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#### Regular Session Meeting Minutes

#### Held virtually via Zoom on July 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. 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

Dr. Meier, Acting Board Chair, called the Board's meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated in the virtual meeting: Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn. The following Board members were not present in the virtual meeting: Dr. Davey.

#### 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

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

Board Member and Staff Appreciation

Chairman Meier 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 Meier 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 herself from agenda items 6(D)(2, 3, 13, 20, and 26) involving Taylor Sanders, Nasim Rahimi, Gabriel Salas, Larissa Fears, and Gerisa Torres Verdugo.

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

SECOND: Mr. Dynar

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-

Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn

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

MOTION PASSED.

#### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

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

- 1) Nina Suvagia, Psy.D.
- 2) Lori Shirk, Psy.D.
- 3) Nava Nourani, Psy.D.
- 4) Mercedes Anderson, Psy.D.

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

1) Robyn Hardie, Psy.D.

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

- 1) Brandon Markel, Psy.D.
- 2) Joyce Martin, Psy.D.
- 3) Matthew Myrvik, Psy.D.

#### Requesting Approval for Telehealth Registry (A.R.S. § 36-3606)

1) Pamela Singer, Psy.D.

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

- 1) Nayeli Casas, M.S.
- 2) Taylor Sanders, M.S.
- 3) Larissa Fears, M.A.
- 4) Joy Pollard, Ph.D.
- 5) Alice Okamoto, M.A.
- 6) Kelly LeBlanc, M.S.
- 7) Julie Pierce, M.A.

- 8) Kathryn Londrigan, M.A.
- 9) Teri Griswold, M.S.
- 10) Tatum Jones, M.S.
- 11) Devin Boas, M.Ed.
- 12) Ashley Stevens, M.A.
- 13) Gerisa Torres Verdugo, M.A.
- 14) Alisha Anson, M.S.
- 15) Alexander Reichsfeld, M.A.
- 16) Ashley Matamua, M.A.
- 17) Daniela Roman, M.S.
- 18) Grace Smith, M.S.
- 19) Judith Turner, M.S.
- 20) Gabriel Salas, M.S.
- 21) Maria Concepcion Jevitzky, M.S.
- 22) Akwasi Owusu-Donkor, M.A.
- 23) Sarah Brixius, M.Ed.
- 24) Shelby Shields, M.A.
- 25) Jose Portillo, M.A.
- 26) Nasim Rahimi, M.A.
- 27) David Hurdle, M.A.
- 28) Kathryn Misale, M.P.E.
- 29) Alexandra Zachary, M.A.
- 30) Sabrina Wishart, M.S.
- 31) Kristina McGinnis, M.Ed.
- 32) Abigail McCarthy, M.A.
- 33) Jennifer Nackerud, M.Ed.
- 34) Alycia Link, M.S.
- 35) Joy Pollard, Ph.D.

# D.1. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST TELEHEALTH REGISTRY APPLICATIONS

- 1. Leah Friedman, Ph.D.
- E. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REINSTATEMENT REQUEST SUBMITTED BY KATHLEEN BRENNAN-GLYNN, PH.D.
- F. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD REGARDING LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST SUBMITTED BY ELIZABETH BENNETT, M.ED.
- G. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REINSTATEMENT REQUEST SUBMITTED BY RUBIN NAIMAN, PH.D.
- H. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS SUBMITTED BY RACHEL M. JENSEN, PSY.D.
- I. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS SUBMITTED BY TAMMY RICCI, PSY.D.

- J. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RETAKE REQUEST FROM YOLANDA ESTRADA, PSY.D., TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000057
- K. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REACTIVATION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY SANDRA GALLAGHER, PH.D.

#### TIMED ITEM - 8:45 a.m.

#### 7. INFORMAL INTERVIEW – PAUL MEYER, PSY.D. – COMPLAINT NO. 23-13

Dr. Meyer and his attorney, Sara Stark, were both present. Dr. Medina provided a summary of the case. Ms. Stark addressed the Board with a brief statement. The complainant was also present at the meeting and provided a brief statement. The Board asked questions regarding the frequency of the letters provided by Dr. Meyer, their content, and how he formulated his recommendations to support the approval of emotional support animals for Grand Canyon University students. Dr. Meyer stated that he no longer performs emotional support animal evaluations. Board members expressed concerns related to the high volume of letters that were being produced.

Dr. Stewart experienced technical difficulties at 9:35 a.m. He was able to hear the motion and voted via email which was read to the Board by Ms. Paakkonen. Dr. Stewart was able to correct the technical issues at 9:40 a.m.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to issue a letter of concern to Dr. Meyer stating if he were to practice again in the state of Arizona providing ESA evaluations, he would be required to notify the board. The concern is that Dr. Meyer has been engaging in practice in a new area. His method of practice appeared to meet standards and guidelines, however, as a psychologist the Board would like to see greater diligence and the use of best practice.

SECOND: Dr. Medina

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart

The following Board members voted nav: Mr. Dynar

VOTE: The vote was aborted so the original motion could be withdrawn and the alternative motion below was proposed.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to rescind her motion.

SECOND: Dr. Medina rescinded her second to the previous motion.

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

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to issue a letter of concern to Dr. Meyer stating if he were to practice again in the state of Arizona providing ESA evaluations, he would be required to notify the board. The concern is that Dr. Meyer has been engaged in practices that are not congruent with his education, training, and experience. The Board's concern is that Dr. Meyer should practice with a better level of care.

SECOND: Dr. Medina.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, and Dr. Stewart.

The following Board members voted nay: Mr. Dynar and Mr. Wynn.

VOTE: 6-yay, 2-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board briefly recessed at 9:53 a.m. and resumed open session at 10:00 a.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

# 8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATION FROM SUE MOLER, PSY.D., FOR CASE NO. 23-09

Ms. Michaelsen summarized the case for the Board. Dr. Moler was present along with her attorney, Joseph Schenk. Dr. Moler briefly addressed the Board.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to accept the recommendation to terminate the probation and return Dr. Sue Moler's license to good status and active.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, and Dr. Stewart.

The following Board members voted nay: Mr. Dynar and Mr. Wynn.

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

MOTION PASSED.

## 9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATION FROM LOUIS MARULL, M.S.

Ms. Michaelsen summarized the case for the Board along with providing a status update. Dr. Marull was present at the meeting and briefly addressed the Board. He was not represented by legal counsel.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to terminate Dr. Marull's probation.

SECOND: Dr. Medina.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, and Dr. Stewart.

The following Board members voted nay: Mr. Dynar and Mr. Wynn.

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

MOTION PASSED.

# 10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO THE RESULTS OF THE FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATION COMPLETED BY ASPEN GRANT, M.ED., IN ACCORDANCE WITH HER 04/20/2023 INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER FOR COMPLAINT NO. 23-47

Ms. Michaelsen summarized the case status for the Board.

Dr. Caterino stated that she briefly served on a committee with Larry Sideman, Ph.D. who conducted the fitness for duty evaluation, however, she does not have a biased opinion of him or of the case.

Ms. Grant was present at the meeting and addressed the Board. Dr. Sideman was present and confirmed he conducted the fitness for duty evaluation for Ms. Grant.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved for the Board to move to Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice and discussion of personal health information.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board met in executive session at 11:35 a.m. and resumed open session at 12:59 p.m.

Dr. Medina left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Upon resuming the meeting in public session, Dr. Sideman advised the Board that Ms. Grant requires additional supports at this time in order to safely return to practice, and commented that she has not implemented the necessary changes to reflect that she is fit for duty. He suggested that Ms. Grant follow his recommendations completely in order to be reevaluated for her fitness for duty at a future date.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to continue the suspension for 6 months with the addition of a requirement for addiction treatment that includes random drug screening as well as all other recommendations made by Dr. Sideman. The motion also requires Ms. Grant to enroll in an addiction treatment program within 30 days given the availability and her resources. SECOND: Dr. Caterino.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board recessed at approximately 1:10 p.m. and resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO THE RESULTS OF THE FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATION COMPLETED BY ANN EBERHARDT, PSY.D., APPLICANT FOR PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE BY WAIVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD'S INTERIM ORDER ISSUED ON 05/09/2023, AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF HER APPLICATION

Dr. Medina provided a summary of the case for the Board. Dr. Eberhardt was present with her attorney, Kelsey Whalen. Ms. Whalen provided a statement to the Board pertaining to Dr. Eberhardt's progress with her mental health diagnosis. Ms. Whaler noted the positive comments provided by Dr. Eberhardt's supervisors.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved for the Board to move to Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice and discussion of personal health information. SECOND: Dr. Medina

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.
MOTION PASSED.

The Board met in executive session at 10:28 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:24 a.m.

Dr. Meier stated that the Board has additional questions for Dr. Eberhardt's fitness for duty evaluator, Nicole Lazorwitz, Psy.D., regarding the evaluation recommendations.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved for the Board to move this agenda item to next month's meeting to ensure Dr. Lazorwitz can be present to address questions.

**SECOND: Dr. Medina** 

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

## 12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS

#### A. Complaint No. 23-41, Carlos Vega, Psy.D.

Dr. Stewart summarized the case for the Board noting that he does not see any unprofessional conduct on Dr. Vega's part.

The Board met in Executive Session at 1:38 p.m. and resumed open session returned at 2:07 p.m.

The Board expressed concern with the fact that Dr. Vega used a specific diagnosis to summarize potential symptoms that were reported, however, the diagnosis was not mentioned in previous records referenced. The Board mentioned the ongoing issue with differential diagnosis in the field.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to dismiss complaint 23-41 against Carlos Vegas. SECOND: Dr. Mellott.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Mellott, Dr.

Stewart and Mr. Wynn

The following Board members voted nay: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, and Mr. Dvnar

VOTE: 3-yay, 4-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION FAILED.

The Board discussed how professionals need to be mindful of the impactful that their words can have.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved for the Board to issue a non-disciplinary letter of concern. The basis of the letter is that 16 DD as it pertains to ethical sections 2.04 basis for scientific and professional judgements.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

#### B. Complaint No. 23-45, Jennifer Fowler, Psy.D.

Dr. Caterino summarized the case for the Board. Dr. Fowler was present at the meeting and answered the questions from the Board. Dr. Fowler expressed her concerns with Gateway Recover Institute's (GRI) ability to provide rehabilitative services. The Board stated their concerns with the \$700 hair follicle test was not explicitly articulated by GRI in the service agreement. Dr. Fowler stated that she wishes to continue in her career and she would like to enter into a new consent agreement with the Board.

The Board participated in discussion regarding the best course of action to create a consent agreement that would be effective.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved for the Board to meet in Executive Session to obtain legal advice. SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board met in Executive Session at 3:29 p.m. and resumed open session at 3:37 p.m.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved for the Board to work with Board staff and legal counsel to create a new proposed consent agreement for a recovery and monitoring program for Dr. Fowler that would then be reviewed by the Board at a later meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Wynn

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

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

# 13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION FILED BY GUSTAVO HALLEY, PSY.D., PURSUANT TO §41-1001.02, RELATING TO THE BOARD'S INTERPRETATION OF A.R.S. §32-2072

Ms. Paakkonen provided a summary of the petition for the Board, and the statutes under which the petition was submitted. Dr. Halley was present at the meeting and addressed the Board. Dr. Halley requested the Board to consider his petition to be considered for licensure in Arizona without achieving a passing score on the EPPP since he was licensed prior to the examination having been adopted as the national standard. Dr. Halley stated that the company he currently works for in North Carolina also has service provision opportunities in Arizona which is the purpose for his request.

Board members discussed interpretations of the statute and identified for Dr. Halley some possible application options to include universal recognition.

# 14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS RELATING TO LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST SUBMITTED BY INGRID LUCAS, M.ED., SUBSEQUENT REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION, HAVE FEE REFUNDED, AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO OPEN A COMPLAINT FOR UNLICENSED PRACTICE

Dr. Davis-Wilson provided a summary for the Board noting that the Committee's review of the investigative record did not result in a recommendation of a finding of unlicensed practice on the part of Ms. Lucas while her license was lapsed. The Committee recommended that the request for application withdrawal be approved, however, the fee refund should not be granted due to costs incurred by Board staff to research and investigate this matter, and the time spent in copious communications with Ms. Lucas.

MOTION: Dr. Davis-Wilson moved for the Board to withdraw the application, take no action on the unlicensed practice allegation, and deny the application fee refund request. SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

# 15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF PARTICIPATION IN THE ASPPB'S ANNUAL MEETING (SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1, 2023 IN CLEVELAND, OHIO)

Ms. Paakkonen stated that the Board's budget allows for up to three Board and staff members to attend the ASPPB's Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Her participation is funded, as is that of Dr. Mellott.

MOTION: Dr. Davis-Wilson moved for the Board to allow Board staff to select three persons to attend the meeting along with the selection of an alternate. SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.
MOTION PASSED.

16. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AGENCY PERFORMANCE METRICS DATA, AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD BY THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS TO REQUEST AN APPROPRIATION INCREASE TO AUGMENT STAFFING FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSURE AND REGULATION — This agenda item was tabled and will be moved to the next meeting.

## 17. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SCHEDULING FUTURE IN-PERSON BOARD MEETINGS

Board members discussed scheduling an in-person Board meeting for October.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to allow Board staff to schedule the October 6, 2023 Board meeting as in-person.

SECOND: Mr. Wynn.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.
MOTION PASSED.

# 18. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REAPPLICATION FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE FROM DAWN WEAR AVALOS, PH.D.

Dr. Mellott provided a summary for the Board noting that Dr. Avalos provided a written explanation regarding the discrepancy in her reapplication. Dr. Avalos was present at the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved that the Board approved Dr. Avalos' reapplication. SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Wynn, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, and Dr. Stewart. VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse. MOTION PASSED.

# 19. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REAPPLICATION FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE FROM PATRICIA LIIMATAINEN, PSY.D.

Dr. Mellott summarized the case for the Board, noting that she would like to discuss the intended study plan before making a decision on the reapplication. Dr. Liimatainen was present at the meeting and answered the questions from the Board. Questions were posed by Board members relative to examination preparation coaching and practice. Dr. Liimatainen expressed that she experiences anxiety during the exam, and she believes that an accommodation for more time would help her be successful.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved that the Board approve the reapplication along with an accommodation for time and half.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Wynn, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, and Dr. Stewart. VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

#### MOTION PASSED.

# 20. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL FROM COLLEEN CHARACTER, PH.D.

Dr. Meier provided a summary for the Board. Dr. Character was present and addressed the Board. Dr. Character described the events that culminated in the Florida Board of Psychology investigation finding that she engaged in a dual relationship when she provided emergency treatment to a friend in crisis and when there was a paucity of alternative providers to respond to the urgent situation. She noted that this incident disclosed on her application occurred 10 years ago and she has not engaged in any dual relationships since 2013. She successfully completed the terms of her consent agreement with the Florida Board of Psychology.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved that the Board approve Dr. Character's application for licensure by credential.

SECOND: Mr. Wynn.

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

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

21. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR TELEHEALTH REGISTRY, POSSIBLE REQUEST TO APPROVE WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME FROM JOCELYN FRANCISCO, PH.D.

Ms. Paakkonen stated that Dr. Francisco had to exit the meeting and this agenda item can be moved to the next meeting.

#### 22. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None were requested.

#### 23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Stewart. SECOND: Mr. Wynn.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Meier, Dr. Caterino,

Dr. Davis-Wilson, Mr. Wynn, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, and Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aditya Dynar, Esq.

Secretary