA accredited at the time of her graduation. The Committee is requesting that she answer, "No", to question #35, complete the Core Program Requirements section and return the completed pages to the Board office.

Parisa Shoja, Psy.D. – Dr. Bohanske recused from reviewing this application. Due to lack of a quorum, her application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the application of Linda Pettit, Ed.D., to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee, to move the applications of Maylin Griffiths, Ph.D and Parisa Shoja, Psy.D., to the Board for further review due to lack of a quorum and to request additional information from Meredith Smith, Ph.D., Ph.D regarding the deficiency discussed in her application. The motion carried 2-0.

### **Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential**

Kristen Harrell, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Harrell’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. Harrell’s application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the application of Kristen Harrell, Psy.D. to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

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

Committee members requested that an item pertaining to A.R.S. § 32-2071(G).

### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Wechsler made motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 a.m. The motion carried 2-0.

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**Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., FNAP**  
**Committee Member**