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## *Regular Session Meeting Minutes*

**Held virtually via Zoom on September 1, 2023**

### ***Board Members***

Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D – Chair  
Aditya Dynar, Esq. - Secretary  
Linda Caterino, Ph.D., ABPP  
Donald Stenhoff, Ph.D., BCBA-D  
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. Davey called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

The following Board members participated in the virtual meeting: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart and Mr. Wynn. Dr. Mellott joined the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

### **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; Diane DeDea, Assistant Attorney General and Independent Advisor; 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 exceeds four hours.

#### 4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one requested an opportunity to speak.

#### 5. COUNSEL UPDATE

Ms. Galvin indicated she did not have an update.

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

Dr. Davey recused from agenda item 6 (D).

Dr. Caterino recused from agenda item 24 (a) concerning Sarah Devena, Ph.D.

**MOTION: Dr. Stewart 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: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

##### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 4, 2023 Regular Session Minutes
- August 4, 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) Rebecca Colley Psy.D.
- b) Brittany Londer, Ph.D.
- c) Sandra Beasley, Ph.D.

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

- a) Estrella Ochoa, Ph.D.
- b) Imelda Murrieta, Ph.D.
- c) Madeline King, Ph.D.
- d) Christopher Jayne, Ph.D.
- e) Luis Sanchez Vazquez, Ph.D.
- f) Veronica High, Ph.D.

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

- a) Sara Snyder, Psy.D.
- b) Lora Sloan McArthur, Ph.D.
- c) Nancy McCray, Psy.D.
- d) Kameron Sheikh, Psy.D.
- e) Hamish Gunn, Ph.D.

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

- a) Amanda Smith, Psy.D., CPQ

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

- a) Diana Cook, Ph.D.

- b) AnnMarie Panarello, Psy.D.
- c) Ronald Howes, Ph.D.

**6. Requesting approval for Telehealth Registry (A.R.S. § 36-3606)**

- a) Ann-Marie Arabian, Ph.D.

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

- 1) Gina Dugger, M.A.
- 2) Jasmin Masri, M.A.
- 3) Farah Punjani, M.A.
- 4) Natalie Torres, M.A.
- 5) Ashlee Saldana, M.A.
- 6) Kimberly Wunschel, M.A.
- 7) Samantha Trammel, M.A.
- 8) Alejandro Montes, M.Ed.
- 9) Lorraine Becerra, Ph.D.
- 10) Malorey Kooyman, M.S.
- 11) Crista Conboy, M.A.
- 12) Romelea Manucal, M.A.
- 13) Bree McNeail, M.A.
- 14) Claudia Gonzalez, M.A.
- 15) Bettina Billings, M.S.
- 16) Kelsey Figueroa, M.A.
- 17) Jacy Wallace, M.S.
- 18) Nathalie Wieczorek, M.A.
- 19) Rachel Haug, M.S.
- 20) Natalie Yuen, M.A.
- 21) Sarah Cate, M.A.
- 22) Jeanette Murphy, M.Ed.
- 23) Nicole Gudenau, M.A.

**E. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING RETAKE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY MICAELA REECE-WILLIAMS, PSY.D., SUPERVISED TEMPORARY LICENSE HOLDER NO. PSY-T-000015.**

**F. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REACTIVATION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY RICHARD HARIG, PH.D.**

**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 ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (AzABA) PRESENTATION OF SUNRISE PETITION TO SEEK ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT BOARD OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS - Ms. Paakkonen and Guest Presenters Brandy Petrone and Stuart Goodman**

Ms. Paakkonen provided a brief description of the purpose of the agenda item in that AzABA is initiating the stakeholder input and gathering process for this matter. Kyle Lininger (in his capacity as AzABA President), Ms. Petrone, and Mr. Goodman summarized the purpose of the draft sunrise petition that AzABA intends to submit to the Arizona State Legislature for consideration in the 2024 legislative session – to establish an independent regulatory board for behavior analysts that will be co-located and share administrative and operating expenses with the Board of Psychologist Examiners. The presenters addressed the history of behavior analyst licensing in Arizona, noting that the current statutory arrangement has all along intended to be temporary until such time that the profession has the experience and resources to self-regulate. Ms. Paakkonen spoke to how she and staff envision the administrative operations to modify to support both the transition, and to sustain the operations of both

boards. The Board members asked a series of questions to the presenters, and received clarification relative to the anticipated timeline, the components of the future proposed legislation, and other topics. The Board also supplied feedback to certain sections of the application. The discussion reflected that the behavior analysts are grateful for the support received from the Board for the past 15 years, and give credit to the Board for positioning and preparing behavior analysts to seek self-regulation. The Board requested a few edits to the application, and requested AzABA return to future Board meetings to keep the Board apprised on this issue. AzABA thanked the Board for the feedback and support, and affirmed that stakeholder discussions will be ongoing.

The Board recessed at 10:50 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:03 a.m.

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

Dr. Medina summarized the application for the Board, noting that the statute under which Dr. Francisco has applied, A.R.S. §36-3606, requires an applicant to have had no disciplinary history in any other U.S. jurisdiction in order to be eligible for the Telehealth Registry practice authorization. Dr. Francisco reported having received discipline from the California Board of Psychology on her application. Dr. Francisco was present at the meeting and briefly addressed the Board.

**MOTION: Dr. Medina moved for the Board to approve the request for withdrawal of the application and for Board staff to refund the application fee.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATION FROM JEANETTE HIGGINS, PSY.D., FOR CASE NO. 22-20**

Ms. Michaelsen provided a summary of this matter for the Board, noting that Dr. Higgins was required to complete corrective action to address the findings of this case which included working with a practice monitor. Ms. Michaelsen indicated that the monitor submitted the final report indicating that Dr. Higgins had successfully achieved all of the monitoring objectives. Dr. Higgins was present at the meeting and briefly addressed the Board.

**MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to terminate the probation for Dr. Higgins.**

**SECOND: Dr. Medina**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS REGARDING POSSIBLE TITLE VIOLATIONS:**

**A. Complaint No. T-23-05, Scott Keeling Torrez**

Mr. Dynar summarized the title violator case noting that the Complaint Screening Committee forwarded the complaint to the Board having identified concerns that Mr. Keeling-Torrez submitted an affidavit to a family court proceeding in Georgia regarding services that provided to the Complainant's minor children from 2021-2022. The affidavit indicated in part that, "My name is Dr. Scott Keeling-Torrez: Behavioral Analyst, BHT, Psychologist, PhD..." However, at that time Mr. Keeling was providing services to the children in his position as a

Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) with a behavioral health agency; he has never been licensed in Arizona as a behavior analyst or as a psychologist. Ms. Michaelsen advised the Board that it has yet to receive any documentation from Mr. Keeling-Torrez that indicates he has submitted to the court a corrected affidavit.

The complainant was present and briefly addressed the Board. Neither Mr. Keeling-Torrez nor his attorney were present, although they were noticed of the case review. The Board discussed the title violation and the possible actions to take against Mr. Keeling-Torrez as he appears to be unregulatable, and given its jurisdiction over this matter.

**MOTION: Dr. Medina moved for the Board to issue a Cease-and-Desist order to Mr. Keeling Torres.**  
**SECOND: Dr. Stewart**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATION TO OFFER A CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR PROBATION, CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND PRACTICE MONITORING TO DYLAN HUFF, M.ED. FOR COMPLAINT NOS. 23-02 AND 20-51**

Dr. Davey provided a summary of the complaints to the Board, including the Committee's recommendations that the findings support the need for Mr. Huff to complete specific corrective actions. The complainants were present but indicated they did not wish to make a statement. Ms. Jessica Belokas who previously served as Mr. Huff's continuing education mentor, provided a statement to the Board citing her concerns that Mr. Huff failed to comply with the terms of his Order to complete the assigned continuing education. Mr. Huff and his attorney, Brianna Quinn, were present. Mr. Huff provided a statement to the Board. The Board discussed how Mr. Huff's personal life played a part in his violation of Board order, and Mr. Huff's conduct reflects that it is necessary that he complete disciplinary corrective action.

**MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to adopt the Committee's recommendation for disciplinary action that includes probation, practice monitoring, and 24 hours of continuing education. This will be presented to Mr. Huff in the form of a Consent Agreement.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATION TO OPEN A COMPLAINT AGAINST PAIGE HUFF, LICENSE NO. BEH-000633, FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION REGARDING INFORMATION REVIEWED/RECEIVED FOR COMPLAINT NOS. 23-20 AND 20-51**

Dr. Davey provided a summary for the Board, noting that the CBA is recommending the Board open a complaint against Ms. Huff for further investigation regarding various information reviewed as part of two complaints against Dylan Huff, nos. 23-02 and 20-51. Complaint 23-02 was filed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona ("BCBS") against Mr. Huff (the former co-owner of Ms. Huff's agency, Adventure ABA) and it alleged inappropriate billing, multiple relationships relative to agency staff who provided services to the Huff's three minor children, inadequate records, and the inappropriate services provided for multiple agency clients. Dr. Davey noted that the CBA found several violations of unprofessional conduct concerning Mr. Huff and the investigation revealed Ms. Huff was involved in some of these issues. Therefore, the CBA recommended that a complaint be opened against Paige regarding the issues identified in both complaints for further investigation.

**MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to accept the committee’s recommendation and open a complaint against Ms. Huff.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stenhoff**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board recessed at 12:15 p.m. and resumed open session at 12:30 p.m.

**13. 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. 23-55, Caroline Cohen, M.A.**

Ms. Michaelsen provided a summary for the Board of the complaint which alleged Ms. Cohen failed to appropriately provide oversight of, and address certain situations concerning several child clients. She noted that the Committee’s review of the complaint found that Ms. Cohen responded appropriately to the incidents with respect to applying her clinical judgment, and also that her documentation of the incidents and her responses raised no concerns. Ms. Michaelsen stated that the Committee recommendation is dismissal of the complaint.

**MOTION: Dr. Stenhoff moved for the Board to dismiss case 23-55 against Caroline Cohen.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MOTION TO SUPPRESS EVIDENCE FROM JOHN MATHER, PH.D. FOR COMPLAINT NO. 23-46**

Ms. Michaelsen summarized the motion submitted by Mr. Mather to suppress certain evidence submitted with complaint 23-46 as it is his position that email communications and letters included in the complaint were obtained illegally and therefore should be excluded from consideration and from the investigative record. Andrew Breavington, legal counsel for Dr. Mather, was present but Dr. Mather did not attend the proceeding. Mr. Breavington addressed the Board, stating that his client has received some assurances from the City of Gilbert police detective investigating the alleged theft of the communications that the investigation is leading to a finding that a specific suspect obtained them through illegal means. Mr. Breavington advised the Board that federal statutes and case law form the basis of the motion.

**MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to move to Executive Session to obtain legal advice.**

**SECOND: Dr. Caterino**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, 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 12:39 p.m. and resumed open session at 1:01 p.m.

Mr. Breavington requested the Board wait for law enforcement to complete its investigation before the Board decides on the motion to suppress the evidence in question.

**MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to deny the motion to suppress the evidence.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE BY WAIVER SUBMITTED BY ERIN LANPHIER, PH.D. AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING UNLICENSED PRACTICE**

At 1:10 p.m. Dr. Davey requested Mr. Dynar assume the responsibilities of the Chair for the remainder of the meeting as he must participate while in travel status. Dr. Stenhoff recused from the agenda item.

Dr. Mellott provided a summary of the application matter for the Board noting the former licensee has allowed her license to lapse for over one year, however she admitted to having practiced as a psychologist for the duration of that time. Ms. Fowkes summarized a timeline of Board staff communications with Dr. Lanphier concerning the status of her license, her options to reinstate her license, and ultimately the requirement that a license lapse of over one year cannot be reinstated and therefore she is to apply for licensure anew. Dr. Lanphier and her attorney, Mr. Breavington, were present at the meeting. Mr. Breavington and Dr. Lanphier addressed the Board and answered questions.

**MOTION: Dr. Medina moved for the Board to meet in Executive Session to obtain legal advice.**

**SECOND: Mr. Dynar**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, 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 1:32 p.m. and resumed open session at 1:50 p.m.

The Board deliberated the matter and in doing so discussed the available options with respect to the application, and also concerning that Dr. Lanphier has admitted to a statutory violation of practicing as a psychologist in Arizona while unlicensed.

**MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to grant the license under a Consent Agreement that issues to Dr. Lanphier a Decree of Censure.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, and Dr. Stewart. Dr. Caterino and Mr. Wynn voted nay. Dr. Stenhoff recused.**

**VOTE: 5-yay, 2-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**16. DISCUSSION CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION WHETHER THE BOARD HAS JURISDICTION REGARDING A COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST JOHN WALKER, PSY.D., AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO DISMISS THE MATTER FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION OR TO PROCEED WITH THE COMPLAINT PROCESS**

Ms. Michaelsen provided a summary highlighting the statutes to be discussed. Board members discussed the allegations, the statutes, and the Board's jurisdiction.

**MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to not open the complaint since the Board does not have jurisdiction.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**17. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSTDOCTORAL WRITTEN TRAINING PLAN MODIFICATION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY ALBERT LEDET, PSY.D., SUPERVISED TEMPORARY LICENSE HOLDER NO. PSY-T-000062**

Dr. Mellott provided a summary of Dr. Ledet’s request to the Board to approve the proposed modification of his postdoctoral training program. She noted that she finds the request to conform to the Board’s statutes and rules and that she has no concerns with the proposal. She recommended the Board approve the requested modified plan.

**MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to approve the modified postdoctoral training plan.**

**SECOND: Dr. Caterino**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**18. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING STATUS OF APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS ON THE BOARD**

Ms. Paakkonen provided an update to the Board relative to the response she received from the staff of the Governor’s Office of Boards and Commissions on the current status of filling the vacant positions on the Board. She has learned that one potential candidate has recently been interviewed as a potential faculty member appointee, and a member of the Committee on Behavior Analysts has been interviewed for possible reappointment to the Committee. Board members expressed concerns that vacant positions remain open after months of being vacant and obtaining a quorum of members will be an ongoing challenge until the positions are filled.

**19. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2023-12 AND 2023-13**

Ms. Paakkonen summarized for the Board the content of Executive Order 23-12. In doing so, she indicated that Ms. Galvin has stated that it is unlikely that it will have any implications for the Board as, by statute, the Board is prohibited from sharing information from investigative files with very few limited exceptions.

Ms. Paakkonen summarized Executive Order 23-13 noting that the Board licensees are not providers of any services referenced in the document, however, she encouraged Board members to reflect on language in the Executive Order in the event members may identify any instances that may present. Board members acknowledged the potential that it may receive complaints alleging inappropriate or harmful treatment of a client on the part of a psychologist or a behavior analyst in which conversion therapy is an element.

**20. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECENTLY PUBLISHED NEWS ARTICLES FEATURING ARIZONA LICENSING BOARDS**

Ms. Paakkonen reminded the Board that two recently published news articles criticize the responsiveness and the transparency of two Arizona health care licensure boards. She suggested the Board use this opportunity to assure the public that it takes very seriously its statutory responsibility to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the public. She also noted that the Board may wish to identify specific strategies it employs to provide education and information to the public. Finally, she commented that the Board may wish to schedule some time on a future meeting agenda to conduct some self-assessment with respect to its effectiveness.



The Board discussed their duty to protect the public and the challenges that the Boards in Arizona face to include inadequate resources and statutory restrictions. The Board affirmed that a self-reflection and self-assessment exercise would be worth completing when the opportunity presents.

## **21. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

Ms. Paakkonen advised the Board that nominations may be made for the vacant office of Vice Chair and that the Board shall now vote on the candidate(s).

**MOTION: Dr. Medina moved for the Board to appoint Mr. Dynar as Vice Chair.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn. Mr. Dynar abstained.**

**VOTE: 6-yay, 0-nay, 1-abstain, 0-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **22. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED PERSONAL SERVICES ADJUSTMENTS**

Ms. Paakkonen summarized for the Board the proposed series of modest pay rate increases for the four members of her staff. She explained that the efforts of the team to implement efficiencies, along with a series of business operations decisions, enabled her to earmark funds to be used for this purpose. The Board members expressed gratitude for Board staff and the work they do, and lamented the fact that the funds are quite limited.

**MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to approve the proposed adjustments.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **23. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSURE AND TELEHEALTH REGISTRY AUTHORIZATIONS**

- A. Rachel Dao, M.S.**
- B. Byanca Carrera, M.A.**
- C. Brittany Norris, M.S.**
- D. Megan McKibben, M.S.**
- E. Tatiana Deltoro, M.S. - Telehealth Registry**

Dr. Stenhoff provided an overview of the substance of each application, noting that in every case the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. He recommended the Board approve these applications.

**MOTION: Dr. Stenhoff moved for the Board to approve the applications.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **24. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE:**

### **A. Sarah Devena, Ph.D. - Application for Exam and Licensure**

Dr. Mellott provided an overview of the substance of the application, noting the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. She recommended the Board approve the application.

**MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to approve Dr. Devena's application.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn. Dr. Caterino was recused.**

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

### **B. Ashlee Lawren Jayne, Ph.D. - Reapplication for Exam and Licensure**

Dr. Caterino provided an overview of the substance of the application, noting the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. She recommended the Board approve the application.

**MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved for the Board to approve Ashlee Jayne to sit for the exam and if passed be licensed.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

### **C. Christine Clark, Psy.D. - Application by Universal Recognition**

Dr. Caterino provided an overview of the substance of the application, noting the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. She recommended the Board approve the application.

**MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved for the Board to approve Ms. Clark's application by universal recognition.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Stenhoff, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Wynn**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **25. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dr. Mellott requested the Board have an opportunity to discuss the future composition of the Board if the behavior analyst bill is enacted.

## **26. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dynar adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, enclosed in a thin black rectangular border. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Adi Dynar".

Adi Dynar, Esq.  
Secretary