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Application Review Committee

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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING  
February 1, 2016  
7:30 a.m.**

1400 West Washington  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Application Review Committee was called to order by Madam Chair Mellott at 7:35 a.m. on February 1, 2016. No Executive Sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Participating by Telephone**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Chair  
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.

**Staff Present**

Cindy Olvey, Psy.D. – Executive Director  
Heather Duracinski – Licensing Coordinator

**Assistant Attorney General**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS**

**Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) Only**

Kyle Picora, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Picora'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. Picora's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Suzanne Botello, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Botello's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Botello answered "yes" to question #20 of the application otherwise the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the

requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Botello's application to the full Board for further review of her "yes" response to question #20 of the application.

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of Kyle Picora, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and to forward the application of Suzanne Botello, Ph.D., to the full Board for further review of her "yes" response to question #20 of the application. The motion carried 2-0.

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

Adrian Fletcher, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Fletcher'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. Fletcher's reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Carolina Prieto, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Prieto'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. Prieto's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Gary Tenney, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Tenney's application and subsequent submission. 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. Tenney's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Sherri Ruggiero, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Ruggiero's application. Upon review of her Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form, the Committee noted that her experiences at Northern Arizona University, College of Education, EPS 660 (1/2011-5/2011) and EPS 737 (1/2011-5/2011) do not meet the requirement of Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R4-26-210(A)(2). Additionally, upon review of her Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from Northern Arizona University, College of Education, EPS 740 (1/2013-5/2013), the Committee noted that her Professor, Eugene Moan, Ed.D., indicated that Dr. Ruggiero obtained 167 experience hours. Dr. Moan's subsequent calculations indicated that Dr. Ruggiero received six hours of individual supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c). At this time Dr. Ruggiero is 2.35 hours deficient in meeting the individual supervision requirement. The Committee is requesting clarification as to the number of individual supervision hours she received. The Committee noted that it can apply 160.75 hours in preinternship, 2,000 hours in internship and 800 hours in postdoctoral experience toward licensure. At this time Dr. Ruggiero remains 37.25 hours deficient in meeting the 3,000 hour supervised work experience requirement (A.R.S. §32-2071(D)). The Committee noted that Dr. Ruggiero is currently completing postdoctoral experience and that she may wish to submit additional postdoctoral experience to meet the 3,000 supervised work experience requirement.

Thomas Barber, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Barber's application. Upon review of his Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from the Counseling and Diagnostic Center, the Committee noted that his Program Dean, Michael Leach, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Barber obtained 867.5 experience hours. Dr. Leach's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Barber obtained 39 hours of Individual Supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(4)(c). At this time Dr. Barber is 4.4

hours deficient in meeting the individual supervision requirement. The Committee is requesting clarification as to the number of individual supervision hours he received. Upon review of his Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from the Greater Southwest Consortium/Counseling & Diagnostic Center, the Committee noted that his supervisor, Michael Leach, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Barber worked 41 hours per week for 52 weeks and obtained 2,133 total internship hours. The Committee cannot accept more than 40 hours worked per week pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(H). The Committee noted that it can only accept 2,080 of Dr. Barber's internship hours (40 hours per week for 52 weeks = 2,080). The Committee is requesting that a new Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form be completed that reflects the 2,080 internship hours he can apply toward licensure.

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Adrian Fletcher, Psy.D., Carolina Prieto, Psy.D., and Gary Tenney, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and to issue additional information request letters to Sherri Ruggiero, Ph.D., and Thomas Barber, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies noted in their applications. The motion carried 2-0.

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

Aisha Devera, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Devera's application and subsequent submission. 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. Devera's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the application of Aisha Devera, Psy.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential**

Eva Maldonado-Renta, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Maldonado-Renta'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. Maldonado-Renta's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the application of Eva Maldonado-Renta, Psy.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **Requesting Approval of Supervised Professional Experience Hours & Licensure**

Felicia Wilson, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Wilson'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. Wilson's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of Felicia Wilson, Psy.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS**

##### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Experience**

Lia Triboulet, M.Ed. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Triboulet’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 Ms. Triboulet’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Emily Davis, M.Ed. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Davis’ 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 Ms. Davis’ application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Heather O’Shea, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. O’Shea’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. O’Shea’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Leah Sloterbeek, M.S. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Sloterbeek’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 Ms. Sloterbeek’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Mia Savard, M.A. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Savard’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 Ms. Savard’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Nicholas Ascolese, M.S. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Mr. Ascolese’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 Mr. Ascolese’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Lia Triboulet, M.Ed., Emily Davis, M.Ed., Heather O’Shea, Ph.D., Leah Sloterbeek, M.S., Mia Savard, M.A. and Nicholas Ascolese, M.S., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

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

There were no new items for future agendas.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Brundage made motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 a.m. The motion carried 2-0.

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**Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.**  
**Application Review Committee Chair**