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Complaint Screening Committee REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

January 22, 2025

Held by Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners Complaint Screening Committee was called to order by Madame Chair Medina at 8:31 a.m. on January 22, 2025. Three executive sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

Diana Medina, Ph.D. – Chair
Larry Sideman, Ph.D., ABPP
Joseph Stewart, Ed.D.

Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present

Heidi Paakkonen, Executive Director
Jennifer Michaelson, Deputy Director

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. November 20, 2024 Regular Session and Executive Session Minutes

Dr. Sideman recused from this item. Dr. Medina made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stewart, to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion carried unanimously (2-0), by a voice vote.

4. CASE DISCUSSION/DECISION

a. Complaint No. 25-10, Ronald Lavit, Ph.D.

Dr. Stewart summarized the case, including salient information contained in the investigative record. Dr. Lavit was present with his attorney, Cynthia Patane, made a statement, and answered questions from the Committee. The Complainant subsequently joined the meeting and made a statement.

At 8:55 a.m., Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sideman, to go into Executive Session to receive confidential legal advice. Open session resumed at 9:00 a.m.

After deliberation, Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sideman, to dismiss this case, as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

b. Complaint No. 25-16, Jeffrey Mintert, Ph.D.

Dr. Medina summarized the case, including salient information contained in the investigative record. The Complainant was present, made a statement, and answered questions from the Committee. Dr. Mintert was present with his attorney, Sara Stark, made a statement, and answered questions from the Committee. After deliberation, Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to dismiss this case, as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

The Committee took a comfort break at 9:43 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

c. Complaint No. 25-11, Judith Rand, Ph.D.

Dr. Sideman summarized the case, including salient information contained in the investigative record. The Complainant was present, made a statement, and answered questions from the Committee. Dr. Rand was present with her attorney, Andrew Turk, made a statement, and answered questions from the Committee.

At 10:29 a.m., Dr. Medina made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stewart, to go into Executive Session to receive confidential legal advice. Open session resumed at 10:37 a.m.

After deliberation, Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to dismiss this case, as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

d. Complaint No. 25-07, Kathleen Cramer, Ph.D.

Dr. Stewart summarized the case, including salient information contained in the investigative record. The Complainant was not present. Dr. Cramer was present, made a statement, and answered questions from the Committee.

At 10:50 a.m., Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sideman, to go into Executive Session to receive confidential legal advice. Open session resumed at 10:58 a.m.

After deliberation, Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sideman, to dismiss this case due to lack of jurisdiction. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

The Committee took a comfort break at 11:00 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

e. Complaint No. 25-15, Jodi Cuneo, Ph.D.

Dr. Sideman summarized the complaint opened by the Board for further investigation. Dr. Cuneo was present, made a statement, and answered questions from the Committee.

After deliberation, Dr. Sideman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stewart, to forward the complaint to the Board for further review regarding potential violations of:

- A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(c), making or using statements of a character tending to deceive or mislead;
- A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(j), making a fraudulent or untrue statement to the board or its investigators, staff or consultants;
- A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(m), using fraud, misrepresentation or deception to obtain or attempt to obtain a psychology license or to pass or attempt to pass a psychology licensing examination or in assisting another person to do so;
- A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(y), exploiting a client or patient, student or a supervisee;

- A.R.S. § 32-2061(16)(dd), violating an ethical standard adopted by the Board as it pertains to the following sections of the American Psychological Association's Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct:
 - 2.03 - Maintaining Competence
 - 3.08 - Exploitative Relationships
 - 7.01 - Design of Education and Training Programs
 - 7.02 - Description of Education and Training Programs

The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Madame Chair Medina announced the adjournment of the meeting at 11:52 a.m.