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BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 9, 2024

Board Members

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Board Attorney

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dynar called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated in the virtual meeting: Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Davey (departed at 12:35 p.m.), Dr. Caterino, Dr. Flint, Dr. Stenhoff, 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 welcomed the Board members, staff, and the public to the Board's first in-person meeting in nearly four years. He also 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.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested permission to address the Board.

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 disclosed for the record that the applicants at 6.C.1.b and 6.C.3.a. are students in her program at Midwestern University, but she is able to review and vote on the applications objectively. Dr. Stenhoff announced he is recused from the January 12, 2024 meeting minutes. Dr. Sideman announced he is recused from the review and vote of the application at 6.C.1.a. as he was an advisor to this applicant on her dissertation review committee.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- o December 13, 2023 Regular Session Minutes
- January 12, 2024 Regular Session Minutes
- o January 12, 2024 Executive Session Minutes

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATIONS

- 1. Requesting Approval to Sit for the EPPP Only (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)
 - a) Chanelle Jasso, Psy.D.
 - b) Sierra Study, Psy.D.
 - c) Mukul Khandelwal, Psy.D.
- 2. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)
 - a) Rebecca Johnson, Psy.D.
 - b) Rosalba Mada, Ph.D.
- 3. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)
 - a) Katelyn C. Coddaire, Psy.D.
 - b) Esteban Viruet-Sanchez, Ph.D.
- 4. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition (A.R.S. § 32-4302)
 - a) Lauren Schwartz, Ph.D.
 - b) Brad Shamis, Ph.D.
- 5. Requesting Approval for Supervised Temporary License w/ EPPP (A.R.S. § 32-2073)
 - a) Vanessa Smith, Ph.D.

D. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

- 1. Erika McCann, M.Ed.
- 2. Kerrah Rupel, M.Ed.
- **3.** Maiga Macke, M.A.
- 4. Sarah Arevalo, M.A.
- 5. Kyla Bernal-Christenson, M.A.
- **6.** Ashley Hamilton, M.A.
- 7. Melissa Paine, M.S.
- **8.** William Martin, M.Ed.
- 9. Karina Percival, M.S.
- 10. Katherine Sierra Palacios, M.A.
- 11. Nicole Moore, M.A.
- 12. Jessica Braun, M.Su.S.
- 13. Michele Calugcugan, M.S.
- 14. Lydia Harding, M.A.

- **15.** Sydney Buono, M.S.
- **16.** Jamie Le. M.A.
- 17. Dominique Gary, M.S.
- E. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS PERTAINING TO REACTIVATION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY HADJARA OSSEYNI HASSANE, M.ED.
- F. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BEHAVIORAL ANALYST TELEHEALTH REGISTRY ANNUAL UPDATES

1. Megan Hollister

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. Stenhoff, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn (with the recusals as noted). VOTE: 9-vay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

TIMED ITEM - 11:00 A.M.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED FOR COMPLAINT NO. 24-04 AGAINST JARED DINEHART, PH.D., REVIEW OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT, OR POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERED CONSENT AGREEMENT. IF DECLINED, AN INFORMAL INTERVIEW WILL TAKE PLACE

Mr. Dynar called to the Board's attention new information submitted relative to this case, the contents of which were summarized by Ms. Michaelsen. The new information alleged that Dr. Dinehart conducted EDMR with members of the complainants' (BY's) family, and that he altered BY's treatment records. She noted Dr. Dinehart refuted these new allegations.

Dr. Dinehart and his attorney, Sara Stark, were present and addressed the Board. Dr. Dinehart denied the new allegations and stated his actions were never intended to harm BY. The Board posed questions to Dr. Dinehart for purposes of obtaining clarity as to his conduct, and to his willingness to consent to the case resolution offered to him

BY addressed the Board and in doing so spoke to the harm she has experienced. Board members posed questions to her for purposes of obtaining additional clarity around the concerns that have been submitted in conjunction with this complaint.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to approve the proposed Consent Agreement that has been signed by Dr. Dinehart.

SECOND: Mr. Wynn.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Dvnar - Yes

Dr. Medina - Yes

Dr. Stewart - Yes

Dr. Caterino - Yes

Dr. Flint - Yes

Dr. Stenhoff - Yes

Dr. Sideman - Yes

Mr. Wynn - Yes

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

MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Dynar stated for the record that the Informal Interview has been vacated based on the Board's acceptance of the signed Consent Agreement.

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 RELATING TO: 1) DR. TARR'S REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE; AND 2) INITIAL CASE REVIEW OF COMPLAINT NO. 24-22 AGAINST CATHERIN TARR, PH.D., TO INCLUDE THE CSC'S RECOMMENDATION TO ISSUE AN INTERIM ORDER FOR EVALUATION, OR OTHER AVAILABLE REMEDIES

Dr. Caterino recused from the consideration and vote on this agenda item.

Mr. Dynar advised the Board that the agenda item first prompts the Board to consider whether to grant Dr. Tarr her requested continuation for the review of this complaint and of the Complaint Screening Committee's recommendation. Mr. Dynar advised the Board that the evidence reviewed by the CSC identified concerns that Dr. Tarr may be experiencing an impairment that necessitates the Board ordering her to submit to a substance abuse and fitness for duty evaluation.

Dr. Tarr was present and stated her reasons for requesting the continuance.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved to deny the request for a continuance.

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. Stenhoff, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The complainant MA was present and made a brief statement that she is attending to demonstrate her support of the Board's work to protect the public. She addressed questions posed to her relative to her observations of Dr. Tarr that compelled her to report the concerns to the Board, complying with her professional and legal obligations to do so.

Dr. Tarr addressed the Board, providing a number of statements concerning her personal life circumstances. Questions were posed to Dr. Tarr in an effort to obtain clarity relative to her current state of health and well-being. The Board discussion reflected that the results of a substance abuse and fitness for duty evaluation would inform both Dr. Tarr and the Board relative to whether she is safe at this time to practice as a psychologist.

MOTION: Dr. Medina moved to issue a Board order to Dr. Tarr to submit to a substance abuse and fitness for duty evaluation.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Galvin suggested the Board prescribe some deadlines in the Order, such as 10 days by which to notify the Board staff of the scheduling of the appointment and 30 days by which to have the evaluation report submitted to the Board. Drs. Medina and Stewart modified their motion and second to reflect this addition, and also modified the motion and second to include imposition of a practice restriction that prohibits Dr. Tarr from providing services to any Arizona clients in the interim.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Dynar - Yes

Dr. Medina - Yes

Dr. Stewart - Yes

Dr. Davey - Yes

Dr. Flint - Yes

Dr. Stenhoff - Yes

Dr. Sideman - Yes

Mr. Wynn - Yes

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Galvin asked the Board for direction should Dr. Tarr fail to sign the agreement, suggesting a motion be offered to address this possible scenario.

MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved to direct Board staff to open an investigation alleging non-compliance with a Board Order should Dr. Tarr fail to sign the agreement.

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. Stenhoff, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

9. 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

Dr. Sideman recused from the consideration and vote on this complaint.

Ms. Michaelsen summarized the history of this complaint regarding allegations of impairment, noting that Dr. Skinner voluntarily agreed to an interim suspension of her license. Additionally, under the terms of the Order she complied with the requirement to submit to a fitness for duty evaluation. She called to the Board' attention the documentation resolving the criminal case charges, as well as the evaluation report. She informed the Board this is its first opportunity to interview Dr. Skinner concerning this case.

Dr. Skinner was present along with her attorney, Flynn Carey. Mr. Carey addressed questions posed by Board members relative to his client's completion of the terms of the diversion program in which she participated. Mr. Flynn encouraged the Board to consider the recommendations in the evaluation report, and requested the Board admit Dr. Skinner to RAMP.

MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved for the Board to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential health information, and also to receive legal advice.

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. Stenhoff, and Mr. Wynn.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board met in Executive Session from 10:43 a.m. to 11:42 a.m.

Upon resuming the meeting in public session, the Board completed its review of this agenda item.

MOTION: Dr. Medina moved to implement the resolution of this case in accordance with the discussion that occurred in Executive Session.

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. Stenhoff, and Mr. Wynn.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Dynar - Yes

Dr. Medina - Yes

Dr. Stewart - Yes

Dr. Caterino - Yes

Dr. Flint - Yes

Dr. Stenhoff - Yes

Mr. Wynn - Yes

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board members paused the meeting from 11:45 a.m. to 12:17 p.m. for a lunch break. Dr. Davey departed the meeting at this time.

10. 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 THE INTERIM ORDER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL / FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATION, AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME

Dr. Sideman affirmed that he is recused from considering and voting on this matter given that he conducted an evaluation of this applicant in the past. He indicated he is available as a resource to the Board to address questions relative to the report he prepared and submitted.

Ms. Paakkonen explained to the Board that the staff update reflects a summary of Dr. Berry's previously reviewed history with respect to her criminal charges and convictions, both reported and unreported. Additionally, she summarized the developments that the Board has not reviewed until today, inclusive of Dr. Sideman's report, the more recent aggravated DUI charges, and noted that after requesting and having received two extensions with which to take the EPPP, she has not achieved a passing score. She is precluded from re-testing under this application.

Dr. Berry and her attorney, Flynn Carey, were present for the review of this matter. Mr. Carey summarized his client's activities and asked the Board to maintain the status quo for Dr. Berry pending the completion of an updated substance abuse and fitness for duty evaluation. He acknowledged the outcome of the criminal charges will also have some bearing on the Board's decision. Mr. Carey advocated for the Board to allow her a path forward to retake the EPPP, and to avoid an application denial. Ms. Galvin affirmed that until there is a determination made on the current and open application, the Board cannot take an action on any subsequently filed application.

MOTION: Dr. Medina moved for the Board to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice, and possibly to discuss protected health information.

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. Stenhoff, and Mr. Wynn.

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

MOTION PASSED.

The Board met in Executive Session from 1:50 p.m. to 2:09 p.m.

Upon resuming the meeting in public session, the discussed the options available to resolve this application matter.

MOTION: Mr. Wynn moved to maintain the current application as open and to refrain from taking any action on this matter until the Board has received and reviewed an updated substance abuse and fitness for duty evaluation report.

SECOND: Dr. Caterino.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Carey affirmed that the applicant is committed to submitting to this evaluation and assured the Board that an Order to enforce this motion is not required.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Dvnar - Yes

Dr. Medina - Yes

Dr. Stewart - Yes

Dr. Caterino - Yes

Dr. Flint - Yes

Dr. Stenhoff - Yes

Mr. Wynn - Yes

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

MOTION PASSED.

11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATION FROM DANA JOHNSON, M.S., FOR COMPLAINT NO. 23-49

Ms. Michaelsen summarized this matter, reminding the Board of the corrective action Ms. Johnson was ordered to complete under a Board Order issued relatives to its findings and conclusions for the referenced complaint. Ms. Michaelsen cited the terms of the Order and noted Ms. Johnson has demonstrated having complied with all of them and requests termination of her probation.

Ms. Johnson was present along with her legal counsel, Mandi Karvis. Ms. Karvis described how this experience has compelled her client to modify her conduct, and requested the Board release her from probation. In response to questions posed, Ms. Johnson spoke to what she had learned as a result of this experience.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved to approve the termination of Ms. Johnson's probation.

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. Stenhoff, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS RECOMMENDATION FOR COMPLAINT NO. 24-18 AGAINST SHAWN HAPPE, M.S., OR INITIAL CASE REVIEW

Dr. Davey summarized the complaint, noting that its allegations consisted of Mr. Happe failing to properly supervise an RBT who inappropriately restrained a child client. Given that the Committee found no evidence the child was ever on Mr. Happe's caseload, the Committee recommended the complaint be dismissed.

Neither Mr. Happe, nor the complainant, were present.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Behavior Analysts to dismiss the complaint.

SECOND: Mr. Wynn.

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

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF CINDY OLVEY, PSY.D., AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE SECRETARY/TREASURER POSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS

Ms. Paakkonen advised the Board that Dr. Olvey is again requesting the Arizona Board nominate her as a candidate for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. If elected, she would serve a final three-year term. Dr. Olvey was present and thanked the Board for considering her request. The Board members expressed their sustained confidence in Dr. Olvey's qualifications to serve the ASPPB membership in this leadership capacity.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to submit for nomination Cindy Olvey, Psy.D. as a candidate for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of ASPPB.

SECOND: Dr. Caterino.

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

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED LEGISLATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: HB2050, HB2068, HB2100, HB2139, HB2171, HB2187, HB2243, HB2308, HB2312, HB2388, HB2481, HB2593, HB2686, HB2846, SB1021, SB1153, SB1249, SB1343, SB1365, SB1468, SB1565, AND SB1731; ADDITIONALLY AN UPDATE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED EXECUTIVE BUDGET FOR FY2025

Ms. Paakkonen provided an oral summary of the impact of the bills in the tracking list that have at least been approved by their assigned Committees. Board members posed questions and Ms. Paakkonen provided her responses.

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

Dr. Davey provided an overview of the content provided to the meeting participants. He indicated the Board was also supplied with a narrative summary as prepared by ASPPB staff of the sessions' content. The board directed staff to bring back to a future meeting agenda an item specific to the EPPP Part 2. Ms. Paakkonen advised the Board that she has already arranged for ASPPB's Director of Assessment to attend a Board meeting after April to share a presentation on a related topic, so she will add this to the agenda item.

16. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF PARTICIPATION IN THE ASPPB'S 2024 MIDYEAR MEETING (APRIL 24-28, 2024 IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS)

Ms. Paakkonen requested the Board approve attendance and out-of-state travel for up to four representatives of the Board to attend this meeting. She indicated she is awaiting confirmation she will be a presenter, and advised that Drs. Medina and Caterino have expressed interest to also attend.

MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved for the Board to approve Ms. Paakkonen and up to three additional representatives to attend the ASPPB Midyear Meeting.

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. Stenhoff, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

17. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESCHEDULING THE JULY 5, 2024 BOARD MEETING

Ms. Paakkonen explained that the current schedule of meetings for 2024 has the July meeting occurring on a Friday of what will likely be an extended holiday weekend for many Board members which may result in a lack of quorum. The Board discussion reflected that a consensus was reached to reschedule the meeting to July 8, 2024.

18. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED CONCERNING BLAKE HARDING, ED.D., PH.D. FOR POTENTIAL INCLUSION INTO THE NOTICE OF APPLICATION DENIAL, OR OTHER AVAILABLE REMEDIES

Dr. Medina summarized this matter, reminding the Board that it previously voted at its last meeting to deny Dr. Harding's Telehealth Registry application due to a series of deficiencies, as well as for the misrepresentations he made to the Board in the process. She also noted the Board issued a Cease and Desist Order relative to his claims he is authorized to provide psychological services in Arizona. Dr. Medina explained that when Board staff subsequently learned of adverse actions under consideration by the State of Vermont concerning Dr. Harding, the application notice of denial was held until those facts were gathered. She provided a summary of the disciplinary actions that were recently taken by Vermont, noting the Board may wish to add them to the previously approved notice of application denial.

Dr. Harding was not present for the review of this matter. Staff noted he has requested a continuation and was advised he would need to pose this to the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved to deny the request for a continuation.

SECOND: Dr. Medina.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Dynar, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart,

Dr. Caterino, Dr. Flint, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Sideman, and Mr. Wynn.

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

MOTION PASSED.

The Board reviewed and discussed the record of disciplinary actions taken by various boards under the Vermont Office of Professions, noting that none were reported by Dr. Harding to this Board.

MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved to add the new bases for denial consisting of the actions taken in Vermont to the notice of application denial that is to be issued by this Board to Blake Harding.

SECOND: Dr. Medina.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Dynar - Yes

Dr. Medina - Yes

Dr. Stewart - Yes

Dr. Caterino - Yes

Dr. Flint - Yes

Dr. Sideman - Yes

Dr. Stenhoff - Yes

Mr. Wynn - Yes

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

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: Dr. Flint moved to seek an injunction in Maricopa County Superior Court to suppress Blake Harding from continuing to represent himself as a psychologist, and to refer the case to the Arizona Office of the Attorney General to investigate fraudulent and potentially criminal actions on Dr. Harding's part.

SECOND: Dr. Medina. ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Dynar - Yes

Dr. Medina - Yes

Dr. Stewart - Yes

Dr. Caterino - Yes

Dr. Flint - Yes

Dr. Sideman – Yes

Dr. Stenhoff - Yes

Mr. Wynn - Yes

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

MOTION PASSED.

19. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Ms. Paakkonen affirmed she is scheduling an EPPP Part 2 update presentation for a future Board meeting.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dynar announced the adjournment of the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Stewart EdD

Joseph Stewart, Ed.D.

Secretary