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Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Held virtually via Zoom on June 2, 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.
Joseph Stewart, Ed.D.
Todd Wynn, M.A.

Board Staff

Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, M.P.A., Executive Director
Jennifer Michaelsen, 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. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn. The following Board members were not present in the virtual meeting: Dr. Medina.

ALSO PRESENT

The following Board staff participated in the virtual meeting: Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director; Jennifer Michaelsen, 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

No members of the public requested to speak.

5. COUNSEL UPDATE

Ms. Galvin stated that she does not have an update at this time.

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

Any item under consent may be removed by a board member for independent discussion and action.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 19, 2023 Regular Session Minutes
- April 19, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- May 5, 2023 Regular Session Minutes
- May 5, 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) Peter Reynolds, Psy.D. (REAPP)

2. **Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)**
 - a) Laurinda Cumming, Ph.D. (REAPP)
 - b) Ashlee Lawren Jayne, Ph.D. (FAIR)
 - c) Cynthia Grunsten, Psy.D.
 - d) Michala Weick, Psy.D.
 - ~~e) Karambir Khalsa, Psy.D. (FAIR)~~
 - f) Cullen Conerly, Psy.D.
 - g) Vanessa Smith, Ph.D.
 - h) Amber Mahan, Psy.D.

3. **Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)**
 - a) Caroline Shanholtz, Ph.D.
 - b) Karambir Khalsa, Psy.D. (FAIR)

Ms. Paakkonen stated that due to an administrative error Dr. Khalsa should have been listed under agenda item 6 (C)(3). This error does not impact his eligibility for licensure as the Application Review Committee found he had met the requirement for Licensure by Waiver.

4. **Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential (ABPP, CPQ or NRHSP - A.R.S. § 32-2071.01)**
 - a) Traci Jordan, Psy.D., NRHSP
 - b) Nathan Hale, Psy.D., NRHSP (FAIR)
 - c) Adrienne DiFabio, Ph.D., NRHSP

5. **Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition (A.R.S. § 32-4302)**
 - a) Erin Gorter-Hines, Ph.D.
 - b) Sierra Dimberg, Ph.D.
 - c) Jennifer Kelly, Psy.D.
 - d) Ashley Breedlove, Psy.D.

D. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

- 1) Deidre Bowie, M.S.
- 2) Alicia Eno, M.S.

- 3) Tiffani Chandler, M.A.
- 4) Kiley Distefano, M.Ed.
- 5) Victoria Bowles, M.A.
- 6) Kiley Tonge, M.A.
- 7) Kaitlin Carlos, M.A.
- 8) Benjamin Shrewsberry, M.S.
- 9) Riley Sweetland, M.Ed.
- 10) Brittany Wagner, M.A.
- 11) Ligia Alvarado, M.Ed.
- 12) Kristen Call, M.A.
- 13) Samantha Carton, M.S.
- 14) Ana Enrique Hernandez, M.A.
- 15) Shacara Quarles, M.S.

- E. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL EPSTEIN, PH.D.**
- F. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO RETAKE THE EPPP FROM MARICELA SMITH, PSY.D., SUPERVISED TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000055**
- G. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO RETAKE THE EPPP SUBMITTED BY RACHEL M. JENSEN, PSY.D., SUPERVISED TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000048**
- H. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS SUBMITTED BY MADDISON SAVAGE, PSY.D.**

MOTION: Dr. Caterino made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

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 CONCERNING BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS TRAINEES' COMPENSATION OF SUPERVISORS**

Dr. Davis-Wilson described the prevailing model for behavior analyst trainees that permits compensating supervisors for their training services, and the historical justifications behind this model. Board members discussed the growing field of behavior analysis. Board members posed concerns relating to dual relationships that could arise, but acknowledged that over time the training model will evolve as the profession expands and adopts new approaches.

- 8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOR ANALYTIC SERVICE DELIVERY THROUGH TELEHEALTH**

Ms. Paakkonen provided an overview of recently enacted telehealth statutes in relation to the Board's rules. She mentioned that this is a rapidly changing area of policy. Board members posed questions relative to the longevity of the statutes and rules regarding telehealth. The Board members expressed concerns regarding the level of care being provided via telehealth and the disconnect between supervisory role for behavior analysts and behavior technicians. It was the consensus of the Board to continue monitoring telehealth practice policy developments.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE MERIT-BASED INCENTIVE PAY FOR BOARD STAFF

Ms. Paakkonen stated that Board staff would like the Board to consider authorizing her and Ms. Michaelson to issue merit-based incentive pay for staff; the parameters for such incentives are outlined in the Arizona State Personnel System. Board members participated in discussion regarding the volume of new applications coming in that staff members are processing and the ongoing professionalism of Board staff. Board members spoke to the need to retain Board staff's expertise and encouraged Ms. Paakkonen to explore development of a long-term compensation plan for this purpose. Ms. Paakkonen described how she anticipates future Board staff expansion to occur in order to address the significant growth in applications and investigations.

MOTION: Dr. Davey made a motion to allow Ms. Paakkonen to move forward with awarding the merit-based incentive pay and incorporate it as part of staff evaluations.

SECOND: Mr. Wynn.

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

10. 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 stated that the work on the bills that she has been tracking has come to an end. She stated that SB1270 is related to open meetings and ensuring that the meeting rooms have the capacity for all attendees. Ms. Paakkonen stated that if the Board decides to go in person with future meetings, they do not predict that they will be forfeiting the option of joining the meeting online. She stated that SB1333 will require the Board to report license revocations to the Arizona Department of Health Services to be placed in a repository database. The General Appropriations Act funds the agency at the same baseline level as the previous fiscal year. Ms. Paakkonen stated that there are bonus funds this coming fiscal year to help improve their technology.

11. 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. 23-25, Dawn Wadsworth, M.S.

Dr. Davis-Wilson provided a summary of the case for the Board, noting that the CBA recommended that the Board issue Ms. Wadsworth a non-disciplinary letter of concern with an order for continuing education. Ms. Wadsworth and her attorney, Jeff Hunter, were present. The Board did not have any questions for Ms. Wadsworth or her attorney.

MOTION: Dr. Davis-Wilson made a motion to adopt the CBA's recommendation to issue Ms. Wadsworth a non-disciplinary letter of concern with an order for continuing education as stipulated.

SECOND: Mr. Wynn

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

B. Complaint No. 23-23, Dan Holbery, M.Ed.

Dr. Davey provided a summary of the case for the Board, noting that the CBA recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Mr. Holbery was present at the meeting. The Board members did not have any questions for Mr. Holbery.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart made a motion to dismiss complaint 23-23.

SECOND: Mr. Wynn

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

C. Complaint No. 23-31, Jamie Jones, M.S.

Dr. Davis-Wilson provided a summary to the Board, noting that the CBA recommended dismissal. Ms. Jones was present at the meeting. The Board did not have any questions for Ms. Jones.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart made a motion to dismiss complaint 23-31.

SECOND: Dr. Caterino

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

12. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no requests for future meeting agenda items.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Stewart

SECOND: Dr. Caterino

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Aditya Dynar, Esq.
Secretary