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Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Held virtually via Zoom on December 10, 2020

Board Members

Tamara Shreeve, MPA – Chair
Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA, PH.D. – Vice-Chair
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Secretary
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., FNAP
Linda Caterino, Ph.D.
Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Aditya Dynar, Esq.
Stephen Gill, Ph.D.
Melanie Laboy, Esq.
Mathew A. Meier, Psy.D.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Shreeve called the Board's meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated in the virtual meeting: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

ALSO PRESENT

The following Board staff participated in the virtual meeting: Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director; Jennifer Michaelsen, Deputy Director; Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist; and, Krishna Poe, Programs and Projects Specialist.

3. REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Board Surveys**

Chairwoman Shreeve encouraged meeting attendees to provide feedback by contacting Board staff and completing a Board Meeting Assessment Survey.

- **Board Member and Staff Appreciation**

Chairwoman Shreeve acknowledged and thanked Board members and staff for their efforts in facilitating the Board's meeting.

- **Continuing education credit for Board meeting attendance**

Chairwoman Shreeve announced that meeting attendees were eligible for education credit. She reported that code words would be provided throughout today's meeting that attendees are to email Board staff within one week of the meeting.

- **Recognition of Ramona Mellott, Ph.D., ASPPB Fellow**

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported that the Board voted to nominate Dr. Mellott for the most prestigious award from the ASPPB. At ASPPB's annual meeting this past October, Dr. Mellott was one of two award recipients to be named as a fellow. Dr. Mellott is the second individual from Arizona that was named as such, and she shares this distinction with Dr. Bohanske.

Chairwoman Shreeve stated that she has tremendous respect for Dr. Mellott's expertise and experience. She stated that Dr. Mellott is a subject matter expert on a multitude of topics, and has vast and broad knowledge of the educational and training requirements that are essential to prepare individuals for the practice of psychology. Dr. Mellott has led the Board in its efforts to continually update through administrative rule revisions of requirements for licensure as a psychologist, due in large part, to her engagement with and her leadership roles within ASPPB. Chairwoman Shreeve thanked Dr. Mellott for her mentorship.

Dr. Mellott recognized that she has served on the Board for fifteen years, she thanked Chairwoman Shreeve for her kind comments, and thanked the Board members for their hard work. Dr. Mellott stated that serving on the Board for the past fifteen years has been very meaningful to help future psychologists as well as current psychologists while ensuring protection of the public. Dr. Mellott also thanked Dr. Bohanske for making the initial nomination.

Dr. Bohanske stated that Arizona could not have a better representative than Dr. Mellott, recognized her experience in counseling and school psychology, and stated that he is thrilled to have served on this Board with her for so many years. Dr. Bohanske further recognized that Dr. Mellott directs one of the largest training programs in Arizona along with her school and psychology programs. Dr. Caterino thanked Dr. Mellott for her mentorship and stated that she looks up to Dr. Mellott as a representative of school psychology and academics in the State of Arizona. Dr. Davey thanked Dr. Mellott on behalf of the Behavioral Analysts on the Board for all of her assistance over the years, recognized her for treating all colleagues with the utmost respect and listening to concerns, taking them to heart, and always moving in a positive direction. Dr. Meier thanked Dr. Mellott for her guidance and her mentorship. Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson thanked Dr. Mellott for her guidance and mentorship over the years, recognized her vast knowledge in education and training requirements for the practice of psychology, and pointed out that Dr. Mellott oversees Northern Arizona University's Behavioral Analyst program as well. She stated that Dr. Mellott's knowledge regarding Behavior Analysts credentialing, education and training is equally as vast as psychology, and commended her for balancing the two. Dr. Gill congratulated Dr. Mellott, and stated he has appreciated her assistance and feedback.

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported that Dr. Bohanske also received an award from ASPPB recognizing his unique and pioneering efforts to launch the interjurisdictional compact for psychology, and because of Dr. Bohanske's efforts to secure Arizona as the first state to adopt the compact, other states have followed. Without that leadership and groundbreaking effort, the interstate compact would not exist as it does today. The aware also recognized Dr. Bohanske for being an instrumental voice and power behind Arizona, making it the first state to enact the interstate compact and for serving as the first Commissioner. Chairwoman Shreeve congratulated Dr. Bohanske and Dr. Mellott, and stated that both awards were very well deserved.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jesse Haggard addressed the Board during the Call to the Public regarding the pending matters relating to Dr. DenBoer, who he alleged harmed thousands of individuals with his license to practice psychology. He stated that he provided the Board with thousands of pages of documents that he believed demonstrated indisputable evidence that Dr. DenBoer has committed thousands of instances of copyright fraud, insurance fraud, and scientific misconduct for personal gain, and that Dr. DenBoer used his license in an unethical, unrespectable,

and inappropriate manner. He urged the Board to revoke Dr. DenBoer's license to ensure that he does not practice psychology in the future in any jurisdiction.

5. COUNSEL UPDATE

AAG Galvin updated the Board regarding the complaint involving Dr. Shanna Sadeh, and reported that Dr. Sadeh's counsel has filed a motion seeking permission from the Court to introduce additional evidence and the State has filed a response to such. AAG Galvin stated she anticipated the Court to deny the motion and the next step in the process is to proceed to briefing the merits of the case. AAG Galvin stated that she would keep the Board apprised of any new developments.

Ms. Laboy joined the virtual meeting around 8:55 a.m.

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

MOTION: Dr. Bohanske moved for the Board to approve the items as listed under the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Dr. Meier

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATIONS

Requesting Approval to Sit for Examination (EPPP) Only

- 1) Gavin Baker, Psy.D.

Requesting Approval to Sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure

- 1) Chelsea Lynn Matteson, Psy.D.
- 2) Samara M. Cerven, Psy.D.

Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver

- 1) Evan Lockary, Psy.D.
- 2) Jody Pennington di Cosola, Psy.D.
- 3) Zara Raskin, Psy.D.

Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition

- 1) Ursula S. Myers, Ph.D.
- 2) Steve M. Jenkins, Ph.D.

D. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

- 1) Brandon Greenberg, M.S.
- 2) Chauntae Gold, M.Ed.

E. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PLAN MODIFICATION REQUEST FROM HEATHER DEGROTE, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE HOLDER PSY-T-000029

TIMED ITEM – 8:30 a.m.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS

This item was considered around 9:01 a.m.

a) Complaint No. 21-03 Robert Mastikian, Psy.D.

Dr. Mastikian and Attorney Natalya Ter-Grigoryan participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter. Complainant KP also participated in the virtual meeting.

Dr. Meier reported that he has reviewed and used Dr. Mastikian's reports in his position at disability determination services, but that it would not affect his ability to adjudicate the case. Dr. Mastikian stated that he had no concerns in proceeding with Dr. Meier's participation in this matter.

Dr. Meier summarized that the Board received a complaint from KP regarding a report authored by Dr. Mastikian that was provided to KP's ex-husband while involved in contentious family court proceedings. KP and her ex-husband divorced in 2017. On May 6, 2019, Dr. Mastikian conducted a consultation with KP's ex-husband and generated a consultation summary report that was submitted to the Court on May 13, 2019. Dr. Mastikian made statements in the consultation report that indicated there appeared to be enough evidence to conclude that KP may have underlying conditions that have contributed to a variety of psychological problems and behaviors which could be signs of specific mental health disorders, and it was strongly recommended that KP complete a more comprehensive psychological evaluation to assess for several mental disorders. KP alleged that Dr. Mastikian's recommendations were solely based on false information provided by the ex-husband, that he never met with KP, and that the consultation summary contained false information.

Dr. Meier further summarized that in his response to the allegations and investigation, Dr. Mastikian asked that the case be dismissed as it is similar to a previous complaint that was dismissed in October 2019, and he believed the complaint did not represent an instance of unethical or unprofessional conduct. Dr. Mastikian reported that he did not diagnose KP, noted in his consultation summary that it was not to be used as a diagnostic tool and disclosed that the ex-husband was the source of the information. Dr. Mastikian also reported that he voluntarily revised the May 6, 2019 consultation summary after receiving feedback at the October Complaint Screening Committee, and that he stopped providing these services. In November of 2020, the Complaint Screening Committee ("CSC") considered this matter and it was determined that there may be a possible violation of A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(dd) as it pertains to 9.01 of the ethics code.

KP informed the Board that Dr. Mastikian's original consultation summary report was admitted into Court during an evidentiary hearing held on May 13, 2019 and was also provided to other practitioners regarding their case. KP reported that opposing counsel used the original report to recommend an independent psychological examination. KP stated that if Dr. Mastikian was concerned about the safety of the children, he should have considered who he needed to protect the children against rather than believing everything the father reported. KP reported that there were three DCS complaints against the father from the child's providers, including his therapist. In response to Chairwoman Shreeve's questions, KP confirmed that she had never met with Dr. Mastikian or spoke with him, and she reported that due to his consultation summary, she proceeded to undergo a psychological examination. In response to Dr. Bohanske's questions, KP reported that she believed Dr. Mastikian's report led to her need to undergo the recommended independent evaluation.

Ms. Ter-Grigoryan stated that Dr. Mastikian's consultation summaries were issued in accordance with the APA code of conduct, included language explicitly indicating that it was not to be used as a diagnostic tool, did not contain diagnoses, and also identified the limits as well as scope and source of the information relied upon in reaching the qualified conclusions and opinions. She stated that Dr. Mastikian's focus when conducting the consultation summary was specific to the fact that one of the children had been diagnosed with a genetic disorder and had special needs and whether or not mother suffered from any mental health conditions or exhibited any behavior that may be consistent with mental health conditions that interfered or undermined her ability to care for the child. Ms. Ter-Grigoryan asked that the case be dismissed given the fact that even prior to revisions, there was sufficient language within the May 2019 summary that fell within the scope of exceptions contained in the code of ethics, and coupled with the fact that KP voluntarily agreed to further evaluation.

Dr. Meier stated that his concerns are related to the fact that the initial report was provided and appeared insufficient, but was entered into evidence at an evidentiary hearing with possible ramifications. He stated that he was also concerned with the licensee's statement in the initial summary indicting that the primary source of information was the ex-husband, leaving it open to suggest that information may have been obtained elsewhere as well. Dr. Mastikian explained that in hindsight, the report should have stated that the information was solely provided by the father. Dr. Mastikian reiterated that he voluntarily revised the report after receiving feedback from the CSC in October 2019. Dr. Meier noted that despite documenting that the report was not to be used as a definitive diagnostic tool, Dr. Mastikian indicated in the report that it was to serve as a screening tool to assess for possible severe mental health conditions. Dr. Mastikian clarified that the purpose of the consultation was to address the father's severe concerns about the mother that he believed were negatively impacting his special needs child's growth and safety. Dr. Mastikian also clarified that he requested records from the father's attorney on numerous occasions and never received anything, and that he never reached out to KP for an interview.

Dr. Caterino questioned the licensee as to how the father came into contact with him and whether or not he also looked at the father with respect to the children's safety. Dr. Mastikian explained that the father's attorney referred him for consultation as he had done with other clients in the past, and that he did not see any signs that caused him to have any safety concerns relating to the father. Chairwoman Shreeve stated her concerns regarding the one-sided assessment given the contentious custody situation, and the licensee judging an individual's mental health when he had not met or spoke to that individual. Dr. Gill stated his concerns of the use of diagnostic impressions within the consultation summary. Dr. Mellott questioned the purpose of the consultation summary, noting that the title of psychologist is a respected by courts to add credibility to what the father was reporting. Dr. Mastikian reiterated that he revised the reports, and that the purpose of the consultation was to provide guidance as to whether there were actual concerns that would warrant filling a motion for KP to complete a more comprehensive evaluation.

During its deliberation discussions, the Board recognized Dr. Mastikian's responsiveness in revising the reports based on the Board's articulated concerns in the prior case. Dr. Meier stated that in this particular case, KP filed a complaint alleging that she was negatively affected by the licensee's initial report. The Board noted that the CSC recommended issuance of a non-disciplinary Letter of Concern for the initial consultation summary report that may have had an impact in the Court's proceedings. Dr. Bohanske recognized Dr. Mastikian's incredible responsiveness in terms of revising his reports. He stated that psychologists have a sacred trust to say and do the right things, to protect and guide families in supporting the children, and that he believed that was the licensee's intention in this matter. Dr. Bohanske agreed with the recommendation to issue a Letter of Concern to resolve this case. Chairwoman Shreeve reiterated her concerns regarding the one-sided consultation, as well as the use of diagnostic impressions within the report summary. Dr. Gill stated his concerns regarding the use of diagnostic language within the initial report and potential for the Court to misconstrue the information. Dr. Gill spoke in support of the recommendation for a Letter of Concern. Dr. Mellott suggested adding a non-disciplinary CE Order requiring the licensee to obtain further education in psychological evaluations.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved for the Board to issue a non-disciplinary Letter of Concern and a Non-Disciplinary Order for Continuing Education for the insufficient use of the consultation that was not in accordance with APA code of ethics 9.01(c), the use of diagnostic impressions within the report that was based solely on the father's allegations. Within six months, the licensee shall complete 10 hours of CE in psychological evaluations. The CE hours shall be in addition to the hours required for license renewal.

SECOND: Dr. Gill

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member voted against the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 8-yay, 1-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

TIMED ITEM – 9:00 a.m.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSE FOR JOHN DENBOER PH.D., IN CASE NOS. 16-22, 18-25, 18-26, 19-02, 19-04, 20-11, 20-17, 20-42, 16-39, 16-53 AND 17-23, AND POSSIBLE MOTION TO VACATE THE INFORMAL INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 10, 2020

Dr. DenBoer was not present during the Board's consideration of this matter. Attorney Jeff Hunter participated in the virtual meeting on behalf of Dr. DenBoer.

Ms. Michaelsen reported that there were 8 pending complaints against Dr. DenBoer. At its May 2020 meeting, Dr. DenBoer appeared for an informal interview for three cases, at which time the Board found violations for all cases and held off on adjudication until such time that the remaining cases were completed. On October 22, 2020, the Board held a special meeting to conduct an informal interview with Dr. DenBoer relative to the remaining five cases. Dr. DenBoer's license was suspended by operation of law due to non-renewal and having pending Board complaints. At the October 22, 2020 meeting, Dr. DenBoer relayed that he currently does not reside in Arizona and has no plans to return or practice in Arizona in the near future. The Board at that time inquired as to whether he would be interested in a voluntary surrender of his license, and voted to continue the matters to allow the licensee time to consult with his counsel and research whether voluntarily surrendering his Arizona psychology license would prevent him from applying elsewhere.

On November 25, 2020, the Board's staff received a proposed disciplinary Consent Agreement that indicated Dr. DenBoer agreed to voluntary relinquishment of his license. Board staff worked with the AAG and made revisions to the Consent Agreement to indicate voluntary surrender and added to the Findings of Fact, which was then sent back to Dr. DenBoer for his consideration and signature. Thereafter, Dr. DenBoer through counsel requested a few revisions that were approved by Board staff and the AAG, and on December 3, 2020, the staff received the signed Consent Agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the Consent Agreement, upon Dr. DenBoer's reapplication for licensure in the future, the Board reserves the right to review all pending complaints and his licensure history in determining his qualifications for licensure at that time. The Consent Agreement also stipulates that the cases subject of the 2018 Order are adjudicated within the entry of the Order for voluntary surrender, which would serve as the final disposition for all cases and would become effective today if accepted by the Board. Board staff clarified that the Consent Agreement is disciplinary and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

Mr. Hunter stated that the Consent Agreement effectuates the wishes of Dr. DenBoer as well as the Board, and asked that it be approved.

Dr. Bohanske spoke in support of the Board accepting the Consent Agreement for voluntary surrender of licensure from Dr. DenBoer.

MOTION: Dr. Bohanske moved for the Board to accept the proposed Consent Agreement for voluntary surrender of licensure from Dr. DenBoer.

SECOND: Dr. Meier

Dr. Gill stated his concerns regarding Dr. DenBoer's ability to apply for psychology licensure in another jurisdiction. The Board recognized that in the event that the psychologist applies for licensure in another state, the information that will be reported to the NPDB will be accessible to other licensing and regulatory boards.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

9. INFORMAL INTERVIEWS* - JOHN DENBOER, PH.D.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO ALLEGATIONS OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, POSSIBLE DISCIPLINE AND/OR POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION WITH DR. JOHN DENBOER'S CURRENT CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR CASE NOS. 16-39, 16-53, AND 17-23 OR REFERRAL TO A FORMAL HEARING

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| a) Complaint No. 16-22 | John DenBoer, Ph.D. |
| b) Complaint No. 19-04 | John DenBoer, Ph.D. |
| c) Complaint No. 20-11 | John DenBoer, Ph.D. |
| d) Complaint No. 20-17 | John DenBoer, Ph.D. |
| e) Complaint No. 20-42 | John DenBoer, Ph.D. |

MOTION: Dr. Bohanske moved for the Board to vacate Agenda Item No. 9.

SECOND: Dr. Davey

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

10. CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL INTERVIEWS IN CASE NUMBERS 18-25, 18-26 AND 19-02 AGAINST DR. JOHN DENBOER RELATING TO POSSIBLE IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS VIOLATIONS FOUND ON MAY 8, 2020

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to vacate Agenda Item No. 10.

SECOND: Dr. Bohanske

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS ARE UNTIMED AND MAY BE DISCUSSED AND DECIDED UPON AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE MEETING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (“LRC”)

- a. **Consider the efforts of the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (“PCSAS”) to achieve recognition as an accreditation entity for doctoral psychology education programs (A.R.S. § 32-2071.01(C))**

Dr. Meier was recused from this item and only participated as a member of the public.

Stakeholders from the University of Arizona, including David Sbarro, Ph.D., and Sabrina Vazquez of the University’s Legislative Affairs, participated in the virtual meeting during the Board’s consideration of this matter, made statements and answered Board members’ questions.

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen summarized that over the past several meetings, the Board has engaged in dialogue with representatives from the University of Arizona (“U of A”) and Arizona State University (“ASU”) who are seeking a statutory change to recognize PCSAS as an accreditor of psychological education programs. At its last meeting, the Board requested the representatives provide additional information for the Board’s consideration and the information was subsequently provided and included a copy of accreditation standards and criteria, a sample accreditation renewal self-study prepared by U of A, FAQ material and letters of support.

Ms. Vazquez stated that they understood the Board has taken no position on the legislation and that they hoped to collaborate with the Board going forward. She stated that they have not chosen a sponsor as of yet, but planned to do so within the next week and that the Arizona Psychology Association has not taken a position.

Dr. Meier addressed the Board regarding his perspective as a licensed psychologist and faculty member in the Department of Psychology at ASU. He stated that the proposed statutory change would create parity between PCSAS and APA’s commission on accreditation solely for the purpose of curriculum requirements for licensure as a psychologist in Arizona. He stated that this parity would not change the practicum, internship or postdoctoral training requirements, and that it would not impact the requirement to pass the EPPP. Dr. Meier stated that ASU and U of A provide high quality clinical training with higher EPPP passing rates than programs not accredited by PCSAS, and that the majority of trained clinical psychology programs are PCSAS members. He stated that PCSAS does not pose any potential harm to any Arizona citizens and may benefit the public by furthering the development and application of psychological science.

Chairwoman Shreeve recognized that the Board has taken no position on the proposed legislation. Dr. Gill questioned whether the stakeholders have reached out to different programs to discuss upgrading their training. Dr. Mellott recognized that PCSAS has very specific clinical psychology programs.

Dr. Bohanske stated that evolution of psychology is important to Arizona citizens, the psychology profession, and to current training programs. Dr. Bohanske stated that he does not see APA as leading the charge in evolving psychology. He stated that the national association that oversees all 64 boards, ASPPB, has not supported PCSAS and pointed out that if the Board takes a position in support of this, it would be taking a position contrary to its colleagues across the nation. Dr. Bohanske stated that the Board should be mindful of the fact that the individuals who have spoken in opposition of PCSAS include executive directors and leadership of fellow boards. He stated that PCSAS has developed their position through unique methods and recognized that PCSAS has demonstrated improvement through their website and documentation, and have become clearer in what they are doing. Dr. Bohanske pointed out that each student who has passed the EPPP and did well to move on to become a psychologist came from an APA program. He stated that they may have also had PCSAS, but have gone through an APA approved program,

and stated that he is not in favor of misleading the legislature or public by PCSAS claiming to be better when their students are doing exactly what the Board would expect in terms of attending an appropriately accredited school. Dr. Bohanske reiterated the importance of the psychology field evolving, and the need for psychologists whose research is practical in terms of what is best in public health, what is best in policy decisions that affect the future of disabled children and the developmentally disabled, and what makes sense for those less fortunate. Dr. Bohanske stated that based solely on the concept that was presented by the representatives last time relative to how PCSAS may evolve psychology into areas of public interest, support and need, he would vote to support to include PCSAS as an alternative, not equivalent, to APA accreditation for their educational programs.

Dr. Gill spoke in favor of the Board taking a neutral position in this matter. The Board noted that the draft bill was not provided for review. Ms. Vazquez clarified that the proposed legislation included the same language that was submitted last year, and offered to return to the Board's next meeting with the language in order to receive full support from the Board. Dr. Bohanske spoke in favor of the Board taking a position of support. Dr. Mellott offered language for a motion to support the parity in terms of recognizing PCSAS as an alternative to meeting the current education requirements. Dr. Mellott recognized that doing so would not create a problem for non-PCSAS programs.

MOTION: Dr. Bohanske moved for the Board to support the parity in terms of recognizing PCSAS as an alternative to meeting educational requirements as stated in the licensing requirements of the Board.

SECOND: Dr. Mellott

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill and Ms. Laboy. The following Board member was recused: Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

b. Update on the topic of regulation of Independent Medical Examinations (“IMEs”) as performed by psychologists

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen summarized that the Medical Board's statutes allow them to investigate complaints received involving IMEs if the complaint is specific to possible unprofessional conduct and standard of care, and does not involve dispute of the findings of the IME. She stated that staff has been engaged in conversations with the Governor's Office relative to this matter, and that based on their advisement, received stakeholder input from the Arizona Psychology Association indicating that they had no concerns with the Board proceeding with introducing language that is similar or identical to that of the Medical Board. The Executive Director reported that the staff has yet to receive a response from the Arizona Industrial Commission. Chairwoman Shreeve recognized the progress made in this matter.

c. Review the summary of proposed statute revisions to introduce in the 2021 Fifty-fifth Arizona State Legislature

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen summarized for the Board legislative changes that were already approved as recommended by the LRC, as well as new proposed changes from the recent meeting of the LRC. She stated that the Board has already approved the resurrection of House Bill 2224 and all of its elements as well as modifications to A.R.S. §§ 32-2081 and 32-2091.09 to clarify that not all complaints are required to go before the CSC before forwarding to the Board, particularly in situations where staff and the Board's counsel feel that the information received raises concern that the public health, safety and welfare is at risk.

The LRC has recommended three additional modifications, two of which are specific to A.R.S. § 32-2071, subsections (f)(6) and (g)(5), to eliminate the identical sentences that restrict the Board's ability to promulgate rule changes to make telehealth practice less restrictive.

MOTION: Dr. Bohanske moved for the Board to proceed with the changes as recommended by the LRC and outlined by the Executive Director.

SECOND: Dr. Meier

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen summarized that the Board has had ongoing conversations about how to effectively and appropriately address the issue of individuals who have completed the postdoctoral training experience and have not yet passed EPPP or received a license. The Board previously considered and discussed requiring these individuals to remain under the supervision of a licensed psychologist and had also considered adopting a Substantive Policy Statement to establish this requirement. Ultimately, the LRC recommended that a statutory revision was needed to insert that language as a requirement.

Dr. Mellott proposed that the Board specify the number of hours for which the individual should meet with their supervisor and whether or not a payment clause is needed. Dr. Bohanske spoke against requiring the supervisor to be a licensed psychologist and proposed requiring the supervisor to be a licensed behavioral health professional. Chairwoman Shreeve stated her concerns regarding allowing supervision by an individual that is not a licensed psychologist. The Board discussed allowing behavioral health professionals to supervise psychology applicants who have yet to finish their licensing requirements, and that the individual's scope of practice during that time is that of a behavioral health technician. Dr. Mellott commented that the supervisor would need to be an appropriately credentialed behavioral health professional, as she noted that there are some psychology duties that cannot be supported by supervision from a behavioral health technician. Dr. Mellott questioned how boards in other states have addressed this issue. Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen offered to research the information further and report back to the Board.

The Board discussed temporary licensure, noting that the duration of the license is three years and that some individuals who receive temporary licensure do not go on to obtain a regular license or take the EPPP and continue to work under the temporary license for the duration of the three years. Dr. Caterino agreed that the individuals who have not received a license should continue supervision under a licensed psychologist, and that there should be restrictions on paying for supervision as she sees it as a conflict of interest. Dr. Meier spoke in favor of requiring the temporary license as part of the licensure process as it would place those individuals under this Board's jurisdiction.

Dr. Mellott suggested forwarding the topic of temporary licensure to the LRC for further review, comment, and recommendations for the Board's consideration. Dr. Davey questioned whether a mechanism existed for the Board to require supervision prior to licensure for individuals who have already completed the required postdoctoral experience hours. He also spoke in favor of Dr. Mellott's suggestion to research how other states have addressed this issue. Dr. Davey stated his concerns regarding how implementing new requirements may potentially impact the Behavioral Analysts who hold certification but are awaiting licensure. Chairwoman Shreeve instructed the Board staff to research how other states have addressed this issue and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported that the Board has secured Senator-elect Nancy Barto as a sponsor for the proposed legislative changes. She stated that this next Legislative Session is still unclear in terms of what bill topics may be considered, and that staff will continue to monitor the situation and keep the Board updated on any new developments.

12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSURE AND REGULATORY ISSUES RELATIVE TO COVID-19

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen informed the Board that this item is agendaized during the Board's meetings to discuss any matters related to the current pandemic if the need arises. No discussion was held.

13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ELECTION OF 2021 OFFICERS

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported that she received two self-nominations: Dr. Davis-Wilson expressed her interest in serving in any capacity as needed, including as Chair, and Dr. Davey indicated that he would be willing to serve in the roles of Vice-Chair or Secretary.

MOTION: Dr. Gill moved for the Board to elect Dr. Davis-Wilson as Board Chair.

SECOND: Dr. Meier

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson moved for the Board to elect Dr. Davey as Board Vice-Chair.

SECOND: Dr. Meier

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

Dr. Mellott nominated Dr. Meier to serve in the role of Board Secretary and Dr. Meier accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to elect Dr. Meier as Board Secretary.

SECOND: Dr. Caterino

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

Chairwoman Shreeve congratulated the elected 2021 Board Officers, and stated that it has been a pleasure serving as Board Chair. Board members stated their appreciation for Chairwoman's Shreeve service to the Board as Chair. Dr. Caterino thanked her, Dr. Gill stated that she did a great job, and Dr. Mellott stated that she did a wonderful job as Chair. Dr. Mellott also recognized and thanked the Executive Director for her hard work in relation to her nomination. In response to a question Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen affirmed that she has been appointed to ASPPB's Annual Meeting Planning Committee as well as to the Disciplinary Issues Committee.

14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RE-APPLICATION FROM AGNES MCKAY, PSY.D.

Ms. Fowkes summarized that Dr. McKay submitted her reapplication with a request for medically-related accommodations. She stated that Dr. McKay provided a letter of support from her provider, and she clarified that the accommodations request related to taking the exam in a separate room. Dr. Mellott stated she found that the request was reasonable.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to approve Dr. McKay's reapplication.

SECOND: Dr. Meier

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

15. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were suggested.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson moved for adjournment.

SECOND: Dr. Gill

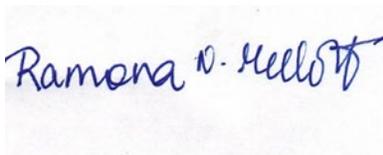
VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Shreeve, Vice-Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Gill, Ms. Laboy and Dr. Meier. The following Board member was absent: Mr. Dynar.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board's meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ramona Mellott, Ph.D.
Secretary