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### *Regular Session Meeting Minutes*

**Held virtually via Zoom on November 4, 2022**

#### ***Board Members***

Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA – Chair  
Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D – Vice-Chair  
Linda Caterino, Ph.D., ABPP – Secretary  
Aditya Dynar, Esq.  
Diana Medina, Ph.D.  
Mathew A. Meier, Psy.D.  
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.  
Tamara Shreeve, MPA  
Joseph Stewart, Ed.D.  
Todd Wynn, M.A.

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

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson called the Board's meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

The following Board members participated in the virtual meeting: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier (left at 12:29 p.m.), Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn. The following Board members were not present in the virtual meeting: Mr. Dynar.

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

The following Board staff participated in the virtual meeting: Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director; Jennifer Michaelsen, Deputy Director; Marc Harris, Assistant Attorney General (left at 12:52 p.m.); Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General (joined at 9:41 a.m.); Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist and Krishna Poe, Projects Specialist.

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

- **Board Survey**

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

- **Board Member and Staff Appreciation**

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson acknowledged and thanked Board members and staff for their hard work and efforts in facilitating the Board's meetings.

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

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson announced that meeting attendees were eligible for continuing education credit if the meeting exceeded four hours.

- **Election of Ramona Mellott, Ph.D., to the ASPPB Board of Directors**

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson announced that in October 2022, Dr. Mellott was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards. Dr. Mellott stated she is honored and thanked the Board.

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

There were no requests to speak from the public.

#### **5. COUNSEL UPDATE**

Ms. Galvin stated that a Formal Hearing is scheduled for November 17, 2022 regarding Dr. Austin McCall's matter.

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

**Dr. Caterino abstained from voting on the October 7, 2022, and the October 12, 2022, Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes.**

**Chairwoman Davis-Wilson abstained from voting on the October 12, 2022, Emergency Meeting regular and executive session meeting minutes.**

**Dr. Caterino noted a typographical error in the minutes. Staff will work with Dr. Caterino to make the correction to the minutes.**

**MOTION: Mr. Wynn moved for the Board to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda.  
SECOND: Dr. Davey.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn.  
VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.  
MOTION PASSED.**

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

- **October 7, 2022 Regular Session Minutes**
- **October 7, 2022 Executive Session Minutes**
- **October 12, 2022 Emergency Meeting Minutes**
- **October 12, 2022 Emergency Meeting Executive Session Minutes**

#### **B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **C. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATIONS**

##### **Requesting Approval to Sit for the EPPP & Licensure**

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| 1) Rani Hantla, Psy.D.          | Parts 1 & 2                 |
| 2) Sarah Mejia, Ph.D.           | Parts 1 & 2                 |
| 3) Robyn Nicole Malmsten, Ph.D. | Part 2 Only (Passed Part 1) |

**Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver**

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| 1) Enrique Gracian, Ph.D.      | Licensed in Another State         |
| 2) Adelina Alkhatib, Psy.D.    | Temp License – Passed Parts 1 & 2 |
| 3) Amy Marie Bissinger, Psy.D. | Licensed in Another State         |

**Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential (ABPP, CPQ or National Register)**

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| 1) Angela Adams, Psy.D. | n/a |
| 2) Laura Hughes, Psy.D. | n/a |

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

- 1) Eric Elewodal, M.Ed.
- 2) Darieika Boizan Calzado, M.Ed.S.P.E.
- 3) Keith Kramer, M.A.
- 4) Marilyn Gonzalez Esparza, M.A.
- 5) Deanna Apodaca Rocha, M.A.
- 6) Anne Whitten, M.Ed.
- 7) Zackary Sinex, M.S.
- 8) Kayla Williams, M.A.
- 9) Keisha Muhammad, M.S.
- 10) Christina Imgrund, M.A.

**E. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PLAN MODIFICATION FROM JENNIFER NANSON, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000002**

**F. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PLAN MODIFICATION FROM JODI TICHI, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000051**

**G. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PLAN MODIFICATION FROM XANAT I. MARTINEZ, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000039**

**H. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PLAN MODIFICATION FROM YANELY TARIN, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000050**

**I. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO RETAKE THE EPPP FROM YANELY TARIN, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000050**

**TIMED ITEM – 9:30 a.m.**

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO THE PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND RECOMMENDED DECISION BY JUDGE JENNA CLARK IN CASE NO. 23F-2305-PSY REGARDING KEEVER CZLAPINSKI AND ISSUANCE OF FINAL DECISION**

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson stated that Assistant Attorney General, Marc Harris, is present and is

representing the Board. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson stated that Assistant Attorney General, Jeanne Galvin, is present and is representing the State. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson provided a summary of the proceedings and confirmed with each Board member that they reviewed the transcript.

Mr. Czlapinski was not present.

Ms. Galvin provided oral argument stating that the formal hearing for this matter was held at the Office of Administrative Hearings on September 21, 2022. Judge Jenna Clark issued her recommended decision on October 25, 2022. The Board was provided with Judge Clark's recommended decision. Ms. Galvin stated that the state is requesting modifications/corrections to the findings of fact. Ms. Galvin requested that the Board accept the modifications/corrections to the findings of fact. Ms. Galvin reviewed the conclusions of law and requested that the Board accept specific conclusions of law. Ms. Galvin explained that conclusions of law 10 and 13 should be rejected as the State did not present ethical violations. Ms. Galvin requested that the Board accept Judge Clark's recommendation to accept the summary suspension and revocation of Mr. Czlapinski's license.

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson reviewed the Board's options.

**MOTION: Ms. Shreeve moved to accept the Findings of Fact with the non-substantive clerical corrections recommended by the State.**  
**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn.**  
**VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION: Ms. Shreeve moved to accept conclusions of law 1-9 and 14-18 and to reject conclusions of law 10-13.**  
**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

Mr. Harris explained that recent legislative changes requires the Board to meet and confer prior to rejecting an Administrative Law Judges conclusions of law.

Ms. Shreeve asked Ms. Galvin to provide clarification as to why the Board should reject conclusions of law 10-13. Ms. Galvin explained that conclusions of law 10-13 indicate that Mr. Czlapinski violated ethical codes. Ms. Galvin further explained that the State did not present any evidence that Mr. Czlapinski violated ethical codes.

Ms. Shreeve withdrew her motion and Dr. Stewart withdrew his second.

**MOTION: Ms. Shreeve moved that the Board meet and confer for the purpose of rejecting or modifying conclusions of law 10-13.**  
**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn.**  
**VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

Mr. Harris stated that it would be appropriate to table the Board's decision regarding the Board Order. Mr. Harris stated that the Board can consider the Board Order at its meet and confer. Ms. Galvin requested that

Board staff notify the Office of Administrative Hearings regarding the Board’s decision to reject conclusions of law.

**TIMED ITEM – 11:00 a.m.**

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE FOR AUSTIN MCCALL, PSY.D., IN COMPLAINT NO. 23F-2047-PSY, INCLUDING POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF CASE NO. 21F-2003-PSY**

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson stated that this matter is before the Board to consider Dr. McCall’s request for an Informal Settlement Conference in lieu of a Formal Hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson reminded Board members that this matter was previously referred to a Formal Hearing. Assistant Attorney General, Jeanne Galvin, is present and is representing the State and Assistant Attorney General, Marc Harris, is present and is representing the Board.

Dr. McCall and her attorney, Tammy Thibodeau, were present. Ms. Thibodeau stated that some of the information for this matter should not be heard in public session.

**MOTION: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson moved to go into Executive Session to review confidential health information and to subsequently obtain confidential legal advice from the Board’s attorney.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn.**

**VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board met in Executive from 12:31 p.m. to 12:49 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, Board members deliberated. Ms. Shreeve opined that the Board previously discussed this case and no new information has been presented. Board members concurred with Ms. Shreeve.

**MOTION: Ms. Shreeve moved to proceed to a Formal Hearing as scheduled.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn.**

**VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board recessed from 12:52 p.m. - 1:17 p.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**

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO REHABILITATION AND MONITORING PROGRAM (RAMP) PARTICIPANT 2022-01**

**MOTION: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson moved to go into Executive Session to maintain confidentiality of the RAMP participant, to review confidential health information and to obtain confidential legal advice from the Board’s attorney.**

**SECOND: Dr. Meier.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn. VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse. MOTION PASSED.**

Ms. Galvin stated that Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Charles Hover, is present and requested that he be permitted to participate in Executive Session.

The Board met in Executive Session from 11:09 a.m. to 12:27 p.m.

**MOTION: Ms. Shreeve moved to proceed in this matter as discussed in Executive Session. SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn. The following Board member abstained from voting on the motion: Dr. Caterino. VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 1-abstain, 0-recuse. MOTION PASSED.**

Dr. Meier left the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

#### **10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS TO REFER TO THE BACB INFORMATION CONCERNING SUPERVISION DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY AMANDA KELLY, BCBA-D**

Ms. Paakkonen provided a summary to the Board stating that this matter was reviewed by the Committee on Behavior Analysts (CBA). Dr. Kelly is a behavior analyst in Colorado and provided supervision for an applicant applying for licensure in Arizona. Dr. Kelly initially submitted supervision documentation in support of applicant's application. Subsequently, Dr. Kelly submitted correspondence to the Board indicating that the previous documentation she submitted was not correct.

Dr. Kelly was present, requested to speak and made a statement. Dr. Kelly confirmed that the initial supervision form she submitted for the applicant was incorrect. Dr. Kelly confirmed that when she was questioned about her answers on the supervision form she immediately took corrective action. Dr. Kelly attested that there was no intent to deceive or mislead the Board. Dr. Kelly provided an explanation of her actions, her confusion of the application process and her confusion of the Board process.

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson opined that there is confusion between jurisdictions regarding supervision requirements for behavior analysts. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson recognized Dr. Kelly's responsiveness to the Board. Board members concurred with Chairwoman Davis-Wilson and appreciated Dr. Kelly's feedback regarding the Board's process. Board members discussed other jurisdictions that are preparing to require licensure for behavior analysts.

**MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to take no action on the Committee on Behavior Analysts recommendation. SECOND: Ms. Shreeve.**

Dr. Davey encouraged Dr. Kelly to become familiar with jurisdictions' licensure processes prior to completing a supervision form for a behavior analyst.

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn. VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS REGARDING THE FOLLOWING LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS**

**a. Tristan Lyle, M.S.**

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson provided a summary stating that the Board's Committee on Behavior Analysts (CBA) reviewed Mr. Lyle's reinstatement request. Mr. Lyle's license expired in January 2022. Mr. Lyle attested that he did practice approximately 56 hours during the time that his license was expired. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson stated that the CBA is recommending that the Board accept Mr. Lyle's reinstatement request and to discuss Mr. Lyle's unlicensed practice at a future CBA meeting.

**MOTION: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson moved to reinstate Mr. Lyle's license and to discuss Mr. Lyle's unlicensed practice at a future meeting.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR NICOLE LEPERA, PH.D.**

Ms. Poe provided a summary stating that Dr. LePera submitted her 2022 license renewal application. Dr. LePera disclosed on her renewal application that she is currently the subject of an investigation with the Pennsylvania Psychology Board

Dr. LePera's attorney, Flynn Carey, Esq., was present on her behalf and requested to make a statement. Mr. Carey stated that the investigations are in the early process so there is minimal documentation and information to provide to the Board. Mr. Carey requested that the Board grant Dr. LePera's renewal and to address the investigations in Pennsylvania after the adjudication of the investigations. Ms. Poe provided historical information stating that the Board has typically asked licensees to keep the Board apprised of the matter in these instances. Dr. Stewart asked Mr. Carey to confirm that the investigations against Dr. LePera are not regarding her practice as a psychologist. Mr. Carey confirmed that it does not appear that the investigations are related to Dr. LePera's practice as a psychologist.

**MOTION: Mr. Wynn moved to grant Dr. LePera's renewal and to request that Dr. LePera keep the Board apprised of the status of the investigations against her in Pennsylvania.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:33 a.m.

**13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATION RESOURCES FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Paakkonen provided a summary stating that several Board members have attended the new Board member training through the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). During the training it was recommended that Board members establish an email account specific for Board purposes. Ms. Paakkonen reminded Board members that an individual can request email communication as part of a public records request. Ms. Paakkonen summarized the Board's options in establishing an email account specific for Board purposes. Dr. Davey asked Ms. Paakkonen to explain the process for Board members' obtaining a google email through the State. Ms. Paakkonen clarified the process and the cost to set up State email accounts for Board members. Dr. Mellott opined that it may be difficult for some individuals to track more than one email account. Dr. Meier opined that Board members should be responsible for maintaining their own email accounts. Dr. Caterino asked whether it could be up to the Board member if they wish to obtain a State email account. Ms. Shreeve asked Mr. Harris to clarify what emails are discoverable. Mr. Harris answered stating that all email communication is discoverable. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson provided clarification as to how emails are distributed in a public records request. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson suggested that Board members obtain a google suite account but each Board member may determine which email account to utilize. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson opined that file transmissions would be more secure if each Board member had a google suite account. Dr. Caterino expressed concern that information being transmitted may not be as secure as it could be. Board members discussed individualization of Board documents to prevent Board members from opening materials in which a Board member may be recused from.

**MOTION: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson moved to direct Board staff to set up google suite accounts through the State for each Board member.**

**SECOND: Dr. Mellott.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

#### **14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EPPP PART TWO CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Paakkonen stated that at the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's (ASPPB) October 2022 meeting, there was discussion that focused on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) Part 2. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the University of Arizona's Psychology Program distributed an email expressing concern with the EPPP Part 2. At the ASPPB meeting Ms. Paakkonen learned that the ASPPB Board of Directors adopted a motion which will become effective January 1, 2026. The motion was to recognize that the EPPP is a two part exam, Part I (knowledge) and Part II (skills). In January 2026, jurisdictions will be required to recognize the EPPP Part 2 if the jurisdiction wishes to require the EPPP Part 1.

A liaison from the Arizona Psychology Association (AzPA), Dr. Melissa Flint, was present. Dr. Flint stated that concerns with the EPPP Part 2 is the lack of resources to prepare for the EPPP Part 2 and the cost of the EPPP Part 2. Dr. Flint stated that applicants are having to retake the EPPP Part 2 several times because of the lack of resources to prepare for the EPPP Part 2. Dr. Flint requested the Board's support to petition ASPPB to compile data on the EPPP Part 2. Dr. Flint stated that, to date, ASPPB has declined to release data on the EPPP Part 2. Dr. Stewart referenced the email from the University of Arizona expressing concerns with the EPPP Part 2. Dr. Stewart opined that the Board should petition ASPPB to release data concerning pass rates for the EPPP Part 2. Ms. Shreeve expressed concern that the Board is requiring an applicant to take an exam in which no study materials are provided. Mr. Wynn expressed concern with requiring the EPPP Part 2 as it appears that the EPPP Part 1 is sufficient. Dr. Meier provided clarification stating that the biggest issue is ASPPB refuses to release data on the EPPP Part 2. Dr. Meier stated that the Board has expressed its concern to ASPPB for several years. Ms. Paakkonen provided clarification that the Board's statutes are broad



therefore the Board did not have to go through the legislative or rulemaking process to require the EPPP Part 2. Ms. Shreeve opined that the Board does not have to require the EPPP Part 2 at this time. Dr. Mellott provided historical information regarding the repeal of the State's oral exam and why the Board determined it needed a skills exam. Dr. Mellott stated that ASPPB's website does provide information on which subjects are included in the EPPP Part 2. Dr. Caterino stated that a study guide should be available on the EPPP Part 2 in January 2023.

Because Ms. Galvin was not present during the beginning portion of this discussion, Ms. Paakkonen provided a summary of the Board's previous discussion. Ms. Shreeve expressed her concern that ASPPB is not releasing data regarding the EPPP Part 2 and that ASPPB is not providing study materials on the EPPP Part 2. Dr. Mellott suggested that the Board compile its own data on applicant's that have not passed the EPPP Part 2. Ms. Paakkonen stated that she has compiled data on applicant's that have taken the EPPP Part 2 for Arizona. Ms. Paakkonen stated that out of 44 test takers, the average number of attempts to pass the EPPP Part 2 was 1.28%. Ms. Paakkonen indicated that the Board has two outliers in the data she compiled. Ms. Paakkonen stated that out of the Board's 42 test takers, 69% are passing on the first attempt and 28% are passing on the second attempt. Ms. Shreeve asked about the cost of the EPPP Part 2. Ms. Fowkes stated the fee to take the EPPP Part 2 is \$300.00 and that there is a test center fee of \$87.50. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the Board has the option to lower the retake application fee to minimize the cost burden on the applicant. Dr. Stewart expressed concern that the EPPP Part 2 may decrease the amount of individuals entering the psychology profession. Ms. Fowkes opined that applicants that are prepared to pass the EPPP Part 1 are also prepared to pass the EPPP Part 2. Ms. Shreeve asked what the ramifications may be if an applicant does not sit for the EPPP Part 2. Dr. Mellott explained that beginning in January 2026 all applicants will have to take the EPPP Part 1 and Part 2. Mr. Wynn opined that the EPPP Part 2 is not necessary and asked what the Board's options are. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the American Psychological Association will be accrediting master level psychology programs in the future which is a strategy the Board may consider. Ms. Paakkonen stated that there are currently 17 jurisdictions that license master level professionals. Dr. Medina asked if requiring the EPPP Part 2 has impacted the amount of applications the Board receives each year. Ms. Paakkonen stated that there has been a decrease in the amount of applications the Board has received but, the decrease could be due to COVID, temporary licenses or other factors. Dr. Mellott reminded the Board that ASPPB is made up of Board members from various Jurisdictions. Ms. Galvin stated that it is at the Board's discretion whether it wishes to continue to require the EPPP Part 2. Ms. Galvin stated that the Board may wish to table this item and reach out to stakeholders. Ms. Shreeve asked if staff could look into reducing the fee for the retake exam. Ms. Galvin stated that Board staff can bring suggestions regarding reducing the fee for the retake exam to a future Board meeting. Dr. Medina asked if the Board can discontinue requiring the EPPP Part 2. Board members opined that the Board does not have to require the EPPP Part 2 at this time. Dr. Mellott stated that ASPPB will be providing study materials in January 2023 and suggested that the Board revisit this item after the study materials are released. Board members discussed inviting ASPPB and AzPA to a future meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to table this item to a future meeting in which ASPPB and AzPA will be present.

## **15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE**

Ms. Paakkonen provided a summary to the Board stating that the Board previously reviewed recommendations from the Board's Legislative and Rules Committee. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the Board discussed modifying language to A.R.S. §32-2072(C) to allow an applicant to take the EPPP Part 1 before their degree has been conferred. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the Board did not make a determination regarding a title for a temporary license holder. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the Board previously used the title Licensed Associate Psychologist for a temporary license holder. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the Board discontinued using the title Licensed Associate Psychologist because the Board did not have statutory authority to use the title.

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson stepped away from the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Mr. Wynn clarified that the issue before the Board is to accept the statute and rule changes. Dr. Caterino agreed to allow an applicant to take the EPPP Part 1 before their degree is conferred. Dr. Caterino opined that a temporary license holder should have the title “temporary license”. Ms. Fowkes clarified that a temporary license is valid for 36 months. The Board discussed applicants that no longer hold a temporary license but are working under a licensed psychologist. Ms. Fowkes clarified that Board statute allows for an exemption for an individual who does not hold a temporary license may work under a licensed psychologist as long as the individual's training status is made known to the public. Ms. Fowkes clarified that during COVID the Board issued temporary licenses pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order which caused confusion between the different licenses. Dr. Medina questioned whether the Board should modify statutory language to allow the 36 month temporary license to be renewable. Dr. Medina opined that modifying statutory language would no longer cause confusion regarding the Licensed Associate Psychologist title. Dr. Mellott opined that the Legislative Committee should consider changing the statute to make the temporary license renewable. Ms. Paakkonen clarified that the Board wishes to run legislation for the 2023 session. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the legislative changes include adding the title “Licensed Associate Psychologist” for a temporary license holder. Ms. Fowkes expressed concern with the different sections of statute that need to be modified. Ms. Paakkonen clarified that the Legislative Council reviews the statutes and make modifications as necessary.

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson rejoined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Dr. Medina asked for clarification regarding whether an individual can start accruing postdoctoral hours before obtaining a temporary license. It was the consensus of the Board to table discussing postdoctoral hours to a future meeting.

## **16. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNOR’S REGULATORY REVIEW COUNCIL (GRRC) ON PSYCHOLOGIST AND BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS RULEMAKINGS**

Ms. Paakkonen provided a summary stating that the Board has statutory authority to change/modify the psychologist and behavior analyst continuing education requirements. The rule package that was heard by the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) included changes to the continuing education requirements for psychologists and behavior analysts. The psychologist changes included requiring four (4) hours of continuing education in diversity and the completion of the jurisprudence educational tool (JET). The behavior analyst changes included requiring four (4) hours of continuing education in diversity. Ms. Paakkonen stated that GRRC voiced concerns regarding requiring continuing education in diversity at its study session. Ms. Paakkonen attended GRRC’s meeting in which they either approve or deny the rule package. Ms. Paakkonen stated that GRRC did not approve the changes pertaining to the continuing education portion of the psychologist and behavior analyst rule packages. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the other revisions in the psychologist and behavior analyst rule packages were approved and will move forward. Ms. Paakkonen provided GRRC’s explanation as to why the continuing education portion of the rule packages were not approved. Ms. Paakkonen asked for the Board’s direction regarding the Board’s contract with the development of JET. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the Board is able to cancel the contract at any time. Ms. Paakkonen provided the details of the contract. Additionally, Ms. Paakkonen stated that the vendor developing JET has every intention of completing the project but the Board will not be required to compensate the vendor due to how the contract is written. Ms. Paakkonen stated that since the JET will be completed, the Board has the option of moving forward with legislation to require the JET. Board members discussed whether it could appeal GRRC’s decision to deny the continuing education section of the rule packages. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson suggested utilizing the JET in instances where a Board requires continuing education in resolution of complaints. Ms. Paakkonen confirmed that the Board does not want to pursue statutory change to include the JET. Board members discussed going through the rulemaking process next year. Ms. Paakkonen clarified that other Board’s require “high stake examinations” as part of the renewal process. Ms. Paakkonen explained that the JET is not a high stakes examination. It was the consensus of the Board to revisit this item at a future Board meeting.

## 17. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Mellott requested that an item regarding past convictions of applicants be placed on a future Board agenda.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Mr. Wynn.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davey, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn.**

**VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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