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## Complaint Screening Committee REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

March 22, 2023

*Held via Zoom*

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners Complaint Screening Committee was called to order by Chairman Dynar at 8:31 a.m. on March 22, 2023. Two executive sessions were held.

### 2. ROLL CALL

#### Committee Members Present

Aditya Dynar, Esq. – Chair

Diana Medina, Ph.D.

Joseph Stewart, Ed.D. (*left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.*)

#### Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

#### Staff Present

Heidi Paakkonen, Executive Director

Jennifer Michaelson, Deputy Director

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **February 22, 2023 Regular Session Minutes**

Mr. Dynar recused from this item. Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion carried unanimously (2-0), by a voice vote.

### 4. CASE DISCUSSION/DECISION

#### a. Sonja Raciti, Psy.D., Complaint No. 23-28

Mr. Dynar summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainant was not present. Dr. Raciti and her attorney, Jeffrey Hunter, participated, made a statement and answered questions from the Committee. After deliberation, Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dynar, to dismiss this case, as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

**b. Harold Ames, Ph.D., Complaint No. 23-27**

Dr. Medina summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records, noting that Dr. Ames was issued a temporary license by the Board in September of 2021 under A.R.S. § 32-3124 during the State of the Emergency and that the license is currently suspended by operation of law pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3202. The Complainant participated and made a brief statement. Dr. Ames was not present.

*At 8:50 a.m., Dr. Medina made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dynar, to go into Executive Session to receive confidential legal advice. Open session reconvened at 9:03 a.m.*

The Committee expressed concerns related to Dr. Ames' fitness for duty. After deliberation, Dr. Medina made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stewart, to dismiss the complaint and to forward the complaint/file to California and Hawaii, where Dr. Ames currently holds a professional license, for possible investigation. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

*Dr. Stewart left the meeting at 9:05 a.m. due to his recusal for agenda item #4c.*

**c. Kelly Donohue, Ph.D., Complaint No. 23-30**

Mr. Dynar summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainant participated and made a statement. Dr. Donohue and her attorney, Artie Eaves, participated and made a statement.

*At 9:15 a.m., Mr. Dynar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to go into Executive Session to receive confidential legal advice. The Committee took a break until 9:27 a.m. and subsequently went into Executive Session. Open session reconvened at 9:33 a.m.*

Upon returning in open session, the Committee asked Dr. Donohue questions.

After deliberation, Mr. Dynar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to dismiss this case, as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried unanimously (2-0), by a voice vote.

**5. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Dynar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried (2-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.