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## *Regular Session Meeting Minutes*

**Held virtually via Zoom on April 7, 2023**

### ***Board Members***

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

### ***Board Staff***

Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, M.P.A., Executive Director  
Jennifer Michaelson, M.P.A., Deputy Director  
Krishna Poe, Program Projects Specialist  
Kathy Fowkes, Psychologist Licensing Specialist  
Zakiya Mallas, Behavior Analyst Licensing Specialist

### ***Board Attorney***

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Davey called the Board's meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

The following Board members participated in the virtual meeting: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Ms. Shreeve, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn.

## **ALSO PRESENT**

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

## **3. REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **• Board Survey**

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

### **• Board Member and Staff Appreciation**

Chairman Davey 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**

Chairman Davey announced that meeting attendees were eligible for continuing education credit if the meeting exceeded four hours.

#### 4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak.

#### 5. COUNSEL UPDATE

Ms. Galvin did not have an update.

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

**Dr. Davis-Wilson recused from reviewing Consent Agenda item D. 3. Johanna Schumacher, M.A.**

**MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn.**

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

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

#### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **March 10, 2023 Regular Session Minutes**
- **March 10, 2023 Executive Session Minutes**

#### B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

##### 1) **Requesting Approval to Sit for the EPPP (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)**

- a) Chasen Dillon, Psy.D.
- b) Amanda Araki, Ph.D.

##### 2) **Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)**

- a) Samer Arar, Ph.D. (2FAIR))
- b) Kristina Palma, Psy.D.
- c) Kate Krautbauer, Ph.D.

##### 3) **Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)**

- a) Jana Sadler, Psy.D.
- b) Sigalit Yahav, Psy.D.
- c) Leah Phillips, Psy.D.
- d) Genaro Huerta, Psy.D.
- e) Tahirin Artrechtes Camacho, Psy.D.

##### 4) **Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential (ABPP, CPQ or NRHSP – A.R.S. §32-2071.01)**

- a) Michelle Medeiros, Ph.D., National Register HSP
- b) Daniel Kremin, Ph.D., National Register HSP

##### 5) **Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition (A.R.S. §32-4302)**

- a) Jinessa Chintella, Psy.D.
- b) Courtney Prather, Ph.D.
- c) Troy Melendez, Ph.D.

d) Tamara Zoch, Psy.D.

**6) Requesting Approval for Telehealth Registration (A.R.S. §36-3606)**

Michael J. Scott, Psy.D.

Sarah Immerman, Psy.D.

Amanda Glover, Psy.D.

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

- 1) Ria Dhaliwal, M.S.
- 2) Walter Umana, M.Ed.
- 3) Joanna Schumacher, M.A.
- 4) Nicole Vedder, M.A.
- 5) Samantha Weeman, M.Ed.
- 6) Ilea Adams, M.Ed.
- 7) Ashley Price, M.A.
- 8) Callie Farrand, M.S.
- 9) Jenna Reynolds, M.S.

**E. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO TAKE THE EPPP FROM INDRA ABRIL GONZALEZ JUAREZ, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE HOLDER NO. PSY-T-000061**

**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**

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SELF-REPORT SUBMITTED BY JACQUELINE WORSLEY, PSY.D.**

Ms. Michaelsen provided a summary stating that on December 30, 2022, Dr. Worsley reported that she was charged with driving under the influence (DUI). Ms. Michaelsen affirmed that Dr. Worsley reported the criminal charge within the ten-day requirement in statute and that she supplied all police and court records that Board staff requested. Ms. Michaelsen stated that the DUI charge was ultimately dismissed in court but that Dr. Worsley was found responsible for a minor traffic violation.

Dr. Worsley was present, made a statement and answered Board members' questions. Dr. Worsley indicated that she was required to complete a defensive driving course for the traffic violation, which she recently completed.

**MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to take no action.**

**SECOND: Dr. Caterino.**

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

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SELF-REPORT SUBMITTED BY STEPHANIE SKINNER, PH.D., AND HER REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO COMPLETE THE FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THE INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER FOR EVALUATION AND PRACTICE RESTRICTION FOR COMPLAINT NO. 23-12**

Ms. Michaelsen provided a summary of the matter, stating that Dr. Skinner entered into an Interim Consent and Order for Evaluation and Practice Restriction in October 2022 for a pending complaint. Dr. Skinner's license is currently suspended and will remain suspended until the Board takes final action on Complaint No. 23-12. Dr. Skinner's attorney, Flynn Carey, Esq., previously requested an extension of time for Dr. Skinner to complete the evaluation; the Board's Executive Director granted a ninety day extension. On March 27, 2023, Board staff received communication from Mr. Carey that Dr. Skinner was charged with a felony on March 13, 2023, which was reported within the timeframe required in statute. Subsequently, Mr. Carey requested a second extension of time for Dr. Skinner to complete the evaluation, which is before the Board for determination. Dr. Stewart asked Ms. Michaelsen to elaborate on the felony charge. Ms. Michaelsen stated it is a class 6 Felony charge for disorderly conduct and recklessly handling a dangerous weapon or instrument.

Mr. Carey was present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members' questions. Mr. Carey stated that he did propose Dr. Skinner engage a specific evaluator but due to the current charge he requested an extension of time for Dr. Skinner to complete the evaluation so she can speak freely with the evaluator about the current Felony charge. Mr. Carey stated that the current felony charge is under litigation in Coconino County but the case may not be adjudicated for three to six months. Mr. Carey explained that he is seeking an additional extension of time for Dr. Skinner to complete the evaluation due to the fact that she cannot freely discuss the current felony charge with the evaluator until the Court case is adjudicated. Dr. Stewart asked Mr. Carey if he provided a copy of the police complaint. Mr. Carey indicated that the complaint was submitted to Board staff and explained that he is unable to provide discovery documents. Mr. Carey also noted that it is a felony 6 charge but it could be pled down. Dr. Caterino asked if Dr. Skinner underwent the evaluation now would the evaluation have to be submitted to the Court. Mr. Carey explained that if Dr. Skinner underwent the evaluation now she would be advised to plead the 5<sup>th</sup> because the case is currently being litigated. Mr. Meier asked if Dr. Skinner is receiving the treatment that she needs. Mr. Carey stated that once the case is litigated documents will be submitted regarding Dr. Skinner's rehabilitative steps.

Dr. Stewart stated that he believes an extension of time for Dr. Skinner to undergo the evaluation is reasonable.

**MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved to grant a 180 day extension for Dr. Skinner to complete the evaluation and to authorize Ms. Paakkonen to grant an additional 180 day extension if necessary.**

**SECOND: Mr. Dynar.**

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

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

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

**MOTION: Davey moved to go into Executive Session to review confidential health information and to receive confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney.**

**SECOND: Dr. Medina.**

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

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**The Board met in Executive from 9:02 a.m. to 9:31 a.m.**

The RAMP participant was not properly noticed of the meeting but did not attend.

**MOTION: Dr. Medina moved to open a Complaint against RAMP participant 2022-01 for non-compliance with the Consent Agreement.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

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

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS AND/OR INITIAL CASE REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS**

**A. Complaint No. 23-18, Paige Huff, M.S.**

Dr. Davis-Wilson provided a summary, stating that a complaint was filed by a former employee against Ms. Huff. Dr. Davis-Wilson stated that the allegations pertained to supervision concerns. The Board's Committee on Behavior Analysts (CBA) reviewed the complaint and noted that the supervision contract meets the requirements. The CBA is recommending that the Board dismiss Complaint No. 23-18.

Neither Ms. Huff nor the Complainant were present.

**MOTION: Chairman Davey moved to accept the CBA's recommendation to dismiss Complaint No. 23-18.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

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

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEWS OF THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS**

**A. Complaint No. 23-17, Claire Sterling, M.S.**

Dr. Davis-Wilson disclosed that she was one of Ms. Sterling's early instructors but can remain unbiased. Dr. Davis-Wilson provided a summary stating that Ms. Sterling resides in Washington and provides telehealth services through her employer. The Board received a complaint against Ms. Sterling from a school district of one of her clients regarding a chronic healthcare form that Ms. Sterling signed for the family to submit. The Board's Committee on Behavior Analysts (CBA) reviewed the complaint and noted several concerns regarding the relevant information provided on the form. Ms. Sterling provided information on the chronic healthcare form regarding attendance issues in school. The CBA noted that the treatment provided met with the standard of care. The CBA could not substantiate attendance issues within the treatment records. Dr. Davey-Wilson stated that the CBA noted concerns that Ms. Sterling may have provided services that are unnecessary and the CBA had concerns that Ms. Sterling may have violated ethical codes in regards to responsibility to clients and coordination of care. Since the CBA meeting Ms. Sterling retained an attorney and submitted additional information in regards to the CBA's concern.

Ms. Sterling and her attorney, Lauren Weinzweig, Esq., were present, requested to speak, made statements and answered Board members' questions. Ms. Sterling stated that since this complaint she has reviewed and modified her policies and procedures and how she interacts with clients including the one who is the subject of the complaint. Ms. Sterling described to the Board the progress the client has made. Ms. Sterling stated that since being notified of this complaint she is consulting with supervisors, providing deadlines to families to submit documentation and is reviewing her records for thoroughness. Ms. Weinzweig stated that Ms. Sterling's employer did a secondary review of this matter and did recommend that Ms. Sterling undergo additional education, specifically with respect to completing forms. Ms. Weinzweig affirmed that Ms. Sterling completed the additional education that was recommended by her employer. Ms. Weinzweig stated that Ms. Sterling's employer's ethics Committee determined that the standard of care was met in this matter, that Ms. Sterling is seeking guidance from supervisor's prior to completing forms, and that there is language in the chronic healthcare form that may be misleading. Ms. Weinzweig attested that Ms. Sterling completed the form in good faith.

The Complainant was not present.

Dr. Davis-Wilson asked Ms. Sterling to describe what she has learned during her research of Arizona's Medicaid system reimbursement requirements for services provided to children. Ms. Sterling said that she now asks families who the case manager is and helps families identify stakeholders that are involved in the care of the client. Ms. Sterling stated that she now provides deadlines to families to submit forms. Dr. Davis-Wilson asked Ms. Sterling if she has strategies in place if the family does not have a case manager. Ms. Sterling stated that she meets with all of the stakeholders that are involved in the care of a client. Ms. Sterling asserted that she now consults with her supervisor on a daily basis, and as needed with colleagues. Dr. Davis-Wilson encouraged Ms. Sterling to also consult with behavioral health liaisons.

Dr. Davis-Wilson noted the improvement in Ms. Sterling's documentation since the CBA meeting. Dr. Mellott asked Dr. Davis-Wilson and Dr. Davey if the CBA found a violation. Dr. Davis-Wilson stated that the CBA could not substantiate that the school attendance issue was being addressed in the treatment records. Dr. Davis-Wilson stated that the CBA determined that Ms. Sterling was qualified to complete the chronic health form. The CBA determined that Ms. Sterling did not provide the diagnosis of the client. Dr. Davey opined that the additional documentation and information that Ms. Sterling provided indicates that there is no violation of statute or rule.

**MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved to dismiss Complaint No. 23-17.**

**SECOND: Dr. Wynn.**

**Dr. Davis-Wilson stated that she still has concerns that behavior analysts who reside in another jurisdiction are providing services in Arizona and they are not familiar with Arizona's Medicaid system for children.**

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

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

## **12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPDATED ACCOMMODATIONS REQUEST FROM JESSICA MOORE, PSY.D.**

Ms. Fowkes provided a summary, stating that Ms. Moore has taken the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) two times and requested accommodations during the previous two exams. Ms. Moore submitted a third application for licensure and approval to sit for the EPPP. Ms. Moore is

requesting some of the previous accommodations and is now asking for new accommodations to include double time, extra dry erase boards and a noise machine. Dr. Mellott asked how many dry erase boards Ms. Moore is requesting. Ms. Fowkes stated that Ms. Moore did not specify the amount. Mr. Dynar asked if the noise machine is connected to the internet. Ms. Fowkes stated that the Association for State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) does not allow music for this reason, but will allow approved noise machines. Dr. Caterino asked how the Board determines how much extra time an applicant is allowed to sit for the EPPP. Dr. Mellott stated that the Board follows the recommendation of the healthcare provider.

Dr. Moore was not present. Dr. Meier opined that Dr. Moore's request for extra dry erase boards is not reasonable. Dr. Mellott suggested that Dr. Moore be allowed two dry erase boards. Board members discussed Ms. Moore's diagnosis and how it relates to her request for accommodations.

**MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to grant Dr. Moore's accommodation request for double time, two dry erase boards, a noise machine as long as the noise machine will not distract other examiners, a separate room and a water bottle.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

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

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED LEGISLATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: HB2046, HB2144, HB2190, HB2254, HB2377, HB2429, HB2517, HB2529, SB1087, SB1248, SB1255, SB1270, SB1333, SB1386, SB1457, SB1513, AND SB1523**

Ms. Paakkonen provided a summary stating that SB1457 is the Arizona Psychological Association Bill to establish requirements for prescribing authority. SB1457 will be held this session as the psychiatry community has concerns with its language. Ms. Paakkonen stated that she has been advised the bill will be revised and will be introduced next session. Ms. Paakkonen indicated that the Arizona Medical Board may be tasked with regulating prescribing psychologists. Ms. Paakkonen briefly summarized HB2254, HB2377, SB1087, SB1270, SB1255, and SB1333.

**14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ASPPB CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION (CPQ) OUTREACH QUESTIONNAIRE**

Ms. Paakkonen provided a summary stating that she received a survey request from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). Ms. Paakkonen is seeking guidance to a question on the survey. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the question asks if Arizona would support ASPPB requiring that a CPQ applicant be required to have graduated from an American Psychological Association (APA) accredited program, a Canadian Psychological Association accredited program or an ASPPB or National Register designated doctoral program. Dr. Mellott stated that she does not believe that ASPPB should institute the proposed requirement. Dr. Caterino stated that there should be exceptions. Dr. Stewart agreed with Dr. Mellott and Dr. Caterino. Mr. Dynar expressed concern with ASPPB limiting applicants from gaining CPQ status. Dr. Meier and Dr. Medina echoed Board member sentiments. It was the consensus of the Board to direct Ms. Paakkonen to state that the Board would not support ASPPB's proposal to only accept applicants that have graduated from an (APA) accredited program.

**15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FORMAT OF MAY 5 AND JUNE 2, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

Ms. Paakkonen provided a summary stating that it was the consensus of the Board to have its first in-person

meeting since COVID on May 5, 2023, with the caveat that the Boardroom will be properly equipped. Ms. Paakkonen stated that the audio equipment is not completely installed in the Boardroom and accordingly will not be ready by May 5, 2023. Ms. Paakkonen stated that, at this time, the Board's May 5, 2023, meeting agenda content is light. Ms. Paakkonen is recommending that the Board move its first in-person meeting date to the June 2, 2023, meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold its in-person Board meeting on June 2, 2023.

## 16. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

Dr. Davey requested that an item regarding future in-person Board meetings be placed on a future agenda.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Dr. Mellott.**

**SECOND: Mr. Dynar.**

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

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Aditya Dynar, Esq.  
Secretary