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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2024

### *Board Members*

Aditya Dynar, Esq.– Chair  
Diana Medina, Ph.D.– Vice Chair  
Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D  
Linda Caterino, Ph.D., ABPP  
Melissa Flint, Psy.D.  
Donald Stenhoff, Ph.D., BCBA-D  
Larry Sideman, Ph.D., ABPP  
Joseph Stewart, Ed.D. – Secretary  
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

Mr. Dynar called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

## 2. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated in the virtual meeting: Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart (departed the meeting at 1:39 p.m. and returned at 2:42 p.m.), Dr. Davey (absent from 10:47 a.m. to 11:04 a.m. and departed the meeting at 2:25 p.m.), Dr. Caterino, Dr. Flint, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn.

### 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](#)**

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

### ● **Board Member and Staff Appreciation**

Mr. Dynar 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**

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

- **Introduction to New Board Member - Lawrence Sideman, Ph.D.**

Dr. Sideman introduced himself and provided a brief summary of his professional background. Board members welcomed him and expressed appreciation for his willingness to serve in this capacity to protect the public.

- **Recognition of Board Chair Term Completion for 2023 – Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D**

A plaque was presented to Dr. Davey for his service as Chair of the Board for 2023. The members commended him for his competent leadership.

- **Recognition of Board Term Completion - Ramona Mellott, Ph.D.**

A plaque was presented to Dr. Mellott to commemorate her 17 years serving on the Board. The members acknowledged there were many accomplishments to which she contributed in that span of time on behalf of Arizona's citizens.

#### 4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Michaelsen read a written statement supplied by a former complainant, KL, in which she expressed gratitude to the Board for protecting the public against predatory psychologists. The statement reflected the outcome of the complaint she submitted, which provided KL a path towards repairing and restoring the harm done by the psychologist's choices. KL further stated it matters to be heard, to be believed, and that there is accountability.

#### 5. COUNSEL UPDATE

Ms. Galvin did not have an update to provide to the Board.

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

Dr. Flint stated she is recused from items 6.C(2)(c) and 6.C(4)(b) as she has advised those students in the past.

Dr. Medina stated she is recused from item 6.G as the applicant was one of her supervisees.

Mr. Wynn stated he is recused from 6.A.

#### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 8, 2023 Regular Session Minutes
- December 8, 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) Weston Baker, Psy.D.
- b) Diana Chaidez, Psy.D.

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

- a) Emily Thomas, Ph.D.
- b) Jacquolene Hansberger, Psy.D.
- c) Ariel Shemesh, Psy.D.
- d) Fen Salix, Ph.D.

e) Michaela Godsey, Ph.D.

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

a) Sophie Pinkston, Ph.D.

b) Shelby Wolf, Ph.D.

**4. Requisition Approval for Supervised Temporary License w/ or w/out EPPP (A.R.S. §§ 32-2073)**

a) Kerry Bogardus, Psy.D.

b) Krista Perdue, Psy.D.

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

a) Scott Grover, Ph.D., ABPP

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

a) Desiree Cuevas, Psy.D.

b) Alan Tuft, Ph.D.

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

1) Megan Clark, M.A.

2) Kayla Siegfried, M.S.

3) Kristine Regaldo, M.Ed.

4) Jacqueline Parra, M.A.

5) Clarissa Jackson, M.S.

6) Makayla Anderson, M.A.

7) Grace Li, M.Ed.

8) Amy Ayala, M.A.

9) Cole Hartson, M.S.

10) Mark Violetti, M.A.

11) Luana Guardado, M.A.

12) Deserae Hanna, M.A.

13) Rachel Vargas, M.A.

14) Nicholas Carter, M.A.

15) Alexander Poulsen Hodjat, M.Ed.

16) Dayren Henson, M.S.

17) Carrietta Gaudio, Ed.D., M.S.

18) Taryn Scholl, M.A.

19) Batoul Dekmak, M.Ed.

**E. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EPPP RETAKE REQUEST FROM JACQOULENE HANSBERGER, PSY.D., SUPERVISED TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000052**

**F. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EPPP RETAKE REQUEST FROM JAMIE STEPHENSON, PSY.D., SUPERVISED TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000059**

**G. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EPPP RETAKE REQUEST WITH ACCOMMODATIONS FROM MADDISON SAVAGE, PH.D., SUPERVISED TEMPORARY LICENSE NO. PSY-T-000056**

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

**SECOND:** Dr. Medina.

**VOTE:** The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Flint, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn (with the recusals as noted).

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

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

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE BY UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION FROM STEVEN ATER, PSY.D.**

Dr. Caterino provided a summary of this application matter. Dr. Ater appeared in compliance with the Board-issued subpoena; he addressed the Board's questions and provided an explanation and context to the statement he made on his application relative to the non-disciplinary corrective action taken by the Idaho Psychology Board concerning the business relationship in which he engaged with what he represents was a former client. The Board cautioned the applicant relative to client or former client perceptions and how those may not align with what the psychologist documented in the record. The Board noted his file reflects that Dr. Ater has met the qualification for licensure as a psychologist by Universal Recognition.

**MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved for the Board to approve the application of Dr. Ater.**

**SECOND: Dr. Medina.**

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**TIMED ITEM - 10:00 a.m.**

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WITHDRAWAL REQUEST OF TELEHEALTH REGISTRY APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY BLAKE HARDING, ED.D., PH.D., POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME, OR OTHER AVAILABLE REMEDIES**

Dr. Medina summarized the application file submitted by Dr. Harding and the issues therein to be addressed by the Board. She cited the eligibility deficiencies in the application, and noted what appear to be misrepresentations he supplied in the process. Dr. Medina noted that none of the licenses he purports to have are equivalent to that of an independently licensed psychologist. She also noted instances where Dr. Harding is either misrepresenting himself to be a licensed psychologist, and to have been granted certain practice authorizations he does not actually hold. Dr. Medina cited the Arizona statutes that the Board may wish to consider relative to this matter.

Dr. Harding was present in compliance with the Board-issued subpoena. He stated that the Board must consent to withdraw his application as he has requested. He also stated that he will not address any questions until he is represented by an attorney. In response to questions posed relative to his license and practice authorizations and what services he is currently providing, Dr. Harding replied that the Board is to look for the answers in the letter he submitted; he demurred to answer most of the Board's questions.

**MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved for the Board to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice.**

**SECOND: Mr. Dynar.**

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board met in Executive Session from 10:15 a.m. to 10:37 a.m. The meeting and deliberations resumed at 10:47 following a short break.

The Board continued to pose questions that Dr. Harding redirected to his written statements. He protested that this

process has not been “collaborative” and that it is unfair as he is not presented by legal counsel.

**MOTION: Dr. Medina moved to deny the request made by Dr. Harding to withdraw the application.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

The discussion reflected that there are a multitude of concerns and deficiencies in the application file that do not support approving a withdrawal.

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION: Dr. Medina moved to deny the application submitted by Dr. Harding citing findings that he does not meet the statutory qualifications of the Telehealth Registry, he made egregious and fraudulent attempts to deceive the Board with respect to the legitimacy of his statutory agent and that he has established a practice office in Arizona, along with falsely representing to the public that he is a psychologist and falsely representing that he holds an equivalent independent psychology license in another U.S. jurisdiction.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Mr. Dynar - Yes**

**Dr. Medina - Yes**

**Dr. Stewart - Yes**

**Dr. Caterino - Yes**

**Dr. Flint - Yes**

**Dr. Sideman - Yes**

**Mr. Wynn - Yes**

**Dr. Davey recused from the vote due to having been absent from a portion of the proceeding.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved to issue a Cease and Desist Order to Blake Harding for holding himself out as eligible to practice as a psychologist in Arizona.**

**SECOND: Dr. Medina.**

The discussion reflected that Dr. Harding’s refusal to address questions did not bring clarity to the consideration of this matter. It was also noted that Dr. Harding’s website clearly establishes to the public he has an Arizona-based office.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Mr. Dynar - Yes**

**Dr. Medina - Yes**

**Dr. Stewart - Yes**

**Dr. Caterino - Yes**

**Dr. Flint - Yes**

**Dr. Sideman - Yes**

**Mr. Wynn - Yes**

**Dr. Davey recused from the vote due to having been absent from a portion of the proceeding.**

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

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION ON THE ASCEND INSTITUTE REGULATORY EFFECTIVENESS (AIRE) INDEX AND FRAMEWORK**

Rick Borges, a Managing Director with Thentia, shared a presentation consisting of an overview of the purpose and the benefits of the AIRE index, a regulatory Board self-assessment tool. The presentation included a demonstration of how to apply the tool. The Board posed questions to Mr. Borges and exchanged ideas relative to the benefits of this resource.

Ms. Paakkonen shared her initial thoughts with the Board relative to engaging in this board self-assessment exercise. She indicated she would like to continue formulating a plan for this purpose to bring back to the Board later in 2024.

The feedback from the Board reflected that this appears to be a worthwhile effort and acknowledged that a plan will need to be developed and implemented in order for it to be most meaningful and useful. The discussion reflected that the quantitative aspect of AIRE has great value.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct Ms. Paakkonen to develop an implementation plan to participate in the AIRE board self-assessment exercise. The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Borges for sharing the presentation and his expertise.

**10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED LEGISLATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: HB2050, HB2068, HB2100, HB2139, HB2171, HB2187, HB2243, SB1021, THE DRAFT ARIZONA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION PRESCRIBERS BILL, AND THE DRAFT HEALTH BOARD REFORM BILL**

Brandy Petrone with Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs supplied an update to the Board relative to HB2068 and the draft bill supported by the Arizona Psychologist Association (AzPA). She expects at least one legislative Committee hearing for HB2068. She indicated that stakeholder discussions continue with the AzPA draft bill, and at this time there are some issues to resolve to include the responsibilities specific to regulating this area of practice. The Board and Ms. Petrone engaged in some discussions around some of the elements of the draft bill, acknowledging there are decisions yet to be made and legislative deadlines to consider. The Board noted that it will continue to inform the bill's supporters of its need to acquire additional resources commensurate with any new regulatory responsibilities assigned to the Board. With respect to HB2068, Ms. Paakkonen provided clarification relative to how a new Board of Behavior Analysts would operate with respect to governance, self-regulation, and also operationally and administratively. The discussion briefly revisited the duplicity of the operations of the current statutory construct of regulating behavior analysts.

**MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board officially support HB2068; the Executive Director, Board officers, and the behavior analyst members may also represent this position to the Arizona State Legislature.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board thanked Ms. Petrone for meeting with this body today. The Board agreed that in the interest of time, Ms. Paakkonen will provide a summary of the remaining bills and address questions at a later date.

**11. DISCUSSION CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION WHETHER THE BOARD SHOULD ACCEPT JURISDICTION REGARDING CLAIM FILED AGAINST S.S. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-3224, AND WHETHER THE LEGAL PRINCIPLE OF RES JUDICATA IS APPLICABLE**

Dr. Caterino announced she is recused from the review and vote on this agenda item.

Ms. Paakkonen provided a very cursory summary of this matter, noting that in doing so the identity of the potential Claim respondent is maintained as confidential as required by statute. She noted that there is at least one issue, and potentially two, issues for the Board to resolve. She cited the relevance of the statute A.R.S. § 32-3224 as it applies to the timing of the receipt of the Claim.

**MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved for the Board to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice.**

**SECOND: Dr. Davey.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Davey, Dr. Flint, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board met in Executive Session from 1:43 p.m. to 1:58 p.m.

Upon resuming the meeting in public session following a short break, the Board deliberated the case, citing the records and A.R.S. § 32-3224 in the process.

**MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved not to open the Claim given the statute of limitations prescribed by A.R.S. § 32-3224.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Davey, Dr. Flint, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

Mr. Dynar stated that given the decision on the application of A.R.S. § 32-3224, the second issue relating to possible res judicata is moot and there is no further action for the Board to consider with respect to this matter.

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATION FROM KAREN HAWK, PSY.D, FOR CASE NO. 22-09**

Ms. Michaelsen provided a summary of Dr. Hawk's compliance with respect to the terms of her probation. She noted Dr. Hawk's practice monitor supports the termination of the arrangement, noting she met the expectations and objectives. Dr. Hawk was present and addressed the Board, stating that this experience has improved her understanding with respect to the acceptable standards of practice. Board members offered suggestions for accessing mentoring, support and guidance from peers who are veterans of psychology practice.

**MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved for the Board to terminate the probation term for 22-09 Karen Hawk, Psy.D..**

**SECOND: Dr. Flint.**

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

### **13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEW OF COMPLAINT NO. 24-05 AGAINST DANE HIGGINS, PH.D.**

Dr. Stewart provided a summary of the complaint and included the recommendations forwarded by the Complaint Screening Committee. The complainant KL alleges a misdiagnosis made by Dr. Higgins, that he allowed an unlicensed person in his employ to conduct the evaluation, and that he emailed to her another client's report in error. Dr. Higgins refutes that he failed to properly test and evaluate KL.

Dr. Higgins was present for the review of the complaint, accompanied by his attorney, Robert Beardsley. He described to the Board how personally and professionally he is committed to treat patients that present as KL did. He provided an explanation of how he developed and approached the treatment plan for KL.

The Board posed questions to Dr. Higgins relative to KL's allegations and the notations in the clinical record. Dr. Higgins supplied answers and explanations. Dr. Higgins both stated that he believes he met the standard of care with KL, but acknowledged there were instances where he made some errors. Dr. Higgins made several statements and explanations with respect to the application of his clinical rationale to KL's case, and he also described the psychometrist's role and restrictions. He admitted to instances where he mishandled interactions and information sharing with KL.

KL was present for the review of the complaint having earlier experienced technical problems accessing the meeting. She spoke to how she holds no malice toward Dr. Higgins, but she wants the truth to be acknowledged. She reiterated the instances of unprofessional conduct she alleged she experienced. She suggested improved office practices are appropriate in terms of corrective actions.

The Board deliberated the case, citing instances where Dr. Higgins' conduct was appropriate and when he fell short of meeting the standard of care.

**MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved to dismiss the complaint.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn.**

**DISCUSSION:** The members discussed whether taking some non-disciplinary action, such as a Letter of Concern would memorialize for the record Dr. Higgins' practice deficiencies and his admitted errors.

**MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved to withdraw his original motion and to offer a substitute motion to resolve the complaint with a Letter of Concern.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn agreed to withdraw his second; Dr. Caterino seconded the new motion.**

**DISCUSSION:** The members discussed whether taking some non-disciplinary action, such as a Letter of Concern would memorialize for the record Dr. Higgins' practice deficiencies and his admitted errors.

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

### **14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS RECOMMENDATION TO OPEN A COMPLAINT AGAINST ELIZABETH GRESSARD, M.ED., FOR UNLICENSED PRACTICE - Dr. Davey**

Dr. Davey provided a summary of this matter, noting that the Committee on Behavior Analysts forwarded this recommendation to open an investigation into Ms. Gressard practicing as a behavior analyst for over two months following the lapse of her license. Ms. Gressard was present and agreed to answer questions. The Board exchange with Ms. Gressard did not provide the necessary clarity with respect to the services that she provided and the nature of the supervision she received under an Arizona licensed behavior analyst during that period of time.



**MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to accept the recommendation of the Committee to open a complaint for further investigation concerning Elizabeth Gressard.**

**SECOND: Mr. Dynar.**

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION COMPLETED BY STEPHANIE SKINNER, PH.D., IN ACCORDANCE WITH HER INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION AND EVALUATION FOR COMPLAINT NO. 23-12 AND REVIEW OF HER SELF-REPORT FOR CRIMINAL CHARGES**

This matter was not heard due to a lack of quorum. It will be scheduled for a future meeting of the Board.

**16. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE APPLICATION FROM EMILY BERRY, PSY.D., TO INCLUDE REVIEW OF HER SELF-REPORT OF CRIMINAL CHARGES, REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERIM ORDER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL/FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATION, AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME**

This matter was not heard due to a lack of quorum. It will be scheduled for a future meeting of the Board.

**17. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESCHEDULING THE MARCH 8, 2024 BOARD MEETING**

Ms. Paakkonen explained how a behavior analyst regulators meeting she and Ms. Michaelsen are attending on March 7, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana compels staff to request the Board reschedule the March 8, 2024 meeting. She acknowledged the restrictions of the State of Arizona travel reimbursement policies that necessitate this disruption to the meeting schedule. The Board discussion reflected that a consensus to reschedule the meeting to the morning of March 11, 2024.

**18. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ASPPB 2023 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT**

This matter was not heard prior as Dr. Davey, the lead for this matter, departed from the meeting before it could be called. It will be scheduled for a future meeting of the Board.

**19. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OR CLOSURE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATION**

- a. Alisha Peterson, M.S.**
- b. Brittany Garza, M.Ed.**
- c. Shenandoah Tallman, M.A.**

Ms. Mallas advised the Board that a file audit found that three applicants (who had submitted paper applications) had yet to pay their application fees. However, the applications were processed in good faith and licensure was

approved predicated on the receipt of their fees. Ms. Mallas explained that when prompted, Ms. Peterson and Ms. Garza requested approval to have their applications withdrawn; no response was ever received from Ms. Tallman. Ms. Mallas indicated the Committee on Behavior Analysts is forwarding a recommendation to the Board to approve the withdrawal of all three applications.

**MOTION: Dr. Flint moved for the Board to approve the withdrawal of the applications listed.**

**SECOND: Dr. Medina.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Flint, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **20. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST AND BEHAVIOR ANALYST TELEHEALTH REGISTRY ANNUAL UPDATES**

a. **Cory Benjamin-Davis, Psy.D.**

b. **Jo Shaw, Ph.D.**

Ms. Fowkes advised the Board that the listed psychologists were approved one year ago by the Board under the Telehealth Registry to provide services to clients in Arizona via telehealth delivery. The statute A.R.S. 36-3606 requires such authorized providers to submit annual updates to the Board relative to the number and type of patient or client contacts for the previous year. She noted that these are the first such reports, accordingly staff is bringing these to the Board for direction with respect to how to address these reports going forward.

Ms. Paakkonen noted that the statute is silent with respect to what, if any, actions the issuing Board is to take. The discussion raised some hypothetical situations that would absolutely compel bringing the matter to the Board.

**MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved for the Board to place Telehealth Annual reports that are absent of adverse actions on the Consent Agenda section for future Board meetings, enabling any member to request any report to be withdrawn for purposes of discussion and possible action.**

**SECOND: Dr. Flint.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Flint, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn. Dr. Stewart was present for a portion of the discussion but recused from the vote.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **21. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATION FOR EPPP ONLY FROM LINDSAY POLK, PSY.D. AND REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF DR. POLK'S SUPERVISED TEMPORARY LICENSE APPLICATION**

Dr. Medina announced she is recused from this agenda item.

Dr. Caterino provided a summary of the application file noting that it is administratively and substantively complete and meets the requirements of statutes and rule. She explained that Dr. Polk is requesting approval to switch application types and she sees no issues with granting the request.

**MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved for the Board to approve Dr. Polk's to switch application types from the supervised temporary license to approval to take the EPPP.**

**SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

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

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recusal.**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved for the Board to approve Dr. Polk to take the EPPP.**

**SECOND: Dr. Sideman.**

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **22. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATION FOR SUPERVISED TEMPORARY LICENSE SUBMITTED BY NICKY RODRIGUEZ, PH.D.**

Dr. Medina announced she is recused from this agenda item.

Dr. Caterino provided a summary of the application file noting that it is administratively and substantively complete and meets the requirements of statutes and rule.

**MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved for the Board to approve the application of Dr. Rodriguez and to issue to her a supervised temporary license.**

**SECOND: Mr. Wynn.**

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **23. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NOTIFICATION LETTER FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: PROFESSIONAL LICENSE PORTABILITY FOR SERVICEMEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES**

Ms. Paakkonen summarized the new Federal law that prescribes that state licensure authorities are to recognize the substantially equivalent licenses that are granted in another jurisdiction to active duty members of the military and to spouses of active duty members for purposes of establishing qualifications for licensure for a new jurisdiction to which they apply. She explained that applicants will still be required to submit to the Board a complete application as defined by the applicable statute, and she explained the workflow that staff has developed to identify qualifying applicants and to inform the review committees and the Board that the Federal statute applies to the applicant. The Board noted other elements of the Federal law that are and are not germane. The Board directed staff to use the same consistency when preparing these applications for committee review, and including them on the Consent Agenda or as separate Board meeting agenda items in accordance with the committee recommendation.

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

No items were requested. The Board advised staff that if feasible, it would welcome the opportunity to meet in person for the February 9, 2024 meeting. Staff affirmed they will make those preparations, assuming equipment training is acquired and that an in-person meeting will not compromise a quorum.

## **25. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dynar announced the adjournment of the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph B. Stewart, Ed.D." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

Joseph Stewart, Ed.D.  
Secretary