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Committee on Behavior Analysts
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
October 31, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.
Held via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Stenhoff, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

Donald Stenhoff, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA
Tisha Denton, M.Ed., BCBA

Committee Members Absent

Paige Raetz, Ph.D., BCBA-D

Staff Present

Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director
Jennifer Michaelsen, Deputy Director
Zakiya Mallas, Licensing Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

A quorum of the Committee was confirmed.

1. REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

• General Committee Remarks, Announcements and Updates

Dr. Stenhoff expressed his gratitude to the Committee and to the staff for their efforts to prepare for this meeting. Additionally, he thanked applicants, students, and stakeholders for their attendance.

• Continuing Education Credit for Maintenance of BACB Certification

Dr. Stenhoff announced that the Board of Psychologist Examiners is approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) as an ACE continuing education provider. Attending a meeting of the Board's Committee on Behavior Analysts is eligible for continuing education credit for maintenance of BACB

certification. To claim credit, attendees are to make note of the code words provided hourly throughout the meeting. A code word reporting form is posted on the Board's Meetings page.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **September 30, 2022 Regular Session Minutes**

MOTION: Ms. Denton moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Dr. Davis-Wilson seconded the motion

VOTE: The motion was approved 4-0.

- **September 30, 2022 Executive Session Minutes**

MOTION: Ms. Denton moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Dr. Davey seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 3-0 (Dr. Davis-Wilson recused from the vote).

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD:

A. Tristan Lyle, M.S.

Dr. Davis Wilson summarized the reinstatement application of Mr. Lyle, noting that it was received in late September, but his license expired on July 31, 2022. While Mr. Lyle's reinstatement request was submitted within the timeframe allowable for Board staff to approve the application, he admitted to practicing while the license was expired. She indicated that Mr. Lyle explained that because he thought his license was due for renewal in September (rather than July), he completed the majority of his continuing education requirements outside of the current license period. She commented that, ideally, licensees complete their requirements throughout the licensure period as opposed to waiting to near the end of the period.

The Committee discussion reflected that the precedent for matters such as this is to forward the application to the Board with a recommendation for approval, and then to address on a future meeting agenda whether to also recommend an investigation be opened concerning the period of unlicensed practice that the applicant self-disclosed.

MOTION: Dr. Davis-Wilson moved to recommend the Board reinstate Mr. Lyle's license, and to address the allegations of unlicensed practice on a future meeting agenda. Ms. Denton seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 4-0.

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

A. Behavior Analyst Applications for Licensure

1. Eric Elewodal, M.Ed.

The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

2. Darieika Boizan Calzado, M.Ed.S.P.E.

The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

3. Bonnie Keys, M.Ed.

The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules, however the supervision documentation as completed suggests that her supervised hours were provided by several supervisors concurrently. As completed, the notations appear to be duplicative. Additionally, it isn't clear which address is correct. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval once the corrections are received.

4. Shane Manion, M.S.

The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. However, on certain questions of the supervision by verification form, the "no" box is checked. The Committee directed staff to issue a FAIR letter advising the applicant to supply all documentation related to this and other periods of supervised practice in which he participated.

5. Deanna Apodaca Rocha, M.A.

The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

6. Christina Imgrund, M.A.

The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules, with the exception of the fact that one of her former supervisors is not licensed in Idaho as is indicated on the application as Idaho does not currently license behavior analysts. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval once the correction is received.

7. Kayla Williams, M.A.

The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

8. Zackary Sinex, M.S.

Dr. Stenhoff and Dr. Davis-Wilson disclosed for the record that they are former instructors of the applicant, but both indicated they are able to review the application objectively. Mr. Sinex was present for the review of his application. The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

9. Keisha Muhammad, M.S.

The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

10. Anne Whitten, M.Ed.

The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

11. Marilyn Gonzalez Esparza, M. A.

Ms. Gonzalez Esparza was present for the review of her application. The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

12. Keith Kramer, M.A.

Mr. Kramer was present for the review of his application. The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that one listed supervisor, Chelsea Moore, indicated on the verification form that she supplied over 400 hours of supervision to the applicant in Arizona, but she is not licensed in this state. In spite of this, the materials submitted were otherwise complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules as the deduction of the hours does not reduce the number of supervised hours below 1,500. The Committee determined the application can be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

13. Selena Jordan, M.A.

Ms. Jordan was present for the review of her application. The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the applicant acknowledges she no longer has access to the documentation that substantiates she completed 750 hours of supervised fieldwork experience that met the requirements of the BACB. Additionally, the forms she submitted are contemporary forms and are not acceptable copies of the forms that were required at the time the experience was acquired. Finally, one of her former supervisors indicated that he provided supervision only in a group setting and did not include any individual supervision. Ms. Jordan explained to the Committee that her intensive practicum documentation no longer exist. She explained that her transcripts reflect that she completed this experience. When asked whether she requested her former professor to complete a supervision verification form, she was advised that her transcript should be sufficient. The Committee advised that acceptable documents are those that were submitted to the BACB following the completion of her supervised fieldwork. The Committee noted that Arizona's supervised experience verification form can be supplied to Ms. Jordan's former faculty member for purposes of her verifying the 750 hours of the intensive practicum are qualifying for licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved to recommend the following applications be forwarded to the Board for approval: Eric Elewodal, M.Ed.; Darielika Boizan Calzado, M.Ed.S.P.E.; Deanna Apodaca Rocha, M.A.; Kayla Williams, M.A.; Zackary Sinex, M.S.; Keisha Muhammad, M.S.; Anne Whitten, M.Ed.; Marilyn Gonzalez Esparza, M.A.; and Keith Kramer, M.A. The applications of Bonnie Keys, M.Ed. and Christina Imgrund, M.A. will be forwarded in similar fashion once the corrections noted in the discussion are received. Applicants Shane Manion, M.S. and Selena Jordan, M.A. will be issued FAIR letters by Board staff as reflected in the discussion. Ms. Denton seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 4-0.

***First Formal Additional Information Request**
**** Second Formal Additional Information Request**

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WITHDRAWAL REQUEST FROM LINLY DAI, M.A.

Dr. Davey reminded the Committee that the applicant's entire 1,500 of supervised fieldwork were completed under a supervisor who is employed in a school in Arizona (qualifying her for a licensure exemption), however the fact that she isn't licensed in Arizona renders all of those hours as non-qualifying with respect to Ms. Dai's application for licensure. Following the substantive review of her application during the previous Committee meeting, and having received her FAIR letter, Dr. Davey noted that Ms. Dai is requesting the Board approve the withdrawal of her application. The Committee observed that Ms. Dai must complete another 1,500 hours of supervised fieldwork that meets the requirements of the statutes and rule.

The discussion reflected concerns that this problem may perpetuate with other BCBAs working toward licensure in Arizona. Additionally, the members discussed how the school-based employment licensure exemption is potentially confusing BCBAs. Complicating matters, the former supervisor is in California. The Committee discussed whether it has the authority to issue an informative letter to the former supervisor that would dissuade her from continuing to supply supervision to BCBAs who are completing supervised fieldwork in order to qualify for licensure in Arizona. Ms. Galvin advised the Committee that a recommendation to the Board to issue a letter would be appropriate. A suggestion was made to advise the individual of the requirements of the BACB's ethical code and to request a response. A lack of response, or a statement of defiance, would prompt a recommendation to the Board to refer this matter to the BACB. An additional suggestion was raised to issue a subpoena to compel the individual's attendance before the Committee, and to obtain a copy of her supervision contract.

The Committee asked Ms. Galvin to speak to the Committee's statutory authority to obtain clarity and to protect the citizens of Arizona. She spoke to the complications of issuing a subpoena to a person who is not in Arizona. She affirmed that it is appropriate for the Board to issue a letter such as the one discussed.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved to recommend the Board accept the withdrawal of Ms. Dai's application. Ms. Denton seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 4-0.

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee reminded Board staff that the matter concerning Chelsea Moore is to appear on a future meeting agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Denton seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 4-0.

The meeting concluded at 10:45 a.m.